



# JUNE/JULY EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND KINDER PLACE

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As I write this, it is May 16 and it's supposed to get into the 80's today. Summer is close. As you read this I am sure that summer vacation has started or is about to. Summer is my favorite time of year. We get a break in the summer. The kids get a break from school. As families, we usually take a break in the form of a family vacation, or at least a staycation. We get a break from the cold and snow. We get a break from stale inside air as we open the windows. We get a break from store bought fruits and vegetables through gardens, roadside stands, and farmer's markets. I'm sure you could all add more items to this list.

Maybe you know what I am going to say next. I am your pastor, so here it comes. I don't understand why some people add church to the list of things they take a break from in the summer. Why, when the weather gets nice do we think that we don't need the gifts that God freely give us in the Divine Service? We didn't learn this from Jesus.

It was the custom of Jesus Christ and His apostles to attend Sabbath services either at the Temple in Jerusalem, or at a synagogue if they were away from Jerusalem. **Luke 4:16**, "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read." When it says, "as was His custom" it means that it was their habit. They attended church on a regular basis.

Through the author of the epistle to the Hebrews, God commands Christians not to skip gathering together: **Hebrews 10:24-25**, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

And of course we read God's direct command in Leviticus. **Leviticus 23:3**, "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places." Convocation literally means "speak together," "an assembly." In this case, God commands a sacred assembly on the Sabbath for instruction and fellowship with other believers.

I'll stop there. My request and prayer is that you keep church as a priority in the summer. God doesn't take a break from serving us. The gifts of His Word and Sacrament are there in the summer too. So as you enjoy your family this summer, continue to enjoy your family in Christ here at St. Paul's. If you are out of town, find a good LCMS church to attend. Enjoy the wonderful blessings from God all year long.

**Pastor Steve Scharnell**



## From the Pastor

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

### *Sing, Men, Sing!*

"Dad, people tell me that's crazy when I tell them that you and Mom got engaged after dating for only four months."

We had a good laugh about that in the car after my daughter made the comment... and then a great conversation about relationships, what my wife and I learned from our previous mistakes, about the importance of family and involving them in your decisions, etc. And then we got talking about our wedding. Grandma was in the car with us and told the kids about how we had the church choir at our wedding, with lots of singing. Then Grandma said, "And your Dad did a solo."

"Dad, you did a solo at your wedding?" I laughed, and Grandma started giggling, "That was before your dad learned how to sing. He left his microphone on when the congregation was singing and... well, [basically] he couldn't follow the tune."

That was kind, actually. It was... *cringeworthy*.

I auditioned for the seminary choir... and didn't make it. But I sang in the little chapel choir and began to learn to sing... Over time I got better, even to the point where I occasionally get compliments on my singing. I'm thankful for that, because hearing me sing at my wedding was painful, like the microphone on in the bathroom scene in the comedy *The Naked Gun*. Not awesome. ☺

A brief word of encouragement to all, especially to men and boys: Sing, men, sing! The church needs your voice, needs you willing to learn. Men are called to lead their families in prayer, and there is *nothing* quite like a group of men singing. It is contagious. And, frankly, if the men will swallow their pride and sing, even if they can't sing like Frank Sinatra or Bruno Mars or Chris Stapleton, they will learn, and our families will be blessed, and the riches of deep and beautiful church music will be preserved and extolled.

**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."** (Colossians 3:16, ESV)

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Thursday of Easter 5. 18 May, A.D. 2017



## Grab your parka and snow boots!

For VBS 2017, we're headed deep into the stunning Arctic Circle that is filled with treasure and thrilling to explore! And be sure to pack your Bible—we'll be learning all about that breathtakingly beautiful Book that is filled with treasure and thrilling to explore!

# Volunteer Registration

**JUNE 19-22, 2017**  
**8:00 am - 11:00 am**

### Before VBS, I would like to help by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing craft materials        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with administrative tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning decorations             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating classrooms             | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting banners, backdrops, set |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building sets                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning publicity                |   |

### During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

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| Arctic Club:                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| Crafts:                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| Snacks:                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| Games:                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| Music:                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| Missions:                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| Nursery:                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound/AV      | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant |

### Age-Level Preference (grade entering for 2017-18 school year):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K3-Kindergarten | <input type="checkbox"/> 5th-6th grade   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st-2nd grade       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wherever needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd-4th grade       |  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Days Available:

- Every day
- Certain days (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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## St. Paul's Ladies Aid

To all who attended or helped in any way with our Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Oconomowoc Golf club, you have our many thanks. A fun evening was enjoyed by all—the fellowship, the good food and the celebration of ladies. A special thanks to Debbie Prange and Barb Brockway for sharing their love of quilting—two very talented ladies! Thank you to Mark Ebert for the beautiful flowers. Another special thanks to Carrie, Hadley, Elsianna, Samantha, Nadine, Brigitte, Gwen and Josie for making their paper quilts and showing them.

June 1<sup>st</sup> will be our next meeting—the last of the year. More information on this meeting can be found below. Please consider joining us in September, as we can always use more helping hands. Blessings to everyone who helped make this year so successful. Have a great summer!

# COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS



The weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, our new Stephen ministers will be commissioned at all of the worship services. Please join us in congratulating Tina Gartzke, Brenda Nagel and Michelle Oddsen. We appreciate your hard work and the hard work of the Stephen Leaders. God's blessings to you as you serve St. Paul's in this valuable ministry.

## LWML & LADIES AID COMBINED MEETING

Our last meeting before summer will be held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at Rosati's at 6:00 p.m. We will have an evening of fellowship after a brief devotion and meeting. Contact Kathy Mueller (262-468-6926) or Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262-567-7905) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you all there!

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### Baptisms

Hope Elizabeth-Lee, daughter of Scott & Renee (Durand) Mathis  
Levi Andrew, son of Jesse & Kelly (Andrews) Phelps

### Received by Affirmation of Faith

Fay Lageman-Miller

### Confirmation

Benjamin Thomas Burlage	Genevieve Kinsman	Noah Benjamin Thiel
Matthew Kenneth Burlage	Colin Edward Leonhardt	Warren Leo Thurow
Josephine Renée Duchow	Makenna Elizabeth Paar	Kathryn Rose Watterson
Tyler Phillip Flood	Dylan N. Ratzow	Kody James Watterson
Jakob Roger Gilleran	Cameron A. Rozek	Molly Rose Wilke
Maxwell Lee Johnson	Hannah Showen	Leann Monika Wolf

### Transfer to another LCMS church

Kristie Santosus – St. John's Lutheran Church, West Bend, WI

**Baptized 1857      Confirmed 1109**

**SATURDAY**

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**WORSHIP**

**SERVICE**

**TIME**

**3:00 PM**



# JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>8:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry</p>	<p>8:00 pm Ladies Aid/LWML @ Rosalits 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8:30 pm Lakeside Worship</p>	<p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>		<p>7:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm <b>Traditional Worship</b> 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.</p>	<p>8:15 pm Church Properties Meeting 8:30 pm Board of Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8:30 pm Lakeside Worship</p>	<p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8:00 am Youth Rummage</p>	<p>7:30 am Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Youth Rummage 5:00 pm <b>Traditional Worship</b> 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>8:30 am VBS 8:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Meal</p>	<p>8:00 am VBS 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8:00 am VBS 8:30 pm Lakeside Worship</p>	<p>8:00 am VBS 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8:00 pm Reiner/Russell Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:30 am Journeymen 8:00 pm Reiner/Russell Wedding 5:00 pm <b>Traditional Worship</b> 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>8:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8:30 pm Lakeside Worship</p>	<p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>		

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## JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

June 5th <b>Barb Krug</b>	July 7th <b>Fred Boldt</b> <b>Patricia Gartzke</b>
June 4th <b>Lucy Fredrick</b>	July 9th <b>Harriet Groose</b>
June 5th <b>Ronna Pagenkopf</b>	July 10th <b>Ken Dinnauer</b> <b>Gary Ketchum</b>
June 15th <b>James Thiel</b>	July 11th <b>Barb Melvin</b> <b>Wilbur Pieper</b> <b>Johanna Walter</b>
June 18th <b>Judith Falstad</b>	July 12th <b>Dorothy Mitchell</b>
June 22nd <b>Mabel Fredrick</b> <b>Gwen Nicholson</b> <b>Barbara Wildes</b>	July 15th <b>John Melvin</b>
June 23rd <b>Karen Schultz</b>	July 17th <b>Alice Tetzlaff</b>
June 24th <b>Richard Buss</b> <b>William Voss</b>	July 22nd <b>Gemma Kitzman</b>
June 25th <b>Belle Romback</b>	July 25th <b>Arline Ruhs</b>
June 28 <b>LouAnn Wolter</b>	July 26th <b>Florence Zastrow</b>
July 1st <b>Marilyn Marohn</b>	July 30th <b>Florence Kroll</b>
July 3rd <b>Linda Uttech</b>	

*For our members 70+ years*



## MEMORIALS

John Ewald

\$10.00

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### WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 567.5001 x217

Pastor Steve Scharnell 567.5001 x216

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001

Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001

Principal - Jon Pickelmann 567.5001 x213

FAX 567.1207

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### RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship  
Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM  
& [www.wtkm.com](http://www.wtkm.com)

### THE KINDER PLACE

Christian Pre-School & Day Care  
Director Christine Flores 567-4881

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

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Newsletter deadline for articles,  
announcements and features is the  
2nd Wednesday of the month

PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE OF  
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## SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The Board of Elders has voted to move change the Start time of the Saturday evening service to 5:00 pm. **This change will be in effect starting with the June 3<sup>rd</sup> service.** This change is based on the feedback we received from the congregation. 64% of the survey respondents voted in favor of the move.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours will be 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, effective June 5<sup>th</sup>- August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Please make a note of this.

## Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will return on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs! Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. (If there is inclement weather, services will be moved into the sanctuary.)