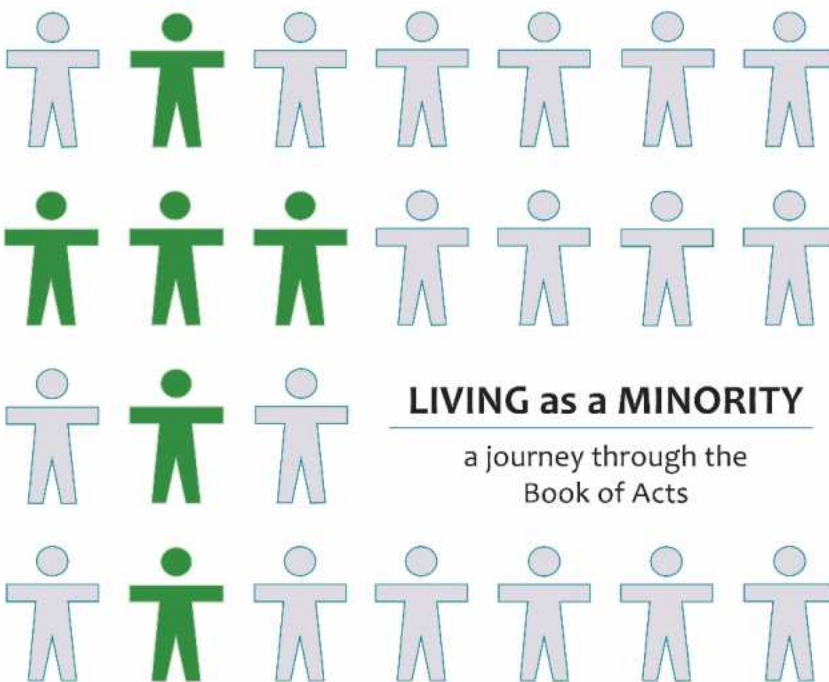


St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

“Power Promised”



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”*

May 7/8, 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 21

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 7th 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: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Living as a Minority*
Part 1: Power Promised

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

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 Mrs. Audrey Martens and Family in memory of Charles Picha. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

REACHING DISCIPLES

LWML meets on Tuesday, **May 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Note date change)

MOVING HELP NEEDED

Here is your opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet to a sister in Christ, mother of 3, whose hand is in a cast following surgery due to domestic abuse. We are moving boxes on May 13th and furniture on May 14th. Please contact Jane (Zenner) Moll at 414-801-1147 or janemariemoll@gmail.com if you can help.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Here's your chance for a mission opportunity that will benefit Bethany Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. The date is May 21, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we will be repairing Bibles and hymnals, packing health kits for the homeless and washing the folding chairs that are used for the Soup Kitchen. Depending on which project you'd like to be a part of, please bring tape to repair the books, quart and gallon sized freezer weight Ziploc bags or a bucket. Bethany will provide lunch. Please contact Kathy Mueller (262-468-6926) by May 13th if you would like to help.

SERVING DISCIPLES

CARING TREE--MONTH OF MAY~REACHING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Ladies Aid is collecting items for chemo care tote bags. Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection in Oconomowoc collects and distributes chemo care tote bags to men and women who are receiving their first chemo treatment at a local Waukesha County cancer clinic. These tote bags are filled with a variety of items to provide comfort, relief and inspiration. These "grab and go" totes can then be taken to each treatment to remind cancer fighters they are thought of, cared for and never alone in their journey.

Tricia's Troops also provide limited financial assistance and free support services for such things as: home cleaning, laundry, transportation, child/pet care, meal/grocery support, respite care, wigs and more. As they are a not-for-profit organization, they also need monetary assistance or gift cards to help provide these services. Checks would be made payable to Tricia's Troops, Inc.

Check out the May caring tree and lend us a hand by helping to supply them with needed supplies and support. Candi at Tricia's Troops says they especially need plastic drinking glasses--the kind with a lid and straw to aid in drinking while laying down.

Thank you for all the help you can give. For further information, you can go to WWW.TRICIASTROOPS.ORG. If you would like to volunteer or find out other ways you can help; such as helping at their yearly fund raiser or being a part of their prayer group, call Candi at 262-569-7800 or e-mail candi@triciastroops.org.

THANK YOU!



Thanks to all the volunteers who baked 1,000 cookies for the Lake Walk on May 7th!

Elaine Mason	Bobbie Scheuer	Laura Peterson	Phyllis Shuck	Jamie Stache
Sheila Rams	Roxie Gerlach	Carrie Boldt	Sue Lindemann	Extended Care
Dorothy Duchow	Susan Shepherd	Dina Tanner	Karen Schultz	
Leah Johnson	Sharon Peterson	Stacey Balistreri	Vicki Walterman	

GROWING DISCIPLES

LADIES AID

Our May meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 pm. We will be doing a potluck that evening, so please bring your favorite eats!



THANK YOU LADIES!

Thank you to all the ladies of all ages for the wonderful fellowship and fun at this year's Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet. Thank you to all the young models with their special purses. A special thank you to Sue Lindemann for preparing the purses that were modeled. Sue has a special purse-on-ality and created the table decorations, the programs and the large purse for the hard candy to be donated to Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection. (26 pounds of candy were contributed). Please check out the caring tree in the narthex for other items needed for the Chemo Care Bags that Tricia's Troops give to all the local cancer treatments centers.

“EVER-READY MINISTRY” (50+) - ARE YOU READY FOR SOME PLANTING?

Our next gathering will be held on Wednesday, May 11th. We will start by meeting at Schwefel's Restaurant at 12 noon (you are responsible for your own bill) and then head to Ebert's Greenhouse Village* for their *Container Planting Seminar*. **Please contact Heather in the church office at 262-567-5001 to RSVP. There is a limit of 20 attendees for the seminar.**

* If you do **not** wish to join us for lunch, please arrive at Ebert's by 1:45 pm at the latest.

St. Paul's PTL Spring Fundraiser	EBERT'S GREENHOUSE VILLAGE/St. Paul's Fundraising voucher	St. Paul's PTL Spring Fundraiser
	Shop Ebert's Greenhouse Village on Wed/Thurs, May 25th & 26th	
	10% of your purchase will be donated to St. Paul's Lutheran School.	
	 Ebert's Greenhouse Village – W1795 Fox Road – Ixonia, WI 53036 920.261.5645 – www.ebertsgreenhouse.com Hours: M-F 8am – 8pm; Sat. 8am – 6pm; Sun. 10am – 6pm If you have any questions, please contact Julie Orner at 414.333.5377	
		
Restrictions: Voucher must be present at time of purchase in order for St. Paul's to receive donation. Offer valid only 5/25-26/16. Offer cannot be combined with other offers. Offer cannot be used in concert w Scrip. Offer is not good on sale items. Offer does not include sales tax.		
Other restrictions may apply.		
Office Use Only: Sale Date: _____ Purchase Amt: _____ Cashier's Initials: _____		

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
Living as a Minority, Part 1: Power Promised*

May 8-15, 2016

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Living as a Minority 1: Power Promised

Christ is risen and ascended, and He's still very much in mission. Contexts vary, and Spirit blows when and where he pleases, but through His beloved Christ continues to call people to repentance and forgiveness. This has never been easy, but in the U.S. it is a challenging time. Biblically confessional Christians are a minority today, yet our readings teach us that we have nothing to fear because Jesus has promised us the power we need to live out our discipleship, despite conflict. Our text also shows the need that the church has for "house-keeping details" (the election of Judas' replacement). Both are necessary: outreach and "house-keeping" with the emphasis on outreach. This will be played out in the whole Book of Acts.

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: Christ's saving mission continues through His beloved, the Church.

Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Psalm: Psalm 133 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	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	103
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	117, 139

Catechism—To Parents

<p>Fathers, do not exasperate your children, Instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 6: 4</p>	<p>3rd Grade +</p>
<p>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” -which is the first commandment with a promise- “that it may go well with you And that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 6: 1-3</p>	<p>1st Grade + 2nd Grade +</p>

Living as a Minority, Part 1: Power Promised

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings
Sun.	Mark 16:15-16, 19-20	<p>For Daily Prayer Readings, please refer to the “Living as a Minority” weekly devotions found on St. Paul’s website at www.splco.org.</p> <p>The devotions can be found by clicking on CHURCH → LIVING AS A MINORITY → Weekly Guides or on the bookshelves in the back of the sanctuary.</p>
Mon.	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas’s Office—Acts 1:12-26	
Tue.	Jesus Is the Way to the Father—John 14:1-14	
Wed.	The Father Will Give the Spirit of Truth—John 14:15-24	
Thur.	Jesus Goes to the Father—John 14:23-31	
Fri.	The Comforter in Persecution—John 15:26—16:4	

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

Collect for Living as a Minority, Part 1: Power Promised

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, 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 – Virginia Meintz - back surgery - May 11th; Shirley Dibble; Bob Klee - CIDP; Ethan Meyer - brain tumor; Peter Radulovich; Mabel Fredrick; Laura Gruen; Agnes Thurow; Jim Wilson (ALS) & Karen Wilson; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); 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: Quinn - breast cancer; Isiah Butler-Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law) - bladder cancer; Julie; Laurie Farrell (Grant Hopkins's sister) - recovering from double mastectomy; Roxanne (Corienne Walek's mom); Rebecca Paulson; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; 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); 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: Gary Haimerl; Clem - high calcium heart; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister) - fractured back; Ray (Crystal Parker's friend); Ken (Kathie Ware's twin brother) - congestive heart failure; Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister) - MS; Brian Kloskowski - MS; Logyn (1 1/2 year old) - unknown health issues; Pat - afib; Noah - medical issues; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower's brother-in-law); Margaret Bauman (Pat Menden's sister) - hospice; Ruby Zimmernan - minor stroke; Ruth Borgman; Mora; Carol Duchow (Dorothy's sister-in-law) - hospice; 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

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

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; the family of Norman Hoeft (Cheri Ware's dad), who died; the family of Ruth Borgman (Pastor Borgman's mom), who died; Josh, for help with alcoholism; 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.

Anniversaries: Jim & Joanne Abel - 56th - May 7th
Bob & Amy Hackbarth - 6th - May 7th

Birthday: Mabel Flanagan - 86th - May 7th

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

Hymn of the Week: "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels"

LSB 491

Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 2

May 14/15, 2016

Hymns: 913, 497 (768, 501, 498) 650

Power Received

The Holy Spirit comes. He is the Power. The dynamic preaching of Christ Crucified and Risen demonstrates just how powerful the Gospel is. This is the central message throughout Acts and of the church's life: sermon, hymns, liturgy, teaching, etc. People repented, 3,000 were added to the church, miracles were performed, possessions were shared, and the Lord kept adding numbers day by day. The Pentecost miracle--the Spirit's work--did not stop, but it continues today as we deal with "house-keeping details" so that we can concentrate on the mission.

Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will return on Wednesday June 1st at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs! Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. (If there is inclement weather, services will be moved into the sanctuary.)



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Regular Voter's Meeting May 15, 2016 ~ 12:00 in the Church AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Special Voters' Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2016
- E. State of the Parish Report
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. Committee Reports (Land Committee, Capital Campaign Committee)
- H. Administrative Board Reports
(Christian Growth, Church Properties, Education & Early Childhood, Elders, Evangelism, Service & Mission Outreach, Stewardship, and Youth)
- I. Old Business
 - a. Motion to approve changes to Constitution/Bylaws
- J. New Business
 - a. Motion to approve slate of candidates for leadership positions
 - b. Motion to approve 2016-2017 financial ministry plan
- K. Adjournment
- L. Closing Prayer



GET YOUR YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRT!

Based on the winning design from the Middle School Lock-In
Shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. \$7 each

Great for all youth, parents, and anyone in the congregation!

___ Small ___ Med ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

Return order form to Mr. Mueller by Sunday, May 8th.

Shirts will be available at the bonfire on May 21st.

Name: _____

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: May 9th - 15th
ADVANCE THE MISSION
REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY May 9 th	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY May 10 th	LWML All Boards Meeting	Fellowship Hall Room 201	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY May 11 th	Ever-Ready Ministry 50+ (see pg. 4) Life Together Bible Studies Adult Choir Praise Team Practice	Schwefel's Various Rooms Balcony Church	12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:20 pm 8:45 pm
THURSDAY May 12 th	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY May 14 th	Journeyman Saturday Evening Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY May 15 th	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Living as a Minority Bible Study Public School Confirmation Class Time to Grow Contemporary Worship Regular Voters' Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall Room 201 Room 206 Various Rooms Church Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

April 30/May 1

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm - 90

8:00 am - 375

10:30 am - 118

583 Total; 82 visitors; 501 members

ST. PAUL'S MAY 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	Look2Him
Special Music	Cheryl Tesch & Dorothy Duchow	Cheryl Tesch & Dorothy Duchow	
Acolytes	TBD	Makenna Paar	Josie & Annalee Duchow
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Barb Hentz	Barb Star
Elders	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Karen Meyer (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Chad Eberhardt	Glenn Gartzke	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

May 14/15	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Acts 2:1-47		John 16:12-15
Acolytes	Tyler Flood	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Leslyn Mueller	Sarah Neff
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Arno Kirchenwitz	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John Melvin	Gary Pribnow (church) Don & Harriet Groose (school)	Darlene Adams
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

THE 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:1–26 (ESV)

Pew Bible pg. 1156

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among

the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'" So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. .

Mark 16:15-16, 19-20 (ESV)

Pew Bible pg. 1086

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

May 7th & 8th, 2016