

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



Christ is Risen



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"***

April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

Number 16

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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

**Theme:** *Our Revelation into Glory*

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 the Flanagan family in loving memory of Joe. 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 Mike & Wendy Tesch in praise to God for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

# REACHING DISCIPLES

## LWML

**Scholarship applications** are being accepted for women preparing for church work in the LCMS. Active female members of South Wisconsin District congregations who are preparing for “full time service”\* and are an undergraduate at one of the Synod’s educational institutions are eligible to apply. \*(Full-time service in the church is any position available through the Board of Assignments of the Synod). Forms are available at **LWML-SWD.org**. Deadline is April 30, 2017.

**Zone 17 LWML Spring Rally** will be hosted by St. Paul’s on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration and refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the program following at 6:30. The speaker will be from Family Promise of Waukesha County. There will be an ingathering of items for Family Promise. Items requested are: **ball point pens, tabbed file folders, gas cards, detergent pods, dryer sheets, mops, sponges, baskets/buckets with cleaning supplies** in them. If you cannot attend please place items in bin across from THEE Bookstore. **Everyone** interested is welcome and encouraged to attend.

## SUPPORT FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC!

St. Paul’s has been helping to support the LCMS mission in the Dominican Republic for several years, and this summer the Oelsner family will be teaming with members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Pewaukee to the DR for a week-long mission trip. We will be partnering with Lutheran missionaries to work in a group home for people with special needs and to help the ministry to continue to grow in an area that desperately needs the love of Jesus. Financial support is appreciated, along with prayers for the mission team and the people of the Dominican Republic. In the narthex is a board with 100 envelopes on it; each numbered with a dollar amount from 1 to 100. The goal is that each envelope would be taken, filled with the marked amount of money, and returned to the church office. If all envelopes are filled and returned, half of the cost of the trip will be covered! Please pray and listen for God’s direction as you consider how to support this mission trip. *“...through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor 9:11b)*

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Especially facing adversity, we have no firmer hope than following the Heavenly Father. Going through trials with Him beside us beats getting around trouble apart from Him. We must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29), however sensible men’s suggestions seem. *Heavenly Father, strengthen our stand upon Your Word. Amen.*

# SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul’s Marriage Retreat at Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI

November 10<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>

## Free-to-Serve Capital Campaign\*

as of April 3, 2017

<u>Campaign Pledges</u>	<u>\$1,119,970</u>
<u>Pledges Received</u>	<u>\$485,000</u>
<u>Distributions</u>	<u>\$358,200</u>
Mortgage Payments	\$275,000
Lutheran High School Association	\$17,600
Dominican Republic	\$8,800
Family Promise	\$8,800
Miscellaneous Expenses**	\$48,000
<u>Account Balance</u>	<u>\$126,800</u>

We encourage all members to prayerfully consider contributing to this worthwhile campaign, on a continuing basis, a one time basis, or whatever amount a member would be comfortable contributing.

\*Campaign runs September 1, 2015 thru August 31, 2018

\*\*Consulting Fees, brochures, etc.

## New Women's Bible Study Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>!

We are excited to begin a brand new women's Bible Study that will begin Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays (alternating Saturdays from Journeymen). The vision for this group is to grow into a ministry like that of Journeymen. As women in the Word, we will gather to lift up and encourage one another through Bible study and fellowship.

All women of confirmation age and older are invited to join us. (You do not have to be a member of St. Paul's.) We realize that schedules are busy, and that you may not be able to attend all the time, but please don't let this discourage you from attending at all.

Our first study will be 6 sessions using the book, ***More to Your Story: Discover Your Place in God's Plan*** by Max Lucado. Following that study, we will begin an 8 session study using the book, ***Living the Chocolate Life*** by Deb Burma.

**Start Date:** Saturday, May 6

**Time:** 7:30 AM

**Location:** Whelan's Coffee Shop (in the loft)  
163 E Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc

**Registration:** None needed – just come and join us

**Purchase the book:** Barnes & Noble online, or Amazon

**Prepare:** Read the Introduction and review the Session 1 Study Guide (*in the back of the book*)

**Facilitated by:** Sara Junio: 262-490-2879 or [sarajunio527@gmail.com](mailto:sarajunio527@gmail.com)  
Cheryl Tesch: 920-285-3628 or [cheryl.tesch@ymail.com](mailto:cheryl.tesch@ymail.com)

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### LARRY HANSEN BENEFIT ON JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> AT THE OKAUCHEE LEGION

A benefit is scheduled June 10<sup>th</sup> for Larry Hansen and his medical expenses. The benefit includes a motorcycle ride, silent auction, live auction, raffles, live music and food.

We are searching for silent auction donations. Please contact Sara Junio (sarajunio527@gmail.com or 262.490.2879) if you are interested in donating something. Items can be dropped off at the Legion directly or she will arrange transportation for you.

### CHURCH CARPETING FUNDING HAS BEEN MET!

We are pleased to announce that our new church carpeting is fully funded! To God be the glory! The Ladies Aid would like to thank all of those who contributed to help make this possible. We could not have done this without your generosity! We are still accepting contributions for any unforeseen circumstances that may arise during the installation of the new carpet. The tentative time frame for the installation is this summer.

### KETTLE MORAINÉ SYMPHONY

The Kettle Moraine Symphony (KMS) and Moraine Chorus return to the Basilica of Holy Hill Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. to perform Mozart's Great Mass in C minor. Peter Gibeau, director of the Moraine Chorus, will guest conduct.

### NOW HIRING

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center is hiring! We are looking for a well-qualified individual for a part-time position that has full-time potential. We offer competitive pay and benefits. If you have experience and education in Early Childhood Education and would like to work in a family style environment, send your resume, certifications and other information Christine Flores, Center Director at christine@splco.org.

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Psalms 112:5-7. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered for ever. He is not afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. *Father please help us to be as generous and kind as your Son Jesus. Amen.*

# Operating Statement Summary

as of March 31, 2017

Detailed financials are available in the office

<u>Church</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$722,043	\$718,050
Expense	\$519,848	\$520,009
Net Income	\$202,195	\$198,041
<u>School</u>		
Income	\$639,388	\$644,924
Expense	\$830,748	\$841,592
Net Income	(\$191,360)	(\$196,668)
<u>Total</u>		
Income	\$1,361,431	\$1,362,974
Expense	\$1,350,596	\$1,361,601
**Net Income	\$10,835	\$1,373

\*\*Though the “net” numbers are presently positive, because of lower than anticipated income, higher-than-budgeted financial aid assistance for students, and a large donor moved away, we anticipate a budget shortfall of \$25,000 - \$40,000 by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2017). However, God has blessed us with some unanticipated income; some members increased their donation to the school’s scholarship fund, and we received a sizable premium refund from our health care provider. Please know, your Church Leadership Team is vigilant to practice God’s standards of good stewardship of His gifts.

## TOWN HALL MEETING – Financial Update

Please attend this **VERY** important Financial Update Town Hall meeting **Sunday, April 30**, after the contemporary service. We will review our financial status for this fiscal year 2016-2017, and will review our upcoming budget for our next fiscal year 2017-2018. Any questions, please contact Jon Schmeling, President, through the church office at 262-567-5001.

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The Second Sunday of Easter: Our Revelation into Glory*

*April 23 –30, 2017*

## **Our Revelation into Glory**

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those whom they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "living hope" to which we have been "born again" and by which we are guarded "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "though you have not seen him, you love him," and by the mercies of God "you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

## **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**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Christ Jesus breathes his Spirit and his life into us by the ministry of the Gospel.

**Verse:** Matthew 10:32-33 Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

**Psalms:** Psalm 16 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>	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
<b>Evening</b>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	136, 117

**The Catechism: Ten Commandments—4-10 (Primary Texts); Table of Duties—To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19**

<p><b>Ten Commandments—4-10 (Primary Texts)</b>          4. Honor your father and your mother.          5. You shall not murder.          6. You shall not commit adultery.          7. You shall not steal.          8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor          9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.          10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</p>	Pre+
<p>Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives,          And treat them with respect as the weaker partner          And as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life,          So that nothing will hinder your prayers</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1 Peter 3:7</b></p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p>Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Colossians 3:19</b></p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +

**The Second Sunday of Easter: *Our Revelation into Glory***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<b>Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Resurrected Lord Appears in the Upper Room—John 20:19-31	Ex. 20:1-24	Luke 4:1-15
<b>Mon.</b>	The Resurrection—Matthew 28:1-15	Ex. 22:20-23:13	Luke 4:16-30
<b>Tue.</b>	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27	Ex. 23:14-33	Luke 4:31-44
<b>Wed.</b>	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35	Ex. 24:1-18	Luke 5:1-16
<b>Thur.</b>	Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49	Ex. 25:1-22	Luke 5:17-39
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31	Ex. 31:1-18	Luke 6:1-19

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

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **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** – Duane Peterson—undergoing tests; Carol Fellin—cancer; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain cancer; Esther Hart; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider—recovering from fall; Ethan Meyer—brain tumor; Mabel Fredrick; Agnes Thurow; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Iris Jahnke—hospice; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; Dan Callahan (Tom & Pat Truebenbach's brother-in-law); Judy (Amy Hackbarth's friend)—lung cancer; Grandpa Dave (family friend of Nagel's)—bladder cancer; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Daina Boppr—breast cancer; Quinn—breast cancer; 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; Jan; Mike Ball; Jessica; Chris Moha—breast cancer; Amy (Heather Gartzke's friend); 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-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer)

**Other:** Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister) liver problems; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Scott Zimmerman—broken wrist; Tina Hahn (BJ Lavota's sister)—heart stent; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Lois—hospice; Shawn—vascular problems; Jennifer—digestive absorption issues; Kat's mom—broken leg; Kristal—lung surgery; Jennifer (Rick & Kathy Ware's daughter)—undergoing tests; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Jane Nordstrom (Lois Wolf's mom)—continued healing & good test results;

Rose (Pastor Krug's aunt); Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister)—MS; Barb Schlomer (Dave's mom)—severe headaches; Cory—healing; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz's mom)—stroke; Brayden Stacey—2 year-old with brain tumor; Ken; Don; Bruce—open heart surgery; Curt G; Ashlin—stage 4 renal failure; Clem—high calcium heart; Ken (Kathie Ware's twin brother)—congestive heart failure; Bob—prostrate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Kelly; Brian Kloskowski—MS; Logyn; Pat—afib; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower's brother-in-law); Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Lynne Kramer (Susie Meyer's dad); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Dwain Kline (Jennifer Truchan's grandpa)—hospice; 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); 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 Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch's dad), who passed away; protection and guidance for the grandson of a member who has moved away and broken all contact with his family; the Ellenberger family; the Stephen Ministry program—for the teachers and students; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Anniversary:** Rodger & MaryLou Pagenkopf—46<sup>th</sup>—April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"**

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**Looking forward to the Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 29/30, 2017**

**Hymns: 469, 476 (483, 640, 481) 482**

***Christ at the Center (Pastor O'Donnell)***

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). As Christ opens the Scriptures to us He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27); that is, that He is the center of the Biblical message. He calls us to repentance, and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).



St. Paul's Lutheran School is offering Summer School again this summer for those interested. You do not need to be a student of St. Paul's to attend. Brochures are available at [splco.org](http://splco.org), on the counter in the Narthex or by contacting the school office at [chris@splco.org](mailto:chris@splco.org) or 262.567.5001.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for the year **2017**. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is **\$95.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach. ***You may also contribute any amount to the "radio fund" at any time.***

Apr. 30  
May 14  
Jun. 18

Sept. 17  
Nov. 23  
Dec. 3

Dec. 10  
Dec. 17

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

Please dedicate to \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Life Together Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings***

**April 26, May 3, 10, 17**

*Life Together* is advanced, group-study oriented Bible Classes for adults, each Wednesday from 6:15 pm—7:15 pm. Please come join us!

### ***PARENTING DIGITAL NATIVES: Resources and Discussion for Parents***

***Led by Rev. Lance O'Donnell and Dr. David Schlomer***

***Room 219 (Adult Education Room)***

Does your child have a small screen digital device?

Pastor O'Donnell and Dr. Schlomer will present information and suggest resources for parents to manage the dangers and benefits of small screen devices. The Oconomowoc Police Department school resource officer for Oconomowoc High School, Officer Adam Parkhurst, (a graduate of Milwaukee Lutheran High School) will present and lead discussion on May 3.

Format will be brief presentation and roundtable discussion with parents in attendance. Goal is to help parents be more aware of critical issues and better prepared to guide our children in healthy digital behavior.

Discussion Topics:

- April 26: Saints and Sinners on the Small Screen (Rev. O'Donnell)
- May 3: Resources for Parents from the Trenches (Officer Parkhurst)
- May 10: A Guide to Research on the Impact of Screens (Dr. Schlomer)
- May 17: How Much Leash do We Give? (Dr. Schlomer and Pastor O'Donnell)

### ***Evangelism and Outreach***

***Led by Pastor Scharnell***

***Room 201 (Library)***

In the Great Commission Jesus told us to do 4 things: Go ... make disciples ... baptize them ... and teach them to obey. Why is this? This is because salvation is the most important thing there is. It is so important that God sent His only Son to die for the whole world, and He did, guaranteeing salvation for all who believe. The work of salvation is done, and yet not everyone is saved. This is because salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ. No one comes to the Father except through the Son. Salvation is ONLY through faith in Jesus Christ. This faith only comes through the Word. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. That is it.

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The problem is that the devil does an amazing job in convincing people that salvation can be achieved in a number of ways, i.e. "all roads lead to heaven." This is why we are called. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all, because God wishes all to be saved. We have a huge mission field right outside our doors.

Does your heart break when you think about all of the lost? Is your prayer that all the lost be brought to faith? Are you intimidated and/or confused with the myriad of religions and beliefs out there? Are you afraid that you won't know what to say to someone when they question your faith? Then please prayerfully consider the next Bible study I am offering.

This Spring I will be offering a study on evangelism and outreach. The topics of discussion will include:

- † All Places Are Mission Fields
- † Reach Your Community
- † Reach Out to Different Cultures and Ages
- † Get to Know Unbelievers
- † Help Others to Repent
- † Touch Broken Lives

Please join us as we discuss the current issues and obstacles in reaching out and serving those in our own community. As the children of God, you have the greatest gift to share. Be an active member of the body of Christ through serving others

Pastor Steve Scharnell

**SIGN UP FOR THE "LIFE TOGETHER"  
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES BELOW  
(INFO ON THE STUDIES ARE ABOVE)**

PLEASE RETURN SLIP TO THE OFFICE

**BIBLE STUDY CHOICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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: April 24<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Training	Room 201 Room 201	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY April 26 <sup>th</sup>	New Member Sponsor Committee Mtg. Parish Choir Evangelism & Outreach Bible Study Parenting Digital Natives Bible Study Adult Choir	Room 201 Balcony Room 203 Library Balcony	3:00 pm 5:20 pm 6:15 pm 6:15 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:30 pm
SATURDAY April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Time to Grow (Sunday School) Public School Confirmation Class Contemporary Worship Financial Update Town Hall Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Room 219 Church Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am

# ATTENDANCE

April 13/14/16

**Church Attendance:**

Maundy Thursday - 145

Good Friday - 496

Easter Sunrise (6:00 am) - 108

8:00 am - 372

10:30 am - 287

Easter: 767 Total; 68 visitors; 699 members

**ST. PAUL'S APRIL 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**

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	SPLS 4K & K/Dave Meyer	SPLS 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades/Dave Meyer	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Makenna Paar	Hannah Tuff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiieg
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Bruce Bain	Mark Thurow
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
<b>Lectors</b>	Gary Ketchum	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A

**NEXT WEEK**

**5:30 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Psalms 116:1-14	1 Peter 1:17-25	Luke 24:13-35
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jamie Stache	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Bryan Polinske	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Lectors</b>	Erik Benes	Gary Ketchum	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Zastrow	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **Acts 5:29–42 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1162*

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

## **1 Peter 1:3–9 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1293*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **St. John 20:19-31 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1154*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.