

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

  
Come to me,  
*all you who are*  
weary *and*  
burdened,  
*and I will give you* rest.

  
MATTHEW 11:28



210 East Pleasant Street  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066  
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: [www.splco.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 26

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** *A Panda for Rest*

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 Duane & Sharon Peterson in praise to God for their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 Barb Krug in loving memory of Pastor Ronald P. Krug.



## 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 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](mailto: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

### 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\_+

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### CONGREGATIONAL DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH CHALLENGE

At our last Special Voters' Meeting, 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 August 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cheryl.tesch@ymail.com) or calling [920-285-3628](tel:920-285-3628).

## JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Psalms 63:2-4. So I looked upon Thee in the sanctuary, beholding Thy power and glory. Because Thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise Thee. So I will bless Thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Thy name. *Lord Jesus, those who are forgiven much, love much. Help us to see our sins through Your eyes, to rightly confess and repent so that Your times of refreshing may come. Amen.*

## LAKE COUNTRY THUNDER BASEBALL TRYOUTS

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>:** Lake Country Lutheran High School will hold open tryouts for their Lake Country Thunder 12U, 13U, and 14U (students entering 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) baseball teams from 6:00 to 7:45 pm at the baseball diamonds behind the high school at 401 Campus Drive in Hartland. These teams will compete in the late spring and summer of 2018. For each team, a player must be that team's age or under as of May 1, 2018. Interested players need to attend only one of the tryout dates. Rain date is Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:45 pm. Questions may be directed to David Bahr at [dbahr@lakecountryhs.org](mailto:dbahr@lakecountryhs.org).

## LEGION BAND CONCERT

The Oconomowoc American Legion Band will be presenting a concert "Through the Ages" on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Rhodée Memorial Band Shell, 324 W. Wisconsin Avenue. The vocal soloists will be Ernie and Indra Brusabardis and Ralph and Paula Garcia. Some of the selections will be: "Great Hits of the 60s", "Miss Trombone", "Pizzicato Polka", "Selections from Grease", "Irving Berlin Tunes", "The Sousa Swing" and several others. Post 91 will present the colors. Walter Rich is the director.

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

The Savior Jesus gently assumes every human burden as His own, including unplanned pregnancies and incurable conditions (Matthew 11:29). Whether or not they come about by our own fault, He humbly accompanies through them. His unconditional accepting and steadfast assisting sets us free from sin and self (Romans 8:24-25) and gives rest from fear and grief. *Jesus Christ, King and Lord, come among us to reveal deliverance and salvation. Amen.*

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*  
*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: A Panda for Rest*  
*July 9-16, 2017*

## **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).

## **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:** Jesus Christ--crucified and risen--is true peace, rest for our souls.

**Verse:** Romans 12:14-15—Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

**Psalm:** Psalm 50:15-21 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	19	136	123	15	36	130	56	67
<b>Evening</b>	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	46, 93

**The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—Fifth Petition**

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Fifth Petition)</i>  <b>And forgive us our trespasses  as we forgive those trespass against us.</b></p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  We pray in this petition  that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins,  or deny our prayer because of them.  We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray,  nor have we deserved them,  but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace  for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.  So we too will sincerely forgive  and gladly do good to those who sin against us.</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade +</p>

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: A Panda for Rest**

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful— Luke 6:36-42	Judges 4:1-24	Acts 14:1-18
<b>Mon.</b>	The Purpose of Parables—Matt. 13:10-23	Judges 6:1-24	Acts 14:19-15:5
<b>Tue.</b>	The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares— Matthew 13:24-35	Judges 6:25-40	Acts 15:6-21
<b>Wed.</b>	Parables of the Kingdom—Matt. 13:36-46	Judges 7:1-23	Gal. 1:1-24
<b>Thur.</b>	The Parable of the Dragnet— Matt. 13:47-58	Judges 13:1-25	Gal. 2:1-21
<b>Fri.</b>	John the Baptist Is Beheaded— Matt. 14:1-13	Judges 14:1-20	Gal. 3:1-22

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

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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; 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; 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.

**Anniversary:** Duane & Sharon Peterson—39<sup>th</sup>—July 8<sup>th</sup>

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

**LSB 699**

**Looking forward to The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 15/16, 2017**

**Hymns: 686, 577 (982, 626, 977) 790**

***Fruit is Good for You (Pastor Scharnell)***

Christ Jesus opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and "indeed bears fruit" (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who "have received the Spirit of adoption as sons" (Rom. 8:15). Thus being "led by the Spirit of God," we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we "also be glorified with him" (Rom. 8:17).

# **St. Paul's Fellowship Coffee Hour**



**July 16!**

**Hosted by the  
New Member Sponsor Committee**

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

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](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 10<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice Board of Elders' Meeting	Church Room 219	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lakeside Worship Church Leadership Team Meeting	Backyard Library	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Bible Study Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Lobby/Outside Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

**Wednesday Summer Worship Services**

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will run through August 30<sup>th</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.)

# ATTENDANCE

July 1/2/5

**Church Attendance:**

3:00 pm—59

8:00 am—106

10:30 am—101

Wednesday Lakeside—17

283 Total; 27 visitors; 266 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**

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Terri Kroll	Terri Kroll	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	Levi Benes
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jamie Stache	Barb Hentz	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
<b>Elders</b>	George Menden	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Jamie Stache
<b>Lectors</b>	Gary Ketchum	Cheryl Tesch	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Friedrich	Bob Bratz	Truman Seifert

**NEXT WEEK**

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 55:10-13	Romans 8:12-17	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	Hannah Tuff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Leslyn Mueller	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Bruce Bain	Scott Kalien
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
<b>Lectors</b>	Amy Hackbarth	Gary Ketchum	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Gary Flanagan	Scott Kalien

# THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Zechariah 9:9-12**

*Pew Bible pg. 1013*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

## **Romans 7:14-25a**

*Pew Bible pg. 1200*

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## **St. Matthew 11:25-30**

*Pew Bible pg. 1037*

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

July 8/9, 2017