

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"*

April 29th & 30th, 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 17

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 THIRD 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: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Christ at the Center*

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul's Marriage Retreat at
Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI
November 10th—12th

BAPTISM

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Levi Andrew**. He is the son of Jesse & Kelly (Andrews) **Phelps**. His sponsors are Dan & Kristina Lessuise and Dustin Phelps. We will keep Levi 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

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 2nd. 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

The Son of God's lifeblood has ransomed the whole human race from death's futile ways (1 Peter 1:18-19). The promise and privileges of inheriting and inhabiting His kingdom are for all, including children (Acts 2:39) and those occupying life's edges. *Lamb of God, allow us to accompany You in gathering Your household together. Amen.*

SERVING DISCIPLES

LARRY HANSEN BENEFIT ON JUNE 10th AT THE OKAUCHEE LEGION

A benefit is scheduled June 10th 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.

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

LADIES AID MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 4th at **5:30 pm** (please note the time change). We will be discussing the results of the Fish Dinner and planning for the Mother~Daughter ~Friend Banquet on May 16th. Please remember to bring deodorant and/or shampoo for the Lord's Cupboard.

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Obeying God's word may not always feel convenient, but it is essential to our spiritual health. Samuel queried Saul in 1 Samuel 15:1-23. Has the Lord as much pleasure in your burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in your obedience? Obedience is far better than sacrifice. For rebellion is as bad as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as bad as a wicked act and as worshipping idols. *Lord Jesus, help us to see things through your eyes, please open the eyes of our minds and hearts. Amen* (Luke 24:45 Then he (Jesus) opened their minds to understand the scriptures.)

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Third Sunday of Easter: Christ at the Center
April 30 – May 7, 2017

Christ at the Center

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)

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: The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Scripture’s central message.

Verse: John 11:25-26a I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26a And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

Psalm: Psalm 23 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	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
Evening	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 Wives: Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6

<p>Ten Commandments—4-10 (Primary Texts) 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>Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord. Ephesians 5:22</p>	3 rd Grade +
<p>[This is the way the holy women of the past Who put their hope in God Used to make themselves beautiful.] They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5-6</p>	1 st Grade +

The Third Sunday of Easter: *Christ at the Center*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	I Am the Good Shepherd—John 10:11-16	Ex. 32;15-35	Luke 6:39-49
Mon.	The First Battle—Exodus 17:8-16	Ex. 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17
Tue.	The Advice of Jethro, the Father-in-law of Moses—Exodus 18:1-27	Ex. 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35
Wed.	Israel Encamps at Mount Sinai—Exodus 19:1-25	Ex. 34:29-35:21	Luke 7:36-50
Thur.	The Lord Gives the Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:1-24 (25-26)	Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21
Fri.	The Lord Makes His Covenant with Israel—Exodus 23:20—24:18	Ex. 29:32-40:16	Luke 8:22-39

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

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 – Jacob Juneau; 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 Christenson—dementia & stroke; 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; protection and guidance for the grandson of a member who has moved away and broken all contact with his family; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Baptism: Levi Andrew, son of Jesse & Kelly Phelps—April 30th

Thanksgiving: Jack & Sharon Stoner—for their son, Kent, and his release from the hospital

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

Hymn of the Week: “Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”

LSB 476

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday of Easter + Confirmation May 6/7, 2017

Hymns: 740, 709 (740, 534, 463) 465

I Just Wanna Have a Shepherd (Pastor O’Donnell)

Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us (Psalm 23). Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd.

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 *this **Sunday***, 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.

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: May 1st–7th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY May 1 st	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Stephen Ministry Training	Hallway Room 201	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY May 2 nd	LWML Zone Rally Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY May 3 rd	Evangelism & Outreach Bible Study Parenting Digital Natives Bible Study Adult Choir	Room 201 Room 219 Balcony	6:15 pm 6:15 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY May 4 th	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	5:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY May 6 th	Women's Bible Study Confirmation Practice Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY May 7 th	Traditional Worship + Confirmation NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Reception for Confirmands Contemporary Worship	Church Gym Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

ATTENDANCE

April 22/23

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm—119

8:00 am—202

10:30 am—158

479 Total; 27 visitors; 452 members

**ST. PAUL'S MAY 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	In His Light
Special Music	Parish Choir	SPLS Concert Choir	
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Barb Star
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	Erik Benes	Gary Ketchum	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Rick Zastrow	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

NEXT WEEK

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Hannah Tuff
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Donna Andrus	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Bruce Bain	Dave Meyer	Scott Kalien
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Gary Pribnow (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Chad Eberhardt	Don Meyer	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Mike Papa	Scott Kalien

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 116:1-14 ~ ESV

—Pew Bible pg. 648

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";

I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

1 Peter 1:17-25 ~ ESV

— Pew Bible pg. 1294

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

St. Luke 24:13-35 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1125

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.