

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 31st, 2016 & January 1st, 2017

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus
Jonathon Pickelmann, Principal
Volume 23

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

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

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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.

NEW YEAR'S 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.

Pastor Emeritus: John Kelling

New Year's Eve:

The Comfort of Old Shoes, Part 1

New Year's Day:

Breaking in New Shoes, Part 2

New Year's Eve & Day (8am) Order of Service

Divine Service 3, pg. 184

New Year's Day (10:30 Contemporary)

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 a member in praise to God for blessings received. 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 Connie Evans in loving memory of her mom, Irene Behl's, birthday.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Ayla Mavis** and **Archer David**. Ayla is the daughter of Alfonso & Christin (Bain) **Flores**. Her sponsors are David & Ashley Bain. Archer is the son of David & Ashley **Bain**. His sponsors are Channing & Courtney Mills. We will keep Ayla and Archer in our prayers.

***Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.**

REACHING DISCIPLES

LWML WILL NOT BE MEETING IN JANUARY

SERVING 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.

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!

GROWING DISCIPLES

LCMS STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES

Luke 2:21 "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord Saves. That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.

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!

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

New Year's Eve & Day

January 1—January 7, 2017

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: Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-8 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	97	48	111	103	99	72	104	19
Evening	99, 8	45, 29	107, 15	97, 97	96, 110	100, 67	118, 111	81, 113

Catechism—The Lord’s Prayer—Fifth & Sixth Petitions

<p><i>The Lord’s Prayer (Fifth Petition)</i> And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those trespass against us.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>
<p><i>The Lord’s Prayer (Sixth Petition)</i> And lead us not into temptation.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.</p>	<p>3rd Grade +</p>

New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.	
Sun.	The Child Destined for the Fall and Rising of Many—Luke 2:33-40	Is. 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80
Mon.	Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ-child—Luke 2:25-40	Is. 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
Tue.	The Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:1-12	Is. 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
Wed.	The Flight into Egypt—Matthew 2:13-15	Is. 63:15-65:7	Luke 2:41-52
Thur.	The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents—Matthew 2:16-23	Is. 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20
Fri.	The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:41-52	Is. 66:1-20	Luke 3:21-38

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

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through 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 – Kaylyn Nord—broken knee; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss—Shorehaven rehab; August Fortmann; Ann Duggan; Ken Groenke; Trent Heinzl; Alex Knebel—recovering from severe burns; Tim Bratz; Laura Gruen—brain cancer; Pastor Borgman; Esther Hart; 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; Dawn Hirn—ovarian cancer; Kathe Keithley—breast cancer; 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 Montenegro-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; 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; 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 family of Lorraine Nehls (Pastor Scharnell's aunt) 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.

Baptisms: Ayla Mavis, daughter of Alfonso & Christine (Bain) Flores—January 1st
Archer David, son of David & Ashley Bain—January 1st

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

**Looking forward to the Baptism of Our Lord/First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 7/8, 2017 (Pastor Kelling)**

Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Romans 6:1-11

Matthew 3:13-17

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: January 2nd – 8th

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY January 2 nd	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
TUESDAY January 3 rd	SPLS RESUMES Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY January 4 th	Parish Choir Adult Choir	Balcony Balcony	5:20 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY January 5 th	SPLS Girls' Warrior Classic (Basketball) Praise Team Practice	Gym Church	Varied 7:00 pm
FRIDAY January 6 th	SPLS Girls' Warrior Classic (Basketball)	Gym	Varied
SATURDAY January 7 th	SPLS Girls' Warrior Classic (Basketball) Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Gym Church Fellowship Hall	Varied 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY January 8 th	Traditional Worship <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Public School Confirmation Class Contemporary Worship SPLS Girls' Warrior Classic (Basketball) Sunday Night Alive Youth Group (5 th -12 th)	Church Various Rooms Fellowship Hall Room 219 Church Gym Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am Varied 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

December 24/25

Church Attendance:

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm—277

5:00 pm—350

7:00 pm—148

10:30 pm—101

Christmas Day

9:00 am—160

1036 Total; 146 visitors; 890 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.

THIS WEEKEND	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
Special Music	Bill & Bobbie Scheuer	Bill & Bobbie Scheuer	
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

NEXT WEEKEND	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Isaiah 42:1-9	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 3:13-17
Acolytes	Leann Wolf	Megan Frosch & Makenna Paar	Josie & Annalee Duchow
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
Elders	George Menden	Dave Meyer	John Melvin
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Cheryl Tesch	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Gary Flanagan	Mike Papa	John Melvin

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Isaiah 30:15-17

Pew Bible pg. 752

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,
"In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
But you were unwilling, and you said,
"No! We will flee upon horses";
therefore you shall flee away;
and, "We will ride upon swift steeds";
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.

Romans 8:31b-39

Pew Bible pg. 1201

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 12:35-40

Pew Bible pg. 1108

[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Numbers 6:22-27

Pew Bible pg. 145

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,
The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Galatians 3:23-29

Pew Bible pg. 1237

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Luke 2:21

Pew Bible pg. 1090

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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