

OCTOBER EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND KINDER PLACE

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From the Pastor

Rev. Steve Scharnell



Not knowing what to write, I thought about it a little bit and decided to answer the question that seems to get asked the most. You see, after two years of full-time vicarage here along with taking classes concurrently, and then my last two years of serving as your pastor, along with taking classes concurrently, my classes are finally done. Yes, I have been sitting in my office for 4 years already, believe it or not. So now that I am completely done with classes, the most popular question I get asked is, "Are you staying here?"

The quick answer is "Yes." Let me explain how it works from here. As a pastor with Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) status, I can be called somewhere else as an associate pastor. I cannot serve a congregation by myself, or be a senior pastor though. But unless the Lord calls me somewhere else (and He would have to yell pretty loud) I have no plans to go elsewhere.

Another question I hear is, "Now that you are done with your classes, what are you going to do with all of your extra time?" I know this is in jest, but I'll answer it. A few things will happen. First, I will preach more and I will also have the time to counsel and visit more. What many of you maybe don't realize are all of the extra things that Pastor O'Donnell has done for the last four years in order to free up time for me to finish my classes. He went above and beyond. I am very grateful for that and thank him. So now I can take up more responsibility here and free up some time for him.

I will also be able to study and pursue a few passions that the Lord has put on my heart; working with young adults, counseling the oppressed and lost, and spiritual warfare. Many times, all three go together. There is not enough time to go into detail here, but stay tuned. There is such a need, and I am blessed to be a part of it.

I thank all of you for the support, in whatever form that took, for the last 4+ years. My family and I are so blessed to be a part of St. Paul's family. Of course, all thanks and glory to be to God. It is only through His grace and mercy that our blessings come.


Pastor Steve Scharnell

Christian Citizenship Forum

Oct
23rd

Muslim Immigration to the United States: Christian Responses

Rev. Hicham Chehab, Presenter



From studying Islam to studying Christianity, from being a *Muslim sniper* to being a *Lutheran pastor*, Rev. Hicham Chehab bears witness to the fact that our Lord has a good plan and a good purpose for each life.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Presentation, Responses, and Audience Questions, **3-4:30pm**

Middle Eastern Dinner, **4:30-5:30pm**

All are welcome. Admittance is free.
Free will donation for dinner.

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St. Paul's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat. Nov. 5, 2016



9 A.M. - 2 P.M.



HUGE BAKE SALE
Christmas Cookies 
Homemade Bread 

Jewelry

"American Girl" doll clothes


Butterhorns
&
Cinnamon Balls

CHRISTIAN
BOOK STORE ...
Bibles - Cards & more

LUNCHEON
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Chicken Salad
Chili
Hot Dogs
Desserts - \$1.00



Gifts
For
All!



Pottery



Wood
Items

Fun & Fellowship
For All!

KNIT
ITEMS

Hand
Painted
Items

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 3:00 pm Acolyte Training 5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
2 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Living as a Minority Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	3 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry	4 7:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Prase Team Practice	5 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Theology on Tap @ Cratly Cow 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice	6 7:00 pm Prase Team Practice	7	8 7:30 am Journey Men 5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
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St. Paul's Ladies Aid

A special "thank you" to all who helped and attended our "130th-Year Anniversary Ice Cream Social." We hope you all enjoyed sharing with us.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 6th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we welcome Pastor Steve Scharnell as our guest.

We will need your help for our annual Christmas Bazaar - whether it will be working, donating items for the bake sale or luncheon or donating craft items for the bazaar. Please contact one of our officers if you are able to help in any way.

Watch for more details in the weekends to come in the bulletins and newsletter. Thank you and God bless!

HAPPY REFORMATION DAY!

FAMILY PROMISE FOOD NEEDED

We are going to be helping to host families at Our Savior's September 25th-October 2nd.

These are items that are still needed:

- Fresh fruit platter for Saturday morning 10/1
- Sub sandwiches for Saturday, 10/1 dinner
- Large watermelon for Saturday, 10/1 dinner



If you are able to supply any of these food items (to serve 16 people), please contact one of St. Paul's Family Promise coordinators-Mary Hickenbottom 414-333-3421, Deb Prange 414-418-4953 or Wendy Griepentrog 262-844-4032. Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry!

"EVER-READY" MINISTRY (50+ years)

Our next meeting will be the *second* Tuesday of the month, October 11th at 10:30 am in room 219. The fish fry evening at Pribnow's Maple Inn was a successful evening. We had 14 people in attendance and the food was great! Thank you to Pribnow's Maple Inn & Gary! Join us to see what our plans will be for this year.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptisms

Ashlin Corlia, daughter of Timothy Sander & Kristi Hays

Kristi Hays, adult daughter of James Hays & Joann Kowalewski

Zackary Allen Maeson, son of Michael & Lisa (Walters) Brewster

Graysen Ray, son of Patrick Oates & Jessica Nicholson

Transfer to another LCMS church

Robert & Jonell Klee – Hope Lutheran Church, Hudson, FL

Death

Irene Behl

Baptized 1810 Confirmed 1073

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ethel Buchta
October 4th

Bernice Brown
Carl Nicholson
October 5th

Peter Hirt
October 15th

Roger Gartzke
Wayne Gartzke
October 16th

Dwain Eaton
October 17th

Bobbie Scheuer
October 19th

Ron Kleist
October 21st

Esther Hart
October 26th

Rodger Pagenkopf
October 27th

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Irene Behl \$355.00

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(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 567.5001 x217

Pastor Steven Schamell 567.5001 x216

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001

Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001 x251

Principal - Jon Pickelmann 567.5001 x213

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RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship

Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM

& www.wtkm.com

THE KINDER PLACE

Christian Pre-School & Day Care

Director Christine Flores 567-4881

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

Newsletter deadline for articles,
announcements and features is the
2nd Wednesday of the month

PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE OF
ANY ADDRESS CHANGES

LWML

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Lutheran Women in Mission

October 1st & 2nd is LWML Sunday/weekend. Be sure to wear your PURPLE as we dedicate this year's quilts and collect a special mite offering to support the new Mission Grants voted on at the National Convention in June.

JOIN US at Bethlehem Wales, on Tuesday, October 25th, for the Zone Fall Rally as we hear guest speaker Coral Rose. Registration and refreshments at 6:00 pm. Program to follow at 6:30 pm.

Reminder to start thinking about items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will be packing them at our November 1st meeting. Anyone wishing to donate can put the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Go to samaratinspurse.org for more information.

LWML meets at its regular day and time in October--Tuesday, October 4th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions? Please contact Kathy Mueller at 262-468-6926.

COME ONE - COME ALL!

What: St. Paul's Fellowship Coffee Hour

When: 3rd Sunday of the month

Time: 9:15 am to 10:25 am

Where: St. Paul's school lobby & hallway/Outside Lobby Doors (weather-permitting)

Who: All members of St. Paul's Congregation & Visitors

Why: Enjoy Fellowship with other members, meet new members and welcome visitors

Host for October 16th: LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Menu: Coffee, milk, juice, water and sweet treats

Adult Bible Class will be held from 9:30 am to 10:15 am.

Time to Grow (Sunday School) will be held at its regular time.



Full-Time Infant Room Teacher

St. Paul's Kinder Place-Oconomowoc, WI

St. Paul's Kinder Place has a Full-Time position available in our infant room.

We are looking for loving teachers who have a true passion for teaching and learning with children. We believe in learning through play and having fun. Responsibilities include caring for hygiene, safety, lesson plans, daily activities, and providing a loving & enriching atmosphere.

Applicants must be 18 years old and have EC1 and EC2 complete.

Pay is competitive and based on experience and education.

Please email resumes to kinderplace@splco.org

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***Free to Serve* contributions have reduced our debt by \$200,000!!!**

The overall goal of our capital campaign, **FREE TO SERVE**, is to:

- Build a more robust music ministry program that will greatly enhance the worship experience and connect generations,
- Create a more welcoming and accessible facility for the community, and...
- Expand services into the community.

At our Back-to-School Worship Service on Sunday, August 28th, we presented four checks:

- Payment on mortgage principal: **\$50,000**
- The Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee: **\$4567.73**
- Family Promise of Western Waukesha County: **\$1798.51**
- The Dominican Republic: **\$2283.88**



Recently, we also made our final payment for the capital campaign consultant, John Sproul: **\$18,400.00**

New contributors are welcome! If you're moved by the vision, Free to Serve contributions will be accepted in any amount. Please use one of the Free to Serve envelopes in the pews and indicate whether you are offering a one-time or regular contribution.

Thank you and God bless you! --The Free to Serve Leadership Team