

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



Fifth SUNDAY IN LENT



210 East Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: www.splco.org

Worship Schedule: *Saturday 5:30 pm * Sunday 8:00 am Traditional *
* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary *

St. Paul's Mission Statement: *"Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"*

March 12/13, 2016

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus
Jonathon Pickelmann, Principal
Volume 22

Ben Mueller, Youth Director
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director
Christine Flores, Kinder Place Director

Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 11

WELCOME to everyone, especially our guests.
Your presence is important to us.

St. Paul's is an evangelical Christian congregation, embracing historic Christian teaching on all doctrines, centered on Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring the Gospel both to those who are searching for answers to the meaning of life and to those who desire a closer relationship with God. We here at St. Paul's have chosen to align ourselves with the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation, due to the clarity with which these help us to see the true meaning of God's Word. Specifically, St. Paul's is a ministry of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, one of America's truly biblical churches!

- **Members and guests:** please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate to indicate your presence today. For Holy Communion, please read our confession and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.
- Those sharing our beliefs, especially from parishes in fellowship with us, are welcome to receive.
- If you desire Holy Communion but hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, please speak with a Pastor or an Elder.
- Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

Please note: Half the inner circle of individual glasses in each tray contains water with **one drop** of communion wine for those hesitant to drink larger amounts of wine. Those glasses with wine are rose in color.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Come to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *It's Puzzling*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

A Walk Through the Bible

567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

2 Timothy and Titus

567-8195 Tues. – 7:00 p.m. Muecke's Home

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Dale Swenson in loving memory of his parents, Kenneth & Verna. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Hot Lunch Program needs a helper Mondays and Wednesdays, April 4th until the end of the school year. The hours are 8:30-1:00. If interested please stop in the kitchen or school office. This is a paid position.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Parker Daniel David**. He is the son of Jason & Jessica (Duffy) **Schmittinger**. His sponsors are Katie Harris & Tony Harris. We also welcome in to our church family after the 10:30 am service, **Landon Chase**. He is the son of Timothy & Rachel (Mifko) **Anderson**. His sponsors are Mark Anderson & Tara Wirth. We also welcome in to our church family after the 10:30 am service, **Carter Bruce**. He is the son of Mark & Carly (Rice) **Anderson**. His sponsors are John Anderson & Grace Schneider. We will keep Parker, Landon & Carter in our prayers.

***Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.**

REACHING DISCIPLES

LORD'S CUPBOARD

We will be packing around 180 Easter food bags on Saturday, March 19th at 4 p.m. (NOTE: a change from the normal time) in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this event. Please call Jamie Stache with any questions 608-444-3556.

We are still looking for donations of the following items: instant potato pouches, fruit, Jell-O, scalloped potatoes and gravy packets

Also, we are looking for a few extra people to help people out to their cars on Monday, March 21st from 5:30-6:30. Please call if you are able to assist. Thanks again for all your support.

SERVING DISCIPLES

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN--YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

When: Tuesday, March 15th in the church beginning at 9 a.m.

What: Cleaning of the church--pews and all

Bring rags, Swiffers, Murphy's Oil soap or just yourself
(and elbow grease)



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID

SHOP THE PIG?

Our youth group just received over \$400 in the general fund from Piggly Wiggly receipts that have been turned in. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Please continue to bring in your receipts. You can drop them in the slot labeled "Piggly Wiggly" receipts next to the lift, outside of the Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – CHURCH OFFICE

In St. Paul's church office, there are many chances for helping. The office staff will identify the types of activities, which match your skills and interests. Our goal is to match your skills to the right tasks.

You can make a difference in how the church office serves our congregation. You don't have to be computer literate, expert at office copying equipment or dealing with vendors.

You can help with activities like:

- Stuffing envelopes
- Organizing and purging our extensive historical archives

Depending on volunteer skills, there are other opportunities, including

- Light bookkeeping
- Computer entry
- Website updating
- Computer expertise (network administration and troubleshooting)

Volunteers will have wide flexibility in duties and hours. They may designate their interests as "on call" only for special projects or willing to take a routine activity. Completion of routine activities can be done on your schedule. The atmosphere in the office is friendly and lighthearted. Why not give it a try? Call Heather, Chris or Cindy 262-567-5001 to talk more.

GROWING DISCIPLES

GOVERNANCE MODEL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Our leadership will be holding an informational meeting during which they will be discussing the proposed changes to St. Paul's Constitution and Bylaws. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 13th at 11:30 am.

There are copies of the district-approved Constitution and Bylaws, along with a summary of the changes, available in the back of church on the bookshelves or online at www.splco.org for your review.

There will be a **Special Voters' Meeting on Sunday, April 10th following the 10:30 am service** to vote to approve the proposed changes.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

The now-sainted Maggie Karner wrote towards the end of her battle with brain cancer, "I want my kids to know that Christ's resurrection from that borrowed grave confirms that death could not hold Him, and it cannot hold me either—a baptized child of God." The power of Christ's resurrection (Philippians 3:10) is the only certain hope we have in the midst of our struggles with death and dying. Everything else is really just "rubbish" (3:8). Prayer: Risen Savior, help us live in the certain hope of our own resurrection. Amen.

St. Paul's Kinder Place is hiring!

Full-Time Lead Infant Teacher

St. Paul's Kinder Place is looking for a loving teacher who has a passion for teaching, learning, and having fun with children.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:



- Promote feelings of security and trust in infants and children
- Tend to children's personal hygiene needs
- Submit lesson plans to Director
- Provide & maintain a safe, loving and nurturing environment for infants and children
- Communicate effectively with infants, their parents, and other staff

Minimum requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Course work required includes 2 entry level courses in early childhood (EC I & II), Infant/Toddler course, and CPR.
- Demonstrate skills that address developmental needs of infants and children

We are willing to assist the right candidate in obtaining the required education/training.

St. Paul's Kinder Place offers a comprehensive benefit package that includes: health, dental, paid time off, and childcare discount.

Pay is competitive and based on education and experience.

To apply for this position, email your resumé to Christine at kinderplace@splco.org.

SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

† **DELIVER EASTER BAGS (MS & HS Youth):** Sunday, March 20, 11:45 am-1:00 pm

† **Middle School & High School SNA (groups will be broken up by age):**

Sunday, March 20 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

† **EASTER BREAKFAST:** Sunday, March 27- Served by Youth

Middle School Game Night/Lock-In

† Friday, April 1 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 am

† 5th-6th grade youth will be picked up at 10:00 pm

† 7th-8th grade youth are welcome to stay for the lock-in

Sign up sheets are in the narthex, school entrance, and online via Sign Up Genius. You should have received the Sign-Up Genius link via email and Facebook.

We still need volunteers to help with clean-up at 7/7:30am. Please let us know if you can serve in this way!

We will be helping Our Savior's during the week of March 20th-27th when the families in the program stay overnight at Our Savior's.



These are items that are on the wish list that you can help with:

- + Paper towels
- + Disinfectant wipes
- + Twin-size blankets
- + Pillows for beds
- + Large Ziploc bags
- + Large trash bags
- + Ziploc sandwich bags
- + Tall trash bags

Please place these items in the container in the narthex and pick up a list of other items needed. Contact Debbie Prange at 414-418-4953 or Mary Hickenbottom at 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org with any questions.

For the volunteers who have done the orientation training, there are still some shifts open for you to help-serve a meal, do a craft or play games with them, and other things. Go to our website to get to the signup link or enter in: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family4>

Prayers are always needed to help these families get back to their independence. Thank you for your caring and support!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for **2016**. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is **\$95.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

June 19

July 31

Sept. 18

Oct. 16

Nov. 6

Nov. 24

July 24

Aug. 7

Sept. 25

Oct. 23

Nov. 20

Nov. 27

If you are interested in sponsoring a Broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001. You are welcome to split the cost of a broadcast with a friend or loved one.

NAME _____

DATE- 1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

Please dedicate to (i.e. in memory of, wedding anniversary, to the Glory of God, in honor of...etc.)

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: It's Puzzling

March 14-20, 2016

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

It's Puzzling ~ Luke 20:9-20

In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants Jesus warns against rejecting Himself, the Messiah. As we continue to reject Jesus as a society, believing that "all paths lead to heaven" or that there is no heaven or hell, we do it to our own peril. As the body, as God's children, we can't ignore this. God builds His Church on the crucified and resurrected Jesus. We are the means He uses to share this Good News of hope which is built on the one sure cornerstone, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Christ-Centered Theme: Despite opposition and rejection, God's mission in Christ will succeed.

Verse: Isaiah 55:11b [My Word] shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Psalm: Psalm 126 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	84	119:73-80	34	5	38	22	43	84
Evening	42, 32	121:6	25, 91	27, 51	126:102	107, 130	31:143	42, 32

Catechism—Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

<p>What the Hearers Owe their Pastors The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:14</p>	<p>1st grade+</p>
<p>Anyone who receives instructing in the word must share all good things with his instructor Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:6-7</p>	<p>2nd grade+</p>
<p>The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Timothy 5:17-18</p>	<p>3rd grade+</p>

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: It's Puzzling

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.	
Sun.	Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Luke 20:9-20	Ex. 1:1-22	Mark 14:12-31
Mon.	John Passion: Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-11	Ex. 2:1-22	Mark 14:32-52
Tue.	John Passion: The Preparation of the Passover—John 12:12-26	Ex. 2:23-3:22	Mark 14:53-72
Wed.	John Passion: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet—John 13:1-20	Ex. 4:1-18	Mark 15:1-15
Thur.	John Passion: A New Commandment Is Given—John 13:21-38	Ex. 4:19-31	Mark 15:16-32
Fri.	John Passion: Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-14	Ex. 5:1-6:1	Mark 15:33-47

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's

Collect for The Fifth Sunday in Lent: *It's Puzzling*

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Mabel Fredrick; Laura Gruen; Don Gauerke; Irene Behl; Virginia Meintz; Barb Star; Agnes Thurow; Lynne Lavota (migraines); Jim Wilson (ALS) & Karen Wilson; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife) - cancer returned; Marian Faltersack; Esther Hart; Iris Jahnke; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Julie; Jacalyn Balcuinas (Carol Lenz's daughter); Laurie Farrell (Grant Hopkins' sister) - recovering from double mastectomy; Roxanne (Corienne Walek's mom); Rebecca Paulson; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; Mike Galaszewski - esophageal cancer; Ethan; Michael Graham; Jenny Lemke (friend of the Uttech's); Kayla (7 years-old) - brain cancer; Cheri (Tina Gartzke's friend); Linda F - breast cancer; Lloyd Crom; Jack Anderson; Patrick McNally; Kim B. - breast cancer; Brian Keller; Jeanie; Grace Wilhelm (Multiple Myeloma); Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law) - Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Elissa Spencer (Lynne Lavota's mom); Donald - bladder cancer; Korbin Berg - colon cancer; Jan; Mike Ball; Jessica; Chris Moha - breast cancer; Amy (Heather Gartzke's friend); Robert Counsell; Pat (Renee Ebert's aunt) - ovarian cancer; Ray Liska; Sue; Jim; Cheri Benz - breast cancer; Cami - healing; Tim - lung cancer; Pastor William

Meyer (Don Meyer's brother) - Lymphoma; Dan (stage 4 prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain - kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski - throat cancer; Nancy - breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer) **Other:** Jan Foti; Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister) - MS; Brian Kloskowski - MS; Logyn (1 1/2 year old) - unknown health issues; David Eberhardt (Chad's dad); Marilyn Roecker; Pat - afib; Noah - medical issues; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower's brother-in-law); Margaret Bauman (Pat Menden's sister) - hospice; Ruby Zimmerman - minor stroke; Ruth Borgman; Curtis Keeser; Lucile Smith (Amy Picco's mom); Mora; Carol Duchow (Dorothy's sister-in-law) - hospice; Chuck (Kathie Ware's brother) - recovery from radiation and for his right arm; Barb - severe daily headaches; Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Lynne Kramer (Susie Meyer's dad); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Dwain Kline (Jennifer Truchan's grandpa) - Alzheimer's; Clarence; Pam Leimer (Pat Borgman's cousin) - stroke; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son) - MS; Kelly Kulas; Ray (Michelle Schlomer's grandpa); Charles Tuff (Alzheimer's); Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Captain Chad Kelling and his unit VMM-223; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Tom, Brad, Ben, Mike, Rob & Fabian Beats

Those serving God as missionaries: Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Derow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; safe travels for Lake Country Lutheran High School's Choir tour; Daniel to come back to the Lord; the family of Paul Bratz (Bob's brother) who died; the family of Jan Foti, who died; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri; the friend of a member in an abusive relationship; missionaries being attacked by ISIS; the Christians being persecuted in the Middle East.

Baptisms: Parker Daniel David Schmittinger - March 13th
Landon Chase Anderson - March 13th
Carter Bruce Anderson - March 13th

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427

Looking forward to Palm Sunday

March 19/20, 2016

Hymns: 442, 343 (443, 550, 971) 444

Christ Rides through The Gate for Us

On Palm Sunday the King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8), for the cross is the fulfillment of His journey. The cross is "the gate of the Lord," (Ps 118:20) and He--Jesus of Nazareth--is "the righteous one who enters through it" (Ps 118.20) for us. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). Knowing that the victory is won, in anticipation of the solemn celebration of His passion, on Palm Sunday we say with the people of old, "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!" (Ps 118.26) and in so doing confess "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

2015 CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD/POSITION	NAME	BOARD	NAME
Executive Director	Jon Schmeling	EVANGELISM	OPEN, Director
Assistant Exec. Director A	Erik Benes		John Melvin
Assistant Exec. Director B			Mark Burdette
Assistant Exec. Director C			
Treasurer	Nate Zastrow		
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	Open, Director		
	Michelle Pagenkopf		
CHURCH PROPERTIES	Rob Bratz Jr.		STEWARDSHIP
	Glenn Gartzke	Kathie Ware	
	Terry Jacobosky	Dick Allen	
	Joel Tesch		
	Gary Flanagan		
	Scott Kalien, Director		
	John Hertneky		
	Margie Hertneky		
	Glenn Leidel		
	Dan Friedrich		
Craig Weber			
EARLY CHILDHOOD	SEE EDUCATION	SERVICE & MISSION OUTREACH	Mary Hickenbottom, Director
EDUCATION	Bill Scheuer		Don Meyer
	Tom Showen		Jamie Stache
	Aaron Boldt		Tina Gartzke
ELDERS	Dave Meyer, Director	YOUTH	
	Rick Zastrow		
	Wilbur Pieper		
	Mike Tesch		
	George Menden		
	Tom Truebenbach		
	Arno Kirchenwitz		

St. Paul's Ballot for Nominations

This ballot is used to recommend individual(s) within the congregation for a leadership position.

The process consists of:

1. Fill out the ballot with the name of the individual you are recommending and for what position within the St Paul's organization. Individuals being recommended are expected to currently be involved in Worship, the Lord's Supper, and Bible Study.
2. Turn the ballot in by way of the offering plate or return the ballot to the church office **NO LATER THAN MAY 1.**
3. The ballots are turned into the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will review the recommendations for the best ministry opportunity based on skills sets of the individual and the needs of the respective boards. Upon approval from the committee for a position, nominee will be contacted by a committee member to inform them that they have been chosen to be a candidate for a given office.
4. Nominees are asked to prayerfully consider the position. If they request additional information, the Nominating Committee will supply the duties of that position or that Board.
5. A follow up call is scheduled and the nominee is asked if they will accept the nomination.
6. If the nominee accepts the nomination their name is placed on the preliminary slate of candidates. This preliminary slate of candidates is presented in writing to the congregation (3) weeks before the upcoming Voters' Meeting. Additional names can be added up to (2) weeks prior the Voters' Meeting so that due diligence can be accomplished.
7. The final slate of nominees will be printed (1) week prior the Voters' Meeting.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Voter's Meeting.

Nominee: _____ Position or Board: _____

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ST. PAUL'S GRADUATING & CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1986 - 30th REUNION!

The St. Paul's Graduating Class **and** Confirmation Class of 1986 will be having their 30 year reunion on Saturday July 30th. We will be attending the church service at 5:30 and following will be going to Fiesta Cancun. \$15 per person includes taco/fajita bar, chips and salsa. Cash bar. RSVP by 7/15/16 on Facebook (St. Paul's Class of 1986 30th Reunion) or call Michelle Pagenkopf at 262-370-4611 or email at kraft225@gmail.com. Thanks - Michelle Pagenkopf, Carey Meyer, and Nicole Goeman Britten.

"Living as a Minority"

In modern America, Biblically faithful Christians and congregations are being viewed skeptically, marginalized, or even considered enemies of the state. Being a Biblically faithful Christian is increasingly a "minority position." How do we live faithfully in this environment? The book of *Acts* has a lot to say to us in this regard, for it records the beginning of the Church in the midst of the Roman Empire.

All early Christians left a "cultural majority" (whether Judaism or some form of paganism) because they were convinced that "Jesus is Lord." (Philippians 2:11) As Christians, they and their congregations had to learn to live faithfully as a minority in the midst of a sometimes hostile majority. That was their reality. From May 8 through November 20, 2016, St. Paul's will explore the book of *Acts* under the theme, "Living as a Minority," with a strong emphasis on applying the Christian faith to life in our culture.

Each week during this extended series we will have:

1. Sermon
2. Small Group Bible Study
3. Daily Devotion

Please prayerfully prepare to participate: in weekly worship, in Bible study, and in daily devotion. If you are interested in leading--or learning to lead--a small group Bible study please contact Pastor Lance O'Donnell at podonnell@splco.org or call 262-567-5001.

Born to THRIVE ~ Lent 2016

Christ is *Life* and, in Him, we are "born to thrive." Jesus' parables are full of truth and wisdom that help us understand what "thrive" really means. Each Wednesday in Lent through March 16 we will learn from Jesus about getting--and keeping--our faith and "things" in Godly order. ***There will be a Lenten hymn sing 15 minutes before each service.***

Born to Thrive: Learning from Jesus' Parables about Getting--and Keeping--Our Faith and "Things" in Godly Order.

Mar 16, 2016

Luke 9.57-62

The Fox, the Funeral, and the Furrow

12:15 or 6:15 pm

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to St. Paul's online giving webpage.



For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at splco.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS: March 14th - 20th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY March 14th	NO SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 11 am Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY March 15th	NO SCHOOL Church Cleaning w/ Ladies Aid Parish Planning Council	Church Room 201	9:00 am 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY March 16th	NO SCHOOL Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Parish Choir Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Adult Choir Praise Team Practice	Church Church Balcony Church Church Balcony Church	12:00 pm 12:15 pm 5:20 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:20pm 8:45 pm
THURSDAY March 17th	NO SCHOOL Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
FRIDAY March 18th	NO SCHOOL		
SATURDAY March 19th	Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY March 20th	Traditional Worship Service Time to Grow Public School Confirmation Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (5 th - 8 th grades)	Church Room 219 Room 206 Fellowship Hall Church Room 138/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

March 5/6

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm - 71

8:00 am - 146

10:30 am - 198

415 Total; 23 visitors; 392 members

ST. PAUL'S MARCH EPISTLE IS
NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE AT SPLCO.ORG.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

We rejoice to have families with small children participating in our worship services. There are baskets available with items that might be helpful for your children behind the back pews.

THIS WEEKEND

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Hi m
Special Music	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	
Acolytes	Brianna Kroll & Zoe Esveldt	TBD	Hannah Tuff
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Shirley Dibble	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwi eg
Elders	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
Greeters	Brenda Nagel	James & Judy Braatz (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Jamie Stache
Lectors	Erik Benes	Rick Zastrow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

March 19/20

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Psal m 118:19-29	Philippi ans 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40
Acolytes	Tyler Flood	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Wendy Tesch	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Mike Tesch	Scott Kalien
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
Lectors	TBD	Al Mueller	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Todd Leonhardt	Scott Kalien

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Isaiah 43:16–21 (ESV)

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Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:8–14 (ESV)

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Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 20:9–20 (ESV)

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And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?’ “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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