



SEPTEMBER EPISTLE

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

SEPTEMBER 2016

From the Pastor

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell



Well, it's going to be an interesting year...

The little girl (Siobhan) who took her first steps at a rest stop on I-70 in Kansas is (so help us, God) going to graduate at the end of this school year. The little boy (Aidan) who was nearly born too early to survive is now stronger than his father (although I'm still a bit taller, thank God!). The delightfully bubbly little lady (Failenn) who lost her twin in the womb is about to get her ears pierced (house rules let the girls get their ears pierced for the 13th birthday). The little prince (Brenainn) who was so chunky when we brought him home from Guatemala that he could barely walk is now a lanky, tap-dancing third grader. And as you receive this I am beginning my fifth year as your pastor at St. Paul's...

So, first of all: thank you. Carrie and I thank God for the opportunity to live and serve and raise our children amidst a people so friendly and appreciative of the confessional Lutheran tradition. You have helped us make a home here in Wisconsin, and for a family that has moved around a good deal, that's a mighty good feeling...

In the midst of everything else going on, part of that making a home is (God-willing) going to mean a move into town some time next summer. Since the older kids are working and so much of our life is in Oconomowoc, financially and otherwise it makes sense to try and be a little closer.

**Man proposes;
God disposes.**

Again, it's going to be an interesting year...

But isn't it always? Life is always changing. You pray and make your plans but—as my vicarage supervisor said to me over-and-over—"man proposes; God disposes." Isn't that the truth?

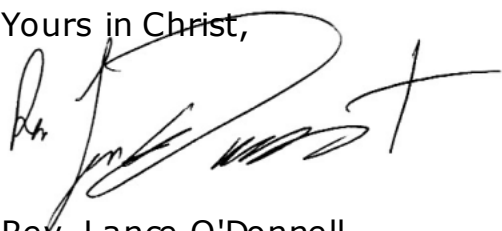
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This year at St. Paul's the leadership team is implementing congregationally-directed changes in governance. Along the way we will also be re-evaluating the strategic plan that was adopted at the beginning of our 150th anniversary year. That plan, you may recall, worked from St. Paul's four core values: worship, witness, education, and service. We will be working on short, mid-term, and long-term goals. As we proceed the congregation will be invited to participate.

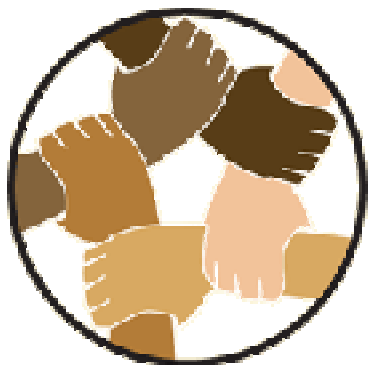
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ROCK

Our theme for the 2016-2017 Church and School Year is "Upon This Rock," based on Isaiah 26:4: "Trust in the LORD forever; for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock." It's a great theme, for this next year (2017) we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Keep this in mind as you pray and ponder what ideas and actions you may contribute to our life in Christ at St. Paul's.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Lance O'Donnell
Commemoration of Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
29 August, A.D. 2016



Life Together

Fellowship, in-depth discussion, and Bible study

1. Theology on Tap

Have a beverage; talk about important things.

"Good and Bad Ways to Think About Religion and Politics"

with Rev. Lance and Carrie O'Donnell



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This may be the craziest presidential election ever. How should I think about it? In particular, how does a Christian think about it? Join in discussion of Robert Benne's *Good and Bad Ways to Think About Religion and Politics*. Benne calls common positions on the relationship between religion and politics "separationism" and "fusionism." He argues Christians ought to reject both.

Buy the book and read the *Introduction* for the first meeting.

Lance and Carrie O'Donnell spent a good part of their twenties running political campaigns and helping write and pass legislation. They left that life for service in the Church but continue to advocate for active engagement in civic life.

Crafty Cow Restaurant. 153 E Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc
Wednesdays, Sept 14 – Nov 16, 2016
6:30 p.m.-7:30ish p.m.

2. Gifted for Service

Learning how God has prepared you to help others

with Carol Allen



During our current study of "Living as a Minority" we are discovering that the church is much more than the building in which we worship God. Following the example of Paul we have learned that the Church is the people of God, feeding others with the Word of God, and caring for them through the love of Christ. If we are part of the Church we are called to help further its growth and mission, but how?

God has a unique plan for each of us, including how we can best further his Kingdom. He has given us each a package of special gifts and talents. These gifts are designed to be used as part of the body of Christ in furthering the Gospel and caring for His world. Even though we may be aware of our "natural gifts" we do not always understand what our Spiritual Gifts are and how they can be used.

We are offering a series of classes that will help you discover your own special Spiritual Gifts and learn how they can be used both within the church and out in the world.

A workbook will be used that costs \$15. Preregistration is needed so that we can be sure to have enough workbooks available for you!

St. Paul's "Upper Room" (#219)
Wednesdays, Sept 14 – Nov 16, 2016
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in signing up for either of the Wednesday night Life Together Bible Studies, please contact Heather in the church office at heather@splco.org or 262.567.5001.



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Sponsored by St. Paul's Ladies Aid

Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs

Sundaes, Root Beer Floats and Cones

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 17th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 18th 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FREE—to thank you for all your support over the years.

PLAN TO JOIN US!

A LAST GOODBYE

Are you prepared to help say goodbye to a loved one?

Do you know how to help a close friend or relative deal with the death of their loved one?

What services do funeral homes provide?

Funeral homes have many more services to offer you other than just burial of a loved one.

St. Paul's Stephen Ministry is inviting you to a presentation of what services funeral homes have to offer families at this time of grief. Our presenter is Keith Pagenkopf. There will also be a question and answer time.

Date: Monday, September 12th

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Allen at 262-468-4292 or Bobbie Scheuer at 262-354-0033. Sponsored by St. Paul's Stephen Ministry Program.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptisms

Natalie Grace, daughter of Ryan & Amanda (Kielich) Lamp

Trey Jeffrey, son of Jeffrey & Melissa (Schott) Stone

Transfer to another LCMS church

Christopher & Lynne Nelson, Lydia, Josephine, Jacqueline & Reid – Raized Lutheran, Bellevue, WI

Baptized 1805 Confirmed 1074

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

George Kroemer

September 3rd

Harlan Uttech

September 4

James Campbell

September 5th

Richard Schultz

September 9th

Mimi Gebel

Bob Thurow

September 11th

Bill Scheuer

September 12th

Bob Bratz Sr.

September 13th

Helen Kitzman

September 14th

Louise Stenson

September 18th

Kay Morgan

September 20th

Audrey Martens

Joyce Simaras

September 22nd

Paul Eggers

September 23rd

Harry Peterson

September 24th

John Dahm

September 27th

Tom Truebenbach

September 29th

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Regina Jacobosky	\$25.00
Erika Reiner	\$25.00
Viola Milbrath	\$25.00
Ruth Borgman	\$25.00

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

210 E. Pleasant Street

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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

FAX 567.1207

Website: www.splco.org

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

Please join us for an enriching experience at the
St. Paul's Marriage Retreat-Love, Respect and Forgiveness



November 11th - 13th, 2016 at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan



Cost per couple is \$350 this includes a 2 night stay and a Saturday night buffet dinner for two.

For details and a registration form visit www.splco.org

Questions? e-mail- stpaulmarriage@gmail.com

call or text Linda Hertneky 651-206-8497 or Angie Schamell 920-285-1264

LWML

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Meetings resume Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your mites, Quarterly and a friend!

We will be collecting over the counter meds (cough, cold, Tylenol, etc.) and feminine hygiene items for the Ft. Wayne Seminary Food & Clothing Bank. Please deposit in the bin marked on table across from Thee Bookstore or bring to the Sept. meeting.

We will finish tying quilts on Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a scissors!

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Living as a Minority Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	7:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice	7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	NO SCHOOL	5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
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 5:30 pm 5th-12th Youth Bonfire	7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Presentation	6:30 pm Board of Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice	7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	4:00 pm Lange/Guns Rehearsal	5:30 pm Traditional Worship 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social (sponsored by Ladies Aid) 8:30 pm AA Meeting
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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	6:00 pm Stephen Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm Church Leadership Team Meeting	5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice	7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	NO SCHOOL	5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting

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Dear St. Paul's Family,

It is with a very humble and grateful heart that I write this note. On Saturday, July 16th, a benefit was organized by a group of close family and friends at Lion's Park to offset medical costs. To say we are overwhelmed at this show of love and support is a huge understatement. All of the work that went into planning, organizing and taking care of all of the little details is deeply appreciated. We are reminded once again of the blessings of our children, family, friends and being a part of St. Paul's Family where people do care and show it in tangible ways. Ethan has a mountain ahead of him to climb, but with our faith, our family and friends, we are going to fight for him to reach the top.

"Thank you" seems really inadequate, but to all who came by, cooked us meals, sent cards and texts, who looked over our kids when we couldn't be there, and who donated your hard-earned money - **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts. My prayer is that God would bless you and bless you abundantly.

~Blessings from Susie and Ethan Meyer and Family