

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"

June 24th & 25th, 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 3rd 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: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *In Christ We Live*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

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 Mabel Fredrick 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. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Wilbur & Barb Pieper in praise to God for their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24th.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

WORSHIP SERVICE

TIME: 3:00 PM



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.

BAPTISM

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 5:00 pm Worship Service, **Kolten Allen**. He is the son of Jeffrey & Stacey (Evans) **Schultz**. His sponsors are Rebecca Schultz & Erik Evans. We will keep Kolten 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

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

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).

JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go: I will counsel you with my eye upon you. *Lord Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you will guide us as we seek your instruction. Much love, your sons and daughters. Amen*

SERVING DISCIPLES

ST. PAUL'S GARDENS

Thank you to Pat Menden who helped us weed; the planters, Mary Ann Ashworth, Pauline Bemis and Pat Menden; "Rototiller Ralph" (Andrus); and Ebert's Greenhouse Village for the beautiful Annuals and to those who spoke words of encouragement and thanks as we battled sun and wind and very hard soil. Finally, our special thanks to the organized and knowledgeable Marcus and Carolyn Pankow whose guidance helped us provide a garden that reflects God's beautiful creation. May you enjoy our work and be blessed by it.

~Kathy Mueller and Pat Borgman

GROWING DISCIPLES

ST. PAUL'S HISTORY BOOK

People have expressed a bit of interest in getting a copy of this book which was sold in 2015, the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul's Congregation. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please email or call Pat Borgman (peborgman@gmail.com or 262-354-4203). If there is enough interest we will explore our options more. Thanks you.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness magazine is available again this year. If you are currently on the list and receiving the magazine, please call the church office at 567-5001 to let us know if you would like to continue your subscription or cancel it. If you would like to start receiving *The Lutheran Witness*, please call the church office so we can get you on the subscription list. The cost for the magazine is \$15.96 for 11 issues (the June/July issue is combined). The deadline for renewal or new subscriptions is June 29th.

Save the Date.....

For an engaging opportunity to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Join us for this **one** time film event of the great adventure story of Martin Luther that rocked the western world in the 1500's. "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy" presented by St. Paul's will be shown at Marcus Hillside in Delafield on Thursday, **October 5th, 2017** from 6:30pm -8:35pm. Tickets are available on line now for \$9 at www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-jnbk.

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost: In Christ We Live
June 25-July 2, 2017*

In Christ We Live (Pastor O'Donnell)

The outcome of sin is death, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you "from death to life" (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live "under grace" (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of "those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matt. 10:28). For though "you will be hated by all" and "maligned by the world for the name of Christ" (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers "even the hairs of your head" and values you more "than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:30-31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and "will be saved" (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you "as a dread warrior," who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life "from the hand of evildoers," and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12-13).

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: Christ has delivered us from sin and death and gives us life.

Verse: Ephesians 2:19-20—You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	110	62	13	96	116	85	61	103
Evening	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

The Catechism: Christian Questions with Their Answers—What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently? But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

<p><i>What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?</i> First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.</p>
<p><i>But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?</i> To such a person no better advice can be given than this: First, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.</p>
<p>Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.</p>
<p>Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.</p>

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost: *In Christ We Live*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Parable of the Great Supper—Luke 14:15-24	Prov. 31:10-31	John 21:1-25
Mon.	The Sending Out of the Twelve—Matthew 9:35—10:15	Joshua 1:1-18	Acts 8:1-25
Tue.	The Promise of Persecution—Matthew 10:16-31	Joshua 2:1-24	Acts 8:26-40
Wed.	Confessing Christ Before Men—Matthew 10:32—11:1	Joshua 3:1-17	Acts 9:1-22
Thur.	John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus—Matthew 11:2-19	Joshua 4:1-24	Acts 9:23-43
Fri.	Jesus Preaches Repentance and Faith—Matthew 11:20-30	Joshua 5:1-6:5	Acts 10:1-17

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

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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; 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.

Anniversary: Wilbur & Barb Pieper—50th—June 24th

Baptism: Kolten Allen, son of Jeffrey & Stacey (Evans) Schultz—June 24th

Birthday: Bill Voss—95th—June 24th
Bobby Edwards—9th—June 25th

Wedding: Christa Dern & Pete Sheild—July 1st

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: "Lord of Our Life"

LSB 659

Looking forward to The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1/2, 2017

Hymns: 717, 685 (844, 641, 751) 657

Out with the Old, In with the New (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.

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, 7:30 PM - 8:30PM, (June 28th) at the Rhodee Memorial Band Shell City Beach, Oconomowoc, the Oconomowoc American Legion Band will be giving its 3rd concert of the Summer Season. The theme is 42nd Street and the soloists will be Paula Garcia, vocalist and Evan Smith, alto saxophone - Legion Band Scholarship winner playing "Serenade for Saxophone". Some of the other selections will be: "The Phantom of the Opera", "People", "Broadway Journey", "El Capitan, March", "Hello, Dolly!" and "Broadway One-Step. The director of the Band is Dr. Walter Rich, Ralph Garcia is the MC and the Post 91 American Legion Color Guard will present the colors at each concert. New members are always welcome.

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: June 26th – July 1st
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY June 26 th	Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Room 201 Room 201	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY June 27 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY June 28 th	Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY June 29 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY July 1 st	Women's Bible Study Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 3:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 2 nd	Traditional Worship Blood Pressure Screening Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Church Office Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 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 17/18/21

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—80

8:00 am—165

10:30 am—131

Wednesday Lakeside—19

395 Total; 33 visitors; 362 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

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Special Music	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Dorothy Duchow	Barb Star
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Arno Kirchenwitz	John Melvin
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	Dave Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Bob Bratz	John Melvin

NEXT WEEK

3:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Romans 7:1-13	Matthew 10:34-42
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

THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Pew Bible pg. 822

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Romans 6:12-23

Pew Bible pg. 1199

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

St. Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Pew Bible pg. 1035

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

June 24/25, 2017