

Hold on to the Word

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The 6th Sunday of Easter
21 May, A.D. 2017
Ps. 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Jesus continues to encourage His disciples.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

In this context, when Jesus says “commandments” He isn’t just referring to the Ten Commandments.

What is Jesus talking about?

Jesus says that He will give the disciples a helper.

Who is the helper?

Hold on to the Word. Remain in the Word. Abide in the Word.

John 8:31b-32, “If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.”

What is the Truth that Jesus is speaking of?

John 14:19, “Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”

Romans 6:3-4, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Better prioritize the time you spend in the Word with the time you spend in other media.

James 1:25, “But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

Although we are saved by grace through faith, being a doer of the Word goes hand in hand with faith.

2017 Leadership Positions

POSITION	CURRENT	Term Ends	CANDIDATE	Term Ends
President			**George Menden	2018
Vice President #1	Open	2018	Dave Meyer	2019
Vice President #2			** Jon Schmeling	2018
Treasurer			Aaron Boldt	2019
Education Committee, Director			Scott Kalien	2019
Operations Committee, Director				
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		2	Rick Zastrow	2019
		3	Wilbur Pieper	2019
		4	Erik Benes	2019
Board of Elders		5	Tom Truebenbach	2018
		6	Arno Kirchenwitz	2018
		7	Mark Thurow	2018
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**On July 1, 2016, St Paul's began operating under a new Constitution and Bylaws. The new Bylaws state:

In even numbered years, the following positions shall be elected: President, Vice President #1, Treasurer, Director and ½ members of the Board of Elders, (or ½ minus 1 member if the board has an odd number of members).

Since St Paul's has only been operating under these new bylaws for a year, the President, Treasurer, and Director of Board of Elders will be up for election again in 2018.

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER BBQ

WHERE: ST. PAUL'S

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

5:30 BBQ POTLUCK

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES & A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE

6:00 PARENT & YOUTH MEETING

WE WILL DISCUSS SUMMER & FALL YOUTH EVENTS FOR 5TH-12TH

6:30 OUTDOOR GAMES & CAMPFIRE



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Middle School Lock-In

Over 70 youth participated in the game night/ lock-in on April 7th & 8th. They enjoyed a fun night filled with games, devotions led by some of our high school youth, and fellowship. A special thanks to all of the adults who helped make this event happen: Adam & Nicole Tanney, Ben Mueller, Gary Johnson, Todd & Kristen Metcalf, Doug Martin, Lois Wolf, Jerry & Susan DeWitz as well as many others who came in on Saturday morning to help with breakfast and clean up. Thank you!

Easter Breakfast

Twelve youth & fourteen adults helped to prepare and serve our Easter breakfast this year. We also had many donate items for the breakfast. Thank you all for making this a great time of food and fellowship for our congregation on Easter Sunday!

Coming Up

Summer BBQ – May 21st

Rummage Sale – June 16th-18th

Laser Tag for HS Youth – Date TBD

Local Mission Event for HS Youth – Event & Date TBD

Questions: Contact Adam Tanney at adam@splco.org or Wendy Petersen at wnpetersen@gmail.com

CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD!

SWD Circuit 21 Ascension Service

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc

Thursday, May 25

**Dinner 5:30 p.m.
Service 7 p.m.**

The service offering will go to the summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic & "Free at Last" Prison Ministry.

St. Paul's Fellowship Coffee Hour



hosted by...



The Church Leadership Team

May 21st!

(Mark your calendars for the 3rd Sunday of each month!)

May Hosts: The Church Leadership Team (CLT)

Time: 9:15 am to 10:25 am

Stay after the 8am Service!

Come a little early for the 10:30 Service!

Where: St. Paul's school lobby & hallway **or**
outside by the lobby doors on sunny days

Welcome new members & visitors!
Enjoy the fellowship of our church members!

Coffee, milk, juice, water and sweet treats will be served

Free-to-Serve Capital Campaign*

as of May 15, 2017

<u>Campaign Pledges</u>	<u>\$1,119,970</u>
<u>Pledges Received</u>	<u>\$498,950</u>
<u>Distributions</u>	<u>\$358,200</u>
<i>Mortgage Payments</i>	<i>\$275,000</i>
<i>Lutheran High School Assoc.</i>	<i>\$17,600</i>
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	<i>\$8,800</i>
<i>Family Promise</i>	<i>\$8,800</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses**</i>	<i>\$48,000</i>
<u>Account Balance</u>	<u>\$140,750</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 Sep 1, 2015 thru Aug 31, 2018*

***Consulting Fees, brochures, etc.*