

In Christ We Live

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
25 June, A.D. 2017
Jer 20:7-13; Rm 6:12-23; Mt 10:5a, 21-33

Introduction: Bait and Switch?

BAIT AND SWITCH

2. the ploy of offering a person something desirable to gain favor . . . then thwarting expectations with something less desirable. (Merriam-Webster.com)

Bait and Switch in the world

Bait and Switch in the church

CCT: Christ has delivered us from sin and death and gives us _____... but that life in Christ involves suffering and _____. Always.

I. Follow Me and Die... and Live

Matthew 10:21-22

Matthew 10:23

Matthew 10:24-25

Matthew 10:26–27

Matthew 10:28–31

Matthew 10:32–33

“Acknowledge” = “_____.”

Luke 24:46–48 (ESV)

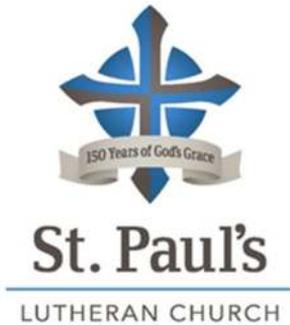
⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Conclusion

CCT

We can live as consumers or as _____.

I think you know which is the Way of Jesus.



Special Voters' Meeting
June 25, 2017
12:00 in the Church

AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Motion to Increase Line of Credit *(on reverse side)*
- E. Motion to Approve Financial Ministry Plan
- F. Adjournment
- G. Closing Prayer

According to the Bylaws of St. Paul's congregation, if the congregation is to incur any formal debt, it must be approved by a minimum of (75) voting members at a properly called Voters' Assembly Meeting.

If a quorum is not met, the incurring of debt must be dropped from the agenda and a meeting must be rescheduled at a future date for that item. At the future meeting, then all voting members present shall constitute a quorum.

Motion to increase St. Paul's Line of Credit

Whereas, St. Paul's congregation is encountering high fluctuations in receiving income from offerings, school tuition, and other income on a monthly basis, and

Whereas, St. Paul's congregation has had to reach into and return money to other designated funds to pay monthly expenses, and

Whereas, St. Paul's congregation has large monthly planned expenses which will many times be greater than the receiving income for that month(s),

Be it resolved, the Church Leadership Team is asking the congregation to increase our current Line of Credit by \$150,000 to deal with these large fluctuations between income and expenses.

Be it further resolved, the Line of Credit will be added to the financial report printed in the worship bulletin to show withdrawals or deposits from the Line of Credit.

Finally, be it further resolved, that if after eight months' time this congregation, while periodically drawing on the Line of Credit but is unable to repay back anything toward this Line of Credit, will face the decision of drastically reducing expenses before the next budget year.

2017/2018 Financial Ministry Plan Update

The Church Leadership Team is in its final phases of completing next fiscal year's Financial Ministry Plan. The preliminary budget has been very challenging and currently shows a DEFICIT of approximately \$86,000. We are carefully diligently reviewing all options in order to provide the congregation a balanced budget. Below are some options we are discussing:

1. Borrow money from Line of Credit
2. Reduction in salary or number of employees
3. Transfer 2016/2017 surplus over to next fiscal year
4. Increase number of fundraising events

Please pray for all involved as we review these options. Any questions, please contact the office.

Jon Schmeling, President

Please join us for an enriching experience at the
2017 St. Paul's Marriage Retreat.

November 10 - 12, 2017

***Celebrating the Journey with Christ:
On the Same Page***

Cost per couple:

\$350 (**Early Bird Special**- If booked and paid prior to 8/31/17.
The first 20 to register are also guaranteed Lake View Rooms)

\$375 (If booked after 9/1/17) Final Registration 9/18/17

This low cost includes 2 nights stay and a Dinner Buffet for two on Saturday night!

Where: Blue Harbor Resort

725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

www.blueharborresort.com www.visitsheboygan.com

Registration Form: Please find this on www.splco.org.

Questions? Email: stpaulmarriage@gmail.com

Call or Text: Linda Hertneky @ 651-206-8497
Angie Scharnell @ 920-285-1264

*A Cord of Three Strands is not Easily Broken
Ecclesiastes 4:12*



***To help keep costs down there are Sponsorship opportunities!
Sponsors will be recognized in the Epistle, Bulletin and at the
Retreat. Thank you for supporting the Marriage Ministry!***

- Refreshment Breaks (3) - \$200
- AV and Conference Materials - \$250
- Sponsor a couple - \$375
- Friday Night Social Hour - \$500