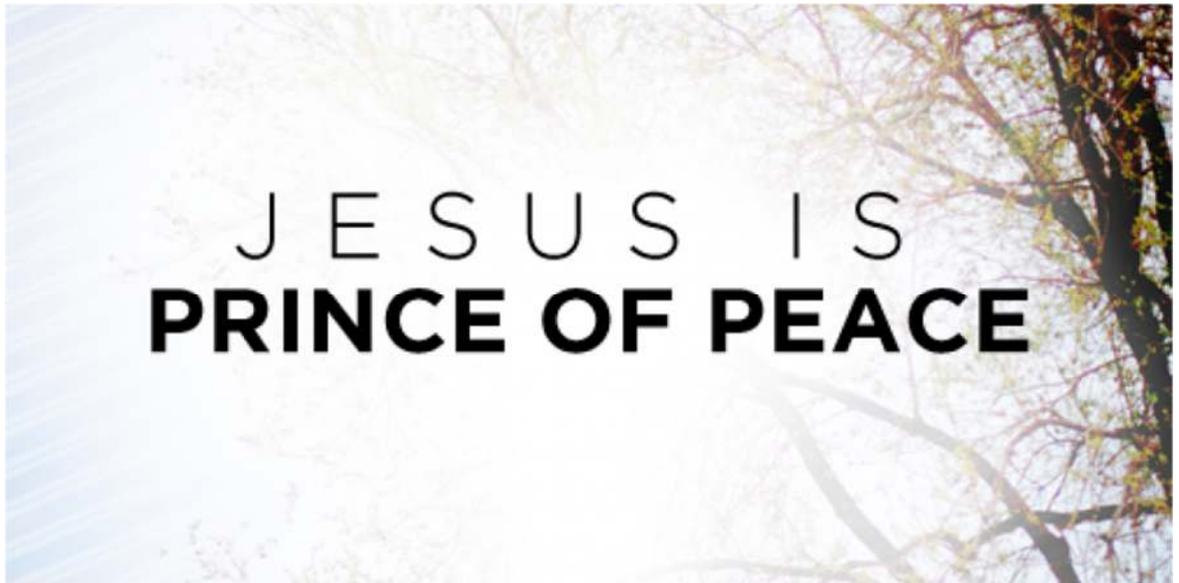


St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



210 East Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: www.splco.org

Worship Schedule: *Saturday 5:00 pm * Sunday 8:00 am Traditional *
* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary * Wednesday 6:30 pm Lakeside *

St. Paul's Mission Statement: *"Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"*

July 1st & 2nd, 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 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Number 25

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 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Come to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *The Prince of Peace?*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 4, pg. 203

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 Pastor & Pat Borgman in loving memory of their parents. 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 John & Julie Albright in praise to God for their 29th wedding anniversary on June 4th.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

REACHING DISCIPLES

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDED ITEMS

If you are able to provide these items, please leave them in the wicker container marked Family Promise. Visa Gift Cards and cash donations are also welcome-please put them in an envelope marked Family Promise and place in the offering plate or deliver to the church office. Or deliver these items to the Family Promise Day Center located at 543 A J Allen Cir D, Wales, WI 53183 (just east of Le Duc's on Hwy 18). Contact Mary Hickenbottom with any questions [414.333.3421](tel:414.333.3421) or mary@splco.org *Thank you for your continued support and prayers of this much needed community program!*

- twin comforter and sheets
- 13 gal garbage bags
- hand soap
- dish soap
- Lysol disinfectant spray
- toilet paper

LORD'S CUPBOARD DATES FOR JULY

The pantry will be closed on July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. We will be open on Saturday, July 8th from 10am-11am. We will be serving the community meal and the pantry will be open as usual on the 3rd Monday which is July 17th from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Donations of your surplus garden vegetables will be welcome when they are ready! *Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.* Want to help? Please contact Mary Hickenbottom with questions. [414-333-3421](tel:414.333.3421) or mary@splco.org

LWML

MISSION MINUTE UPDATE

Women from every LC-MS district numbering 3,471 attended the 75th Anniversary Convention in Albuquerque NM last weekend. The 563 delegates voted on the **\$2.75 million** mission goal for the 2017-2019 biennium for 22 grants. A complete list of grants can be found at the LWML board across from Thee Bookstore. It seems like an unachievable goal but we funded our previous \$2 million mission grants goal. Only 25¢ of every mite dollar goes on to fund these national grants, while the remaining 75¢ cents funds our district projects. What an amazing God to accomplish this! Please continue to support those mite boxes as we look forward to the next biennium.

SEEKING STORAGE SPACE

We purchased a wonderful used pop-up camper from a pastor friend, but we need a place to store it when not in use. Does anyone have a storage space, garage, barn, etc. that we might be able to rent affordably? If so, please contact me.

--Pastor O'Donnell_+

GOLF OUTING FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Saturday, July 8th, with a shotgun start at 11:00 am. Sign up by contacting Todd at Paganica Golf Course [262.567.0171](tel:262.567.0171). \$85 per person or \$340 per foursome includes 18 holes, power cart, raffles, hole events, prizes and dinner! (\$10 more per person after July 1).

SERVING DISCIPLES

CONGREGATIONAL DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH CHALLENGE

At our Special Voters' Meeting last Sunday, as part of the 2017/2018 Financial Ministry Plan, a salary reduction of 5% (\$36,825) for the teachers and pastors was presented to the congregation. A generous member came forward with a dollar-for-dollar challenge and has agreed to match (up to \$18,000), which will allow our teachers and pastors to not have to undergo the reduction in salary. Please join us in showing our faculty and pastors how valued and important they are to us. Donations need to be above and beyond weekly offerings and *Free to Serve* commitments. They should be earmarked: *Dollar-for-Dollar Challenge*. Updates of the monies raised will be published in the bulletin and Epistle.

GROWING DISCIPLES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT WHELAN'S

We will begin our next series, *Living the Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma on July 29th and we would like to have people register so we can order books at a discounted price. They can register by emailing Cheryl Tesch at cheryl.tesch@ymail.com or calling at [920-285-3628](tel:920-285-3628).

JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. *Heavenly Father: Thank you for the freedoms we have in this nation. May we always be able to say, "In God we Trust". Amen.*

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The 4th Sunday after Pentecost: The Prince of Peace?
July 2-9, 2017

The Prince of Peace? (Pastor Scharnell)

The preaching of God's Law can be difficult because it confronts sin, and that is not a popular topic. The Law convicts us because it brings sin to light producing death in the sinner. But through our Baptism into Christ we are released from the Law, having died to that which held us captive. Now we belong to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. However, belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. But whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and "loses his life" for Christ's sake, finds new life in Him.

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: Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we have been released from the slavery of sin and now serve Him to the glory of God.

Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15—This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13 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	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
Evening	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

The Catechism: Christian Questions with Their Answers—What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge? Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

<p><i>What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, And in this way receive His pledge?</i></p> <p>We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.</p>
<p><i>Why should we remember and proclaim His death?</i></p> <p>First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in him be saved.</p>

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost: *The Prince of Peace?*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10	Joshua 7:1-26	Acts 10:34-48
Mon.	Jesus Brings the Sword—Matthew 10:34-42	Joshua 8:1-28	Acts 11:1-18
Tue.	Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Matthew 12:1-8	Joshua 10:1-25	Acts 11:19-30
Wed.	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath—Matthew 12:9-21	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25
Thur.	A House Divided Cannot Stand—Matthew 12:22-32	Joshua 24:1-31	Acts 13:1-12
Fri.	A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit—Matthew 12:33-50	Judges 2:6-23	Acts 13:13-41

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

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 – Duane Olson—kidney cancer; Sue Lindemann; Bob Tetzlaff—hospice; Todd Gartzke; Bernice Jorgenson; Bobbie Scheuer; Duane Peterson; Carol Fellin—cancer; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Esther Hart; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Ethan Meyer—brain tumor; Mabel Fredrick; Agnes Thurow; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Iris Jahnke—hospice; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug—back surgery (June 16th); Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: the sister of a member with breast cancer; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; 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: Sue Wolter (Pat Gartzke's sister); Karen Nicholson (Carl's sister)—broken leg; Armin Tessmann (Gwen Nicholson's brother); Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Tina Hahn (BJ Lavota's sister)—heart stent; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Lois—hospice; Shawn—vascular problems; Jennifer—digestive absorption issues;

Ken; Kat's mom—broken leg; Kristal—lung surgery; Jennifer (Rick & Kathie Ware's daughter)—pray for complete recovery; 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; Curt G; Ashlin—stage 4 renal failure; Clem—high calcium heart; Ken (Kathie Ware's twin brother)—congestive heart failure; Bob—prostate 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: Tucker Stargard; PFC Nicholas Lang; 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; Mike to come to know Jesus as his Savior; for God's continued wisdom to direct as how to be faithful stewards in our congregation; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Anniversaries: Mike & Paula Papa—40th—July 1st
John & Julie Albright—29th—June 4th

Birth: Greyson Alexander—baby boy born to Josh & Jennifer (Sturm) Boldt—June 26th

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

Hymn of the Week: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

Looking forward to The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 8/9, 2017

Hymns: 684, 699 (618, 711, 725) 832

A Panda for Rest (Pastor O'Donnell)

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find "another law waging war" in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we "desire to do what is right," but often we are not able to do so because "nothing good" dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). "Thanks be to God," therefore, "through Jesus Christ our Lord," who delivers us from "this body of death" (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes "righteous and having salvation" (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts. Though we "labor and are heavy laden," He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are "wise and understanding," but by the "gracious will" of God the Father, whom "the Son chooses to reveal" in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

How large is St Paul's?

We have **three** separate worship services each weekend.

Do members know all the events going on in this parish between the church and the school?

Many members have children or grandchildren in our school, however, many do not and are not aware of what that event really was like.

Our school and publicity committee both are working at getting the news out to the community of St. Paul's Parish (Church, School and Early Childhood Center).

However, there seems to be a need to also publicize St. Paul's from within.

So.....we would like to start off a program called **"Parish Event Awareness", (PEA)** to let members see what events they may have missed by visually seeing pictures of those events on the screen in the worship area before the worship service. To do this we are opening the invitation to the whole congregation, anyone with a smartphone camera.

Anyone with a smartphone can take a picture at a St. Paul's Event, and send that picture to the church office (heather@splco.org) where the pictures received will be screened and a limited number of pictures will be assembled into the visual presentation before the worship service. We need pictures of happenings or events, whether school, church that are occurring at St Paul's; no selfies please.

So, who are the real photographers in your family? Will their pictures be used?

LEGION BAND CONCERT

On Wednesday evening, July 5th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Rhodee Memorial Band Shell, 324 W. Wisconsin, the Oconomowoc American Legion Band, and the Oconomowoc Community Choir will be giving a patriotic concert "American Salute" to commemorate the 4th of July! Legion Post 91 Color Guard will be presenting the colors and the Post 91 Auxiliary ladies will be giving American Flags to the audience. Veterans in the audience will be asked to stand while the Band plays their Service Songs! Some of the selections will be: "Stars and Stripes Forever", "Thank You, Soldiers", "This Is My Country", "Our America", "Americans We", "Battle Hymn of the Republic" with the Choir and several others by both the band and the choir. Please plan on attending this wonderful Patriotic Concert!

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: July 3rd–9th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY July 4 th	OFFICE CLOSED		
WEDNESDAY July 5 th	Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY July 6 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY July 8 th	Journeymen Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Hallway Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 9 th	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will run through August 30th 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.)

ATTENDANCE

June 24/25/28

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—95

8:00 am—99

10:30 am—107

Wednesday Lakeside—20

321 Total; 24 visitors; 297 members

**ST. PAUL'S JUNE/JULY 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

3:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
Special Music	Dave Meyer	Carrie O'Donnell	
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Levi Benes
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Wendy Tesch	Sarah Neff
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Mike Tesch	Mark Thurow
Greeters	John Melvin	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Anne Fait
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Dorothy Duchow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Ushers	Rick Zastrow	Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin

NEXT WEEK

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Zechariah 9:9-12	Romans 7:14-25a	Matthew 11:25-30
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache	Barb Hentz	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiig
Elders	George Menden	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Jamie Stache
Lectors	Gary Ketchum	Cheryl Tesch	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Bob Bratz	Truman Seifert

THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Pew Bible pg. 832

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Romans 7:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 1200

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

St. Matthew 10:34-42

Pew Bible pg. 1036

[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

July 1/2, 2017