

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



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"*

April 9/10, 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 14

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: *Let Down, Lift Up*

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 Mary Kummrow in praise to God for blessings received. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Dorothy Duchow in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

REACHING DISCIPLES

FAMILY PROMISE OF WESTERN WAUKESHA COUNTY

What is Family Promise, what does it do, who does it help and how does it do it?

Find out the answers to these questions and more next weekend on Sunday, April 17th, between services in the Fellowship Hall.

David Tennyck, Executive Director of Family Promise of Western Waukesha County, will be here between services to share with us the tremendous success of this program and the impact that it has had on the homeless families in our community and surrounding area.

St. Paul's has committed to be a support church to Our Savior's who has the families stay overnight at their church for one week 4-5 times a year. We support them by volunteering which includes making meals, spending time doing games or crafts with the families (2 hours), staying overnight at Our Savior's (11 hours), donating items that are needed and financial donations.

Please join us on Sunday, April 17th, to learn more about FPOWWC and to see what you can do to help!

SERVING DISCIPLES

EAT RIGHT, STAY STRONG

If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you. 21 Days to a New You! TOTAL NUMBER OF POUNDS & INCHES lost by all participants will be matched dollar/pound and inches to the St. Paul's Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family.

Informational meetings: April 14 & 18 at 6:00 pm in Room 219

TLS® Weight Loss Solution will teach you about low-glycemic-impact eating and how to identify new favorite foods, create new, healthy behaviors, and improve body composition to get your metabolism operating in high gear. Plus, with the help of scientifically formulated TLS supplements, you'll find your fit in no time. For more information, email (barb.boldt@gmail.com), call or text (414-870-3733) Barb Boldt. Start date will be April 26th!

1,000 COOKIES NEEDED!

St. Paul's is sponsoring 1,000 cookies again to the Oconomowoc 2016 LakeWalk for Cancer. We need 21 volunteers to make 4 dozen cookies each (chocolate chip, sugar or peanut butter). Cookies need to be dropped off in the school kitchen by 3:00 pm on May 6th. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Pam Tanner at pam_tanner@yahoo.com or 262-370-7499.

GROWING DISCIPLES

Children's Rummage Sale ~ May 21st

8am—2pm

St. Paul's Kinder Place will be having a rummage sale held in the gym of St. Paul's School. We are now accepting donations of any lightly used clothes, toys, games, books, and children's furniture. They can be dropped off at Kinder Place or the Church Office.

Donations are tax deductible.

We hope to see you there!

LWML SPRING RALLY

Zone 17 LWML Spring Rally will be hosted by St. John's, Ashippun on Tuesday, April 26th. Our guest speaker is Dale Christian speaking on how his faith has carried him through his life experiences. Registration and refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the program following at 6:30. There will be an ingathering of items for the HOPE Center in Waukesha: **men's deodorant, sunscreen, insect repellent and disposable razors**. If you cannot attend please place them in the bin across from THEE bookstore. **Everyone** interested is welcome and encouraged to attend.



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Special Voters' Meeting

April 10, 2016 at 11:45 in the Church

AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Discussion of the care, organization, and purging of our Historical/Archival Records (Pat Borgman)
- E. Policy Based Governance Model Review
- F. Motion to Approve and Adopt New Constitution and Bylaws
- G. Adjournment
- H. Closing Prayer

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Third Sunday of Easter: Let Down, Lift Up*

April 4 - April 10, 2016

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Jesus makes many appearances after His resurrection. He also performs miracles showing His servant's heart, teaching us to follow in His way. This continues today, and we bless and serve one another because our gracious Savior continues to bless and serve us. And although we continue to sin and fail the Lord, He continues to forgive and strengthen us to serve.

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: Many times, our sins and failures make us feel unworthy to serve God. But Jesus still appears to us, forgives and restores us for service to Him.

Verse: *Psalm 118:8* - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psalm: *Psalm 30 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304*

| | Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
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| Daily Psalms | | | | | | | | |
| Morning | 93 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 47 | 96 | 92 | 93 |
| Evening | 136, 117 | 124, 115 | 66, 116 | 8, 118 | 68, 113 | 50, 138 | 23, 114 | 136, 117 |

Catechism—Of Civil Government

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| Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. | 1 st grade + |
| Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. | 2 nd grade + |
| For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. | 3 rd grade + |
| For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. | 4 th grade + |

The Third Sunday of Easter: Let Down, Lift Up

| Day | Bible Stories for the Family & School | Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff. | |
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| Sun. | Jesus Resurrection Appearance at Sea of Galilee—John 21:1-14 (15-19) | Ex. 32:15-35 | Luke 6:39-49 |
| Mon. | Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts—Daniel 7:1-28 | Ex. 33:1-23 | Luke 7:1-17 |
| Tue. | Daniel's Prayer—Daniel 9:1-6, 17-27 | Ex. 34:1-28 | Luke 7:18-35 |
| Wed. | Daniel's Vision of a Man—Daniel 10:1—11:4 (12:1-13) | Ex. 34:29-35:21 | Luke 7:36-50 |
| Thur. | The Proclamation of Cyrus the King of Persia—2 Chronicles 36:22-23 | Ex. 38:21-39:8 | Luke 8:1-21 |
| Fri. | The End of the Babylonian Captivity—Ezra 1:1-11 | Ex. 39:32-40:16 | Luke 8:22-39 |

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

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter: Let Down, Lift Up

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 – Larry Hansen - heart procedure; Bill Voss; Gary Ketchum - recovering from heart surgery; Ethan Meyer - brain tumor; Joanne Abel; Glenn Leidel; Peter Radulovich; Mabel Fredrick; Laura Gruen; Don Gauerke; Agnes Thurow; 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: Isiah Butler - Lymphoma; Dennis (Leslyn Mueller's brother) - kidney removal & cancer treatment; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law) - bladder cancer; Julie; Jacalyn Balcuinas (Carol Lenz's daughter); Laurie Farrell (Grant Hopkins's 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:** Ken - bleeding disorder; Ray (Crystal Parker's friend); Ken (Kathie Ware's twin brother) - bleeding issue; Steve Raabe; Nan (lung problems) Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister) - MS; Brian Kloskowski - MS; Logyn (1 1/2 year old) - unknown health issues; 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 being hit by a car; 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; someone with a major decision pending; the family and friends of John Groehler, who died; Josh, for help with alcoholism; Mr. Pickelmann as he deliberates on his Divine Calls; Daniel to come back to the Lord; 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.

Births: Sawyer Elizabeth, daughter of Steve & Joanna Guns - April 1st
(proud grandparents-Bill & Felicia Guns)

Phoebe Louise, daughter of Todd & Mandy Bruce - April 8th
(proud grandma-Roxie Gerlach & great-grandma-Louise Stenson)

Thanksgiving: Bobbie Scheuer for favorable test results

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

Hymn of the Week: "Long before the World Is Waking"

LSB 485

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 16/17, 2016

Hymns: 670, 709 (831, 752, 725) 819

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, "they will never perish" (John 10:28), for "no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:29). These sheep are of "every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev 7:9). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).

Life Together Bible Studies

Session III: April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

Life Together is advanced, group-study oriented Bible Classes for adults, and opportunities for fellowship, service, and play. Each Wednesday from 5:30-6:15, the Fellowship Hall is open for "bring your own" meals and fellowship. Adult Small Group Bible Classes will go from 6:30-7:15. **Email (heather@splco.org) or call (262.567.5001) Heather in the church office to register for class.**

New Age Spiritualism

Led by Pastor Scharnell

There is a movement or a belief system that is picking up a lot of speed in the world. It is called the New Age Movement (although it is not very new) or Spiritualism. It is a mixture of different religions and beliefs and is very attractive to both Christians and non-Christians alike.

Do you have questions like: Aren't religions of peace ok? Don't we all ultimately worship the same god? Aren't Ouija Boards just for fun? What about meditation? Are ghosts real? What about horoscopes and fortune tellers? What about mediums? Are demons and angels real?

The way I would like to use this class is more of a forum for frank discussion. Bring your questions and ideas, even your experiences, and share. The class will determine the direction of study.

Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life

Led by Carol Allen

Book: \$15

(collected first night of class; books will be ordered)

- † Have you ever had a friend, loved one or neighbor who was hurting spiritually or emotionally?
- † Have you ever wanted to share with another person that love and care you have received from fellow Christians?
- † Have you ever known someone who was being consumed by guilt and needed the freedom that God's forgiveness brings?

We are offering a class based on the book, *Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life*, by Kenneth C. Haugk, founder of Stephen Ministries.

Class participants will learn to:

- * listen carefully to another person in a nonjudgmental and caring way
- * speak words of comfort, encouragement, forgiveness, and hope
- * pray with another person
- * share from the Bible naturally and comfortably during a caring conversation
- * gently share one's faith and Christ's healing love with one another

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: April 11th - 17th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

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| MONDAY April 11 th | Stephen Ministry Continuing Education | Room 201 | 7:00 pm |
| TUESDAY April 12 th | All Boards | Room 219 | 7:00 pm |
| WEDNESDAY April 13 th | Life Together Bible Studies Adult Choir Praise Team Practice | Various Rooms Balcony Church | 6:30 pm 7:20 pm 8:45 pm |
| THURSDAY April 14 th | Praise Team Practice | Church | 7:00 pm |
| SATURDAY April 16 th | Saturday Evening Worship AA Meeting | Church Fellowship Hall | 5:30 pm 8:30 pm |
| SUNDAY April 17 th | Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Public School Catechism Class Time to Grow Contemporary Worship Sunday Night Alive (5 th -8 th grades) | Church Fellowship Hall Room 206 Various Rooms Church Room 135/Gym | 8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm |

ATTENDANCE

April 2/3

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm - 82

8:00 am - 123

10:30 am - 166

371 Total; 18 visitors; 356 members

ST. PAUL'S APRIL 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

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| Music Leaders | Diane Bleke | Diane Bleke | Look2Hi m |
| Special Music | Parish Choir | Concert Choir | |
| Acolytes | Josie & Annalee Duchow | Peyton & Riley Mueller | Rachel & Nathan Oelsner |
| Altar Guild | Jamie Stache | Leslyn Mueller | Cheryl Oelsner |
| Elders | Wilbur Pieper | George Menden | John Melvin |
| Greeters | Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer | Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Karen Meyer (school) | Anne Fait |
| Lectors | Russ Meyer | Jim Steinberg | |
| Power Point | N/A | N/A | Cheryl Oelsner |
| Radio | N/A | Cheryl Tesch | N/A |
| Ushers | Wilbur Pieper | Bob Bratz | John Melvin |

April 16/17

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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| Readings | Psal m 23 | Revelati on 7:9-17 | John 10:22-30 |
| Acolytes | Zoe Esvel dt & Jacob Eber har dt | Peyton & Riley Mueller | TBD |
| Altar Guild | Margie Hertneky | Donna Andrus | Sarah Neff |
| Elders | Rick Zastrow | Bryan Polinske | Jon Schmeling |
| Greeters | Roxie Gerlach | Don & Harri et Groose (church) Gary Pribnow | Jamie Stache |
| Lectors | John Kelling | Erik Benes | |
| Power Point | N/A | N/A | Jamie Stache |
| Radio | N/A | Chuck Muecke | N/A |
| Ushers | Rick Zastrow | Dan Friedrich | Truman Seifert |

THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 30 (pg. 10 of bulletin)

Revelation 5:8-14 (ESV)

Pew Bible pg. 1314

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21:1-19 (ESV)

Pew Bible pg. 1154

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast

the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

April 9th & 10th, 2016