

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"

December 24th & 25th, 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 52

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

Come to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

Pastors: Steven Scharnell (3:00, 5:00 & 7:00)
Lance Armstrong O'Donnell (10:30 pm & 9:00 am)

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm: Special Order on Screen

5:00 pm & 7:00 pm: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

10:30 pm: Divine Service 4, pg. 203

Christmas Day

9:00 am: Divine Service 1, pg. 151

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



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for the Christmas break are as follows:

- December 26-29: OFFICE CLOSED
- December 30: office is open from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
- January 3: office re-opens with regular hours

If you have an emergency when the office is closed, you can call the main number at 262.567.5001, and you will be directed to extension 505 to receive an emergency contact number.

REACHING DISCIPLES

FUNDRAISERS FOR LARRY HANSEN

Our brother in Christ, Larry Hansen, was severely injured on the night of December 8th when a driver lost control near Highway 16 and Sawyer Road, crashed into his garage and pinned him against the wall as he was working on his car. Larry has undergone several surgeries (including one of his legs being amputated) and is expected to have several more.

An account has been set up at First Bank Financial Centre to offset the cost of medical and other bills while he is out of work. Donors may give money at any First Bank branch by donating to the charity "Larry's Journey,"

There is also a fundraiser scheduled at 6:00 pm on January 13th at the Okauchee American Legion, which will include a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, food, drinks and live music. Watch the bulletin for more information.

SERVING DISCIPLES

FAMILY PROMISE FOOD NEEDED

We are going to be helping to host families at Our Savior's December 26th-January 1st. These are items that are still needed 2 serve 10 people:

- † Stuffing for 12/26
- † Lasagna for 12/31
- † Salad and Garlic Bread for 12/31

If you are able to supply any of these food items, 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!*

LOOKING FOR RENTAL APARTMENT/HOME

A family is relocating from Neenah to Oconomowoc and is looking for reasonably priced two bedroom duplex, apartment, or house within 15 minutes of Roger's Memorial Hospital. Anyone with information to help can contact Kent Franklin at franklinkenta@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the Kinder Place Silent Auction! We are HALFWAY to our goal of \$4,000 to provide our little children with new lockers. We are accepting donations for the other \$2,000 needed AND we have an anonymous donor, willing to match up to \$500 toward this goal! If you are able to help, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Kinder Place/lockers.

~Christine Flores & the Kinder Place Staff

GROWING DISCIPLES

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Contribution statements for regular offerings and Free to Serve offerings through the weekend of November 28 are available for pick-up in the church narthex on the counter. The Board of Stewardship provides you with a statement at this time to give you the opportunity to evaluate your charitable giving for 2016.

CHURCH CARPETING

The Ladies Aid, in recognition of our 130th anniversary, would like to announce that we have voted to replace the church's carpeting. Of the three bids we received, Vic's Carpeting of Oconomowoc won our support.

We plan on doing this, much like the organ...only when we have the full funding...hopefully, by late spring or early summer. If you are so moved, and would like to donate to this, please make a check out to Ladies Aid—Carpeting Fund.

God has truly blessed our church, and we'd like to help do our part in restoring that beauty, for all that the Lord has done for us. Thank you for your support!

LCMS STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES

John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and loneliness: Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst of our pettiness, against all our pride: Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts, and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

December 25, 2016—January 1, 2017

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Christmas Day: *The Perfect Gift*

The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples "of all the nations," so that "all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." The Lord has "bared his holy arm" in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father, "whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world" (Heb. 1:2). As "all things were made through him" (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold "the radiance of the glory of God" (Heb. 1:3), "glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace, that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.

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: Jesus Christ was--and is--the perfect gift

Verse: John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Psalm: Psalm 96 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	2	116	34	2	96	93	98	97
Evening	98, 96	119;1-24, 27	19, 121	110, 111	132, 97	89:1-52	45, 96	99, 8

Catechism—The Lord’s Prayer—Second Article

<p><i>The Creed (Second Article)</i> And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,</p>	<p>1st Grade +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.</p>	<p>1st Grade +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.	
Sun.	Christmas Day: John 1:1-18	Is. 49:1-18	Matt. 1:1-17
Mon.	St. Stephen, Martyr-R: Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60	Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16	Matt. 1:18-25
Tue.	St. John, Apostle-W: John 21:20-25	Is. 51:17-52:12	Matt. 2:1-12
Wed.	Holy Innocents, Martyrs-R: Matthew 2:13-18	Is. 52:13-54:10	Matt. 2:13-23
Thur.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 55:1-13	Luke 1:1-25
Fri.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 58:1-59:3, 14-21	Luke 1:26-38

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

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 - Larry Hansen; Bill Voss—Shorehaven rehab; Margaret Voss; Phyllis Schuck; August Fortmann; Ann Duggan; Ken Groenke; Helen Kitzman; Trent Heinzl; Alex Knebel—recovering from severe burns; Tim Bratz; Laura Gruen—brain cancer; Pastor Borgman; Esther Hart; Karen Meyer; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; 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: Mike—cancer in bones; Ann Lillyroot; Dawn Hirn—ovarian cancer; Kathe Keithley—breast cancer; Sue (Dina Tanner's cousin); Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Daina Boppr—breast cancer; Quinn—breast cancer; Isiah Butler—Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law)—bladder cancer; Julie; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; Michael Graham; Jenny Lemke (friend of the Uttech's); Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Cheri (Tina Gartzke's friend); Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; 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: Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister) - MS; Lorraine Nehls (Pastor Scharnell's aunt); Bob King; Barb Schlomer (Dave's mom)—severe headaches; Steve Matter (Barbara Zimmerman's brother-in-law)—knee-replacement surgery; Dale Berger (Victoria's brother)—recovering from stroke; Cory—healing; Pam Gallina—knee-replacement surgery; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz's mom)—stroke; Mary—thyroid nodules; Dale Berger—stroke; Brayden Stacey—2 year-old with brain tumor; Henry (Susan Shepherd's dad); Ken; Don; Bruce—open heart surgery; Curt G.; Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch's dad); Ashlin—stage 4 renal failure; 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; 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: PFC Nicholas Lang (South Korea); 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 father of a member struggling with depression; the family of Helen Akers (April Tiedtke's mom) who died; the Ellenberger family; for children to do well in school, make good choices and succeed in the areas they enjoy; friends of a church member struggling in their marriage; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

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

<u>Looking forward to New Year's Eve/Day</u>	<i>December 31/January 1</i>
<i>Worship Service Times</i>	
Saturday, December 31	
5:30 pm: New Year's Eve Worship	
Sunday, January 1	
8:00 am: Traditional Worship	
10:30 am Contemporary Worship	

Family Promise Volunteer Sign-Up December 25th -January 1st

Yes, there is room in the Inn! Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming the families who do not have a place to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Saviors on December 25th-January 1st. Help us welcome guests and live out our Faith by giving the gift of your time in service this holiday season. **Currently there are 3 families in the program-a total of 4 adults and 4 children (18 month old, 2 years-old, 8 years -old and 11 years-old).** Please sign-up for any of the service opportunities by going to our church website: www.splco.org

Special Note: The Family Promise guests will be spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at a local hotel allowing for a time of respite for the families and the volunteers during these busy days. \$125.00 total is still needed. If you would like to make a donation toward the amount, please contact Laura Seipel (Our Savior's member) at [262-818-5725](tel:262-818-5725) or Mary Hickenbottom (St. Paul's member) at [414-333-3421](tel:414-333-3421).

Thank you for your willingness to serve and please continue to pray for these families and for the volunteers!

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016

Saturday	December 24	Family Worship Service The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Midnight	3:00 pm 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm 10:30 pm
Sunday	December 25	Christmas Day Service	9:00 am
Saturday	December 31	New Year's Eve Worship	5:30 pm
Sunday	January 1	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship	8:00 am 10:30 am

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: December 26th – January 1st
 ADVANCE THE MISSION
 REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY December 26 th	NO SCHOOOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
TUESDAY December 27 th	NO SCHOOOOL/OFFICE CLOSED Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY December 28 th	NO SCHOOOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
THURSDAY December 29 th	NO SCHOOOOL/OFFICE CLOSED Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY December 31 st	New Year's Eve Worship AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY January 1 st	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship	Church Church	8:00 am 10:30 am

ATTENDANCE

December 17/18

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm – 130

8:00 am—131

10:30 am – 119

380 Total; 28 visitors; 352 members

**ST. PAUL'S JANUARY 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.

December 24/25 3:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM 10:30 PM 9:00 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke Praise Team	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke
Special Music	Parish Choir	Angela Bleke	Dave Schlomer	Angela Bleke	Adult Choir
Acolytes	Warren Thurow Mia Thurow	Caden Moldenhauer	Colton Koepke	TBD	Nathan Oelsner
Altar Guild	Cheryl Oelsner	Martha Blanck	Mary Ann Ashworth	Barb Hentz	Jean Fisher
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bruce Bain	Mike Tesch	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A	N/A	Jim Juneau
Ushers	Bob Bratz	Gary Flanagan	Todd Leonhardt	Mike Papa	Rick Zastrow

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 5:30 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Acolytes	Colton Koepke	TBD	Nathan Oelsner
Altar Guild	Wendy Tesch	Leslyn Mueller	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
Elders	Wilbur Pieper	Bryan Polinske	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	John Melvin	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Jamie Stache
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN JANUARY 11th

The 5 Love Languages

The 5 Love Languages has transformed countless relationships. This study reveals how different people express love in different ways and contains the key to understanding each other's unique needs. How you perceive love may not be the same way your spouse does. Apply the right principles, learn the right language, and soon you'll know the profound satisfaction and joy of being able to express your love and feel truly loved in return.

Led by Pastor Steve and Angie Scharnell

Wednesday nights January 11-February 22 in Room #219 from 6:15-7:15

Final Registration is January 4th

Purchase of the book and reading it, is required.

To register:

Please contact Pastor Steve at 262-567-5001 or sscharnell@splco.org

or

Angie Scharnell at 920-285-1264 or angiescharnell@gmail.com

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

As we enter into the Christmas season, we are again reminded of God's great promise to all generations of a Savior to redeem us from our sin and provide for us a place in heaven. In our journey through the "Aging Gracefully" period of our lives, we see and sense more of God's fulfillment in that promise. All are welcomed to join us for this "soup & sandwich" Bible Study as we take a look at the journey God is providing for us and its eternal fulfillment in the loving and waiting arms of our Savior.

Led by Pastor Kelling

Wednesday afternoons January 11-February 22 in Room #219 from 12:00-1:30
Soup and coffee will be provided. Bring a sandwich and enjoy the fellowship!

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