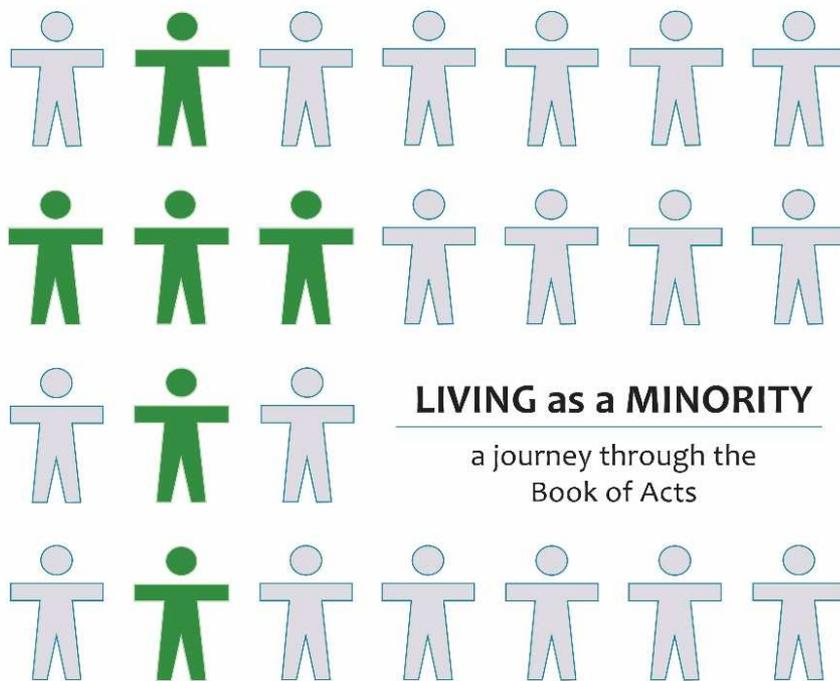


# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

## Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense



210 East Pleasant Street  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066  
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: [www.splco.org](http://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"**

October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Kinder Place Director

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

Number 42

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 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**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 24: Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense*

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**

**Salvation**

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

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Spencer & Gail Frosch in praise to God for Ryan's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 29<sup>th</sup> and Brandon's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 Drew & April Tiedtke in praise to God for their 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### LWML

LWML Zone 17 Fall Rally will be held at Bethlehem, Wales on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with registration and refreshments. Our program begins at 6:30. Coral Rose will speak on "Blessed to Be a Blessing", her mission work in South Africa and Ghana. An ingathering for Family Promise of Waukesha County will be collected. Items can be placed in the bin on the table across from Thee Bookstore if you would like to donate but cannot attend. If you are interested in carpooling contact Kathy Mueller (262-468-6926). Family Promise items needed are: shampoo, body wash, toothpaste & brushes, deodorant (regular sizes please).

LWML will be packing Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes at our meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate items please place in bin across from Thee Bookstore. A list of suggested items can be found on the table across from Thee Bookstore or at [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org)

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### CONTRACTOR(S) NEEDED

My basement is half-finished, and we want to finish the other half before Thanksgiving. It will need some electrical work, some walls and ceiling drywalled, and carpet. This all needs to be done to code in preparation for sale and our move into Oconomowoc (God-willing) next summer. If you wish to place a bid, please call me at the office (262.567.5001) or email: [podonnell@splco.org](mailto:podonnell@splco.org).

--Pastor Lance O'Donnell\_+

### WORDS FOR LIVING

#### **PRESSURE: A BURDENSOME, DISTRESSING, OR WEIGHTY CONDITION**

Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? Our Stephen Ministers can help. Contact Steve Hansen (646-0516), Jeff Stache (567-1302), Bobbie Scheuer (354-0033), or Carol Allen (468-4292).

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### **SAVE THE DATE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

2017 St. Paul's Woman's Retreat ~ "Sweet Life Café"

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## **LAKE COUNTRY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Lake Country Lutheran High School is having an Open House will be Monday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open at 6:30 pm with a chance to tour the school, visit with teachers, meet coaches, and talk with current families. Our program will begin at 7:00 pm with introduction to Lake Country Lutheran from Mark Newman, followed by a parent and student panel. After the panel you will hear from Principal Jobst. To conclude the evening we will offer stations throughout the school in areas of Spiritual Life, Academics, Fine Arts, and Leadership.

Additional information about Lake Country Lutheran High school check out <http://www.lakecountryhs.org>

## **LAKE COUNTRY ORCHESTRA**

On Sunday afternoon, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 PM at the Oconomowoc Arts Center, our own Lake Country Orchestra will be presenting its Fall concert. The director is Gail Schroeder-Hoffman. The four selections will be: "Three German Dances by Mozart"; "Presidential Polonaise" by JP Sousa; Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" and "An American in Paris" Suite by George Gershwin. Please plan to attend; there is no Packer Game on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!

## **OCONOMOWOC MUSIC CLUB**

On Friday afternoon October 21st, at 1:30 PM. the Oconomowoc Music Club will be having its October meeting and program at the Oconomowoc Public Library, 200 South Street, Lyke meeting room. Our featured soloist will be Dr. Leyla Wirth, Ixonia, who is a veterinarian at Hallett Veterinary Hospital, Oconomowoc. Wirth will be playing the famous "Meditation" from "Thais" by Jules Massenet on her violin and the "Prelude" from Bach's 3rd Cello Suite on her viola. Wirth plays violin and viola in various local orchestras including the Watertown Chamber Orchestra, the Kettle Moraine Symphony, the Lake Country Orchestra and the Janesville Symphony. She will also be playing several trio selections for violin, flute and oboe with Betty Brown and Pauline Bemis.

This program is open to the public and local residents are encouraged to attend and find about all the work the club does supporting the efforts of area youth with their musical activities. The club always accepts new members and the only requirement is a love for music. Refreshments will be served.

## **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

We remain patient and persistent (Luke 18:1, 5) in rebuking the culture of death and in comforting all its victims with Words from God (2 Timothy 3:16-4:2). Compassion will overcome selfishness, wrestling will give way to blessing (Genesis 32:25-26), and hurt will meet healing because God does not deal with us like a gruff judge but as a loving and victorious Savior (Luke 18:6-8). *Risen Lord, accompany and sustain us under Your cross with Your promises. Amen.*

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*Living as a Minority, Part 24: Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense*

*October 16—October 23, 2016*

## **Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense**

Paul appears before Felix, then Festus, then Festus and Agrippa, and finally before Agrippa. He was prepared and made his defense. Do we know enough about Jesus Christ and our faith in him to make a defense when necessary?

## **The Order of Meditation and Prayer**

*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**

**Verse:** John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Christ has forgiven me, and calls me, in my vocations, to participate in telling and living this good news.

**Psalm:** Psalm 121 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	67	51	54	65	143	86	122	110
<b>Evening</b>	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90	66, 23

**Catechism—The Creed—The First Article (continued)**

<i>The First Article</i> <b>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.</b>	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

**Living as a Minority, Part 24: Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<p>For Daily Prayer Readings, please refer to the "Living as a Minority" weekly devotions found on St. Paul's website at <a href="http://www.splco.org">www.splco.org</a>.</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>
<b>Sun.</b>	Matthew 10:19-20	
<b>Mon.</b>	The First Promise of Salvation—Genesis 3:8-15	
<b>Tue.</b>	The Curse of the Fall—Genesis 3:16-24	
<b>Wed.</b>	Cain Murders Abel and the Birth of Seth— Genesis 4:1-18 (19-24) 25-26	
<b>Thur.</b>	The Flood—The Wickedness of Man and God's Judgment—Genesis 6:5-22	
<b>Fri.</b>	The Flood—The Rains Fall for Forty Days and Forty Nights—Genesis 7:1-24	

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

**Collect for the Living as a Minority, Part 24: Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense**

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**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** – Jeanette Leonhardt; Trent Heinzl; Ann Duggan—rare eye condition; Duane Peterson—back issues; Dale Weber; Alex Knebel - recovering from severe burns; Tim Bratz; Laura Gruen - brain cancer; Pastor Borgman; Esther Hart; Karen Meyer; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Hadley McCormack; Shirley Dibble; Ethan Meyer - brain tumor; Mabel Fredrick; Agnes Thurow; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Iris Jahnke; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Ann Lillyroot; Dawn Hirn—ovarian cancer; Kathe Keithley—breast cancer; Gaby Guadagno (Celeste Abel's mom) - brain tumor; District President John Wille; Sue (Dina Tanner's cousin); Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); Harry Finkelmeyer; Roy Hyatt - cancer returned; Daina Boppre - breast cancer; Quinn - breast cancer; Isiah Butler - Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law) - bladder cancer; Julie; Laurie Farrell (Grant Hopkins' sister) - recovering from double mastectomy; 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; 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:** Edward Neitzel—healing and strength; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz’s mom) - stroke; Mary—thyroid nodules; Dale Berger - stroke; Dan and family for strength and courage; Brayden Stacey—2 year-old with brain tumor; Henry (Susan Shepherd’s dad); Ken; Don; Bruce - open heart surgery; Curt G.; Jean Schiellack (Shirley Dibble’s sister-in-law) - 5 fractured vertebrae; Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch’s dad); Ashlin - stage 4 renal failure; Ray Kugler for favorable test results; Clem - high calcium heart; Ken (Kathie Ware’s twin brother) - congestive heart failure; Kelly; 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; Mora; Carol Duchow (Dorothy’s sister-in-law) - hospice; 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; Charles Tuff (Alzheimer’s); Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Sgt. Tyler Peartree; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Captain Chad Kelling; 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 Cutler’s; Kelly & Brain for their marriage; for teenagers to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards healthy choices; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Felicia Guns—36<sup>th</sup>—October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Drew & April Tiedtke—23<sup>rd</sup>—October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dave & Jackie Meyer—13<sup>th</sup>—October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dave & Michelle Schlomer—13<sup>th</sup>—October 11<sup>th</sup>

**Birthdays:** Roger Gartzke & Wayne Gartzke—79<sup>th</sup>—October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Bobbie Scheuer—75<sup>th</sup>—October—October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Frosch—17<sup>th</sup>—October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sierra Ebert—16<sup>th</sup>—October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Brandon Frosch—15<sup>th</sup>—October 9<sup>th</sup>

**Public Reception of New Members:** Cory & Kristy Rupprecht, Colby & Cooper  
Kurt & Abby Baneck, Ruby

**Thanksgiving:** Kathy Leonard for all of the prayers, gifts and cards following her recent surgery

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week: "Be Strong in the Lord"**

**LSB 665**

**Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 25**

**October 22/23, 2016**

**Hymns: 595, 753 (1-2: solo) (727, 753, 760) 644**

**Take Heart**

As if the trial before Caesar was not frightening enough, the trip to Rome was treacherous. Paul, who probably could have escaped, did not; but he encouraged his fellow travelers. Even when the situation is dire, it can become bleaker. Yet the Christian takes heart and does not fail to say and do the right thing, knowing who is ultimately in control.

5 - 12 GRADE  
**YOUTH**  
FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 22, 2016

6-9 P.M.

**At Schuett Farms**

State Highway 83 & Road X

Mukwonago, WI 53149

We will leave the church parking lot at 6, so please arrive at 5:45. We will enjoy a nighttime hike through a corn maze at Schuett Farms. The paths of the maze are dirt, so please come prepared. You will need a flashlight and a cell phone (if you have one) for use at the farm. At 8 we will make our way back to St. Paul's where we will enjoy a devotion and hot cider around a bonfire.



**TICKETS ARE \$7**



If you are available to drive at this event please contact  
Wendy Petersen at [wnpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:wnpetersen@gmail.com) or  
Adam Tanney at [adam@splco.org](mailto:adam@splco.org)

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Upcoming Dates**

- Saturday, October 22, 5:45-9 - Night time corn maze and bonfire (both HS and MS)
- Sunday, October 23 - NO SNA
- Monday, November 7 - Sub Zero Meeting for High School Youth and Parents

**PIGGLY WIGGLY**

Keep bringing in your receipts! You can drop them off in the hallway by the elevator outside of the fellowship hall.

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](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: October 17<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>th</sup>

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
TUESDAY October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice (Look2Him)	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Choir <i>Theology on Tap</i> (Life Together) Adult Choir	Balcony Crafty Cow Balcony	5:20 pm 6:30 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice (In His Light)	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Journeymen Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting Youth Fall Festival (5th-12th grades)	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall Schuett Farms	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm 6:00 pm
SUNDAY October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Living as a Minority Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Christian Citizenship Forum Middle Eastern Dinner	Church Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Room 201 Church Gym Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm

# ATTENDANCE

October 8/9

**Church Attendance:**

5:30 pm – 150

8:00 am – 225

10:30 am – 168

543 Total; 62 visitors; 481 members

**ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER 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.

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Parish Choir	SPLS Concert Choir	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ethan Jacobosky	Megan Frosch & Levi Benes	Leann Wolf & Molly Wilke
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Donna Andrus	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zweg
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

<b>October 22/23</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 27:1-26		John 14:1-3
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Megan Frosch & Olivia Blair	Hannah Tuff & Hannah Showen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Meyer	Bryan Polinske	Scott Kalien
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Erik Benes
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Papa	Dan Friedrich	Scott Kalien

## THE 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Acts 26 ~ ESV

*Pew Bible pg. 1189*

<sup>1</sup>So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: <sup>2</sup>"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, <sup>3</sup>especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently. <sup>4</sup>"My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. <sup>5</sup>They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup>And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, <sup>7</sup>to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! <sup>8</sup>Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? <sup>9</sup>"I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup>And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup>And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities. <sup>12</sup>"In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup>At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. <sup>14</sup>And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' <sup>15</sup>And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup>But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup>delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' <sup>19</sup>"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup>but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. <sup>21</sup>For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup>To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: <sup>23</sup>that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles." <sup>24</sup>And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind." <sup>25</sup>But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. <sup>26</sup>For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. <sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." <sup>28</sup>And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" <sup>29</sup>And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains." <sup>30</sup>Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. <sup>31</sup>And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." <sup>32</sup>And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

### Matthew 10:19-20 ~ ESV

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When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.