

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



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"***

August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jill George, Interim Principal  
Volume 23

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director

Office Hours - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Number 31

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 10<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:** *Worthy of Worship,  
Lord of Our Lives*

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 Harry & Dorothy Peterson in praise to God for their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15<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](http://wtkm.com). The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Karen Schultz in praise to God for her grandchildren's (Zoey & Holden) 10<sup>th</sup> birthdays on August 20<sup>th</sup>.



## 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

### LORD'S CUPBOARD SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SHOPPING BAGS

It's that time of year for families getting ready for the new school year. Please pick up some extra school supplies for our kids that come to the Lord's Cupboard. Place the items in the basket in the narthex or in the Lord's Cupboard box in the Fellowship Hall. Or put a gift card or a cash donation in an envelope in the offering plate marked for Lord's Cupboard school supplies or take it to the office and we can purchase school supplies. Also, we are getting low on plastic shopping bags-recycle them through the Lord's Cupboard! Thanks for helping out these families in our community!

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### CONGREGATIONAL DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH UPDATE

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. Congregation members came forward with a dollar-for-dollar challenge and have agreed to match (up to \$18,000), which will allow our teachers and pastors to not have to undergo the reduction in salary. Thank you very much for your generous donations. **Our challenge has been met—we have raised \$18,738.00. To God be the glory!** We are still continuing to accept donations, to help lower our projected deficit for the remainder of the fiscal year. Donations need to be above and beyond weekly offerings and *Free to Serve* commitments. Please earmark: *Dollar-for-Dollar Challenge*.

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### LEGION BAND CONCERT

On Wednesday evening, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, the "Ladies Must Swing" Big Band group from the Madison area will be playing a concert at the Rhodée Memorial Bandshell, 324 W. Wisconsin Avenue. The all women Big Band is well known in this part of the state and performs frequently at many local events. The Hartland Community Band will be the following Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Lake Country Community Orchestra will be playing a special concert on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 at the Bandshell.

## **LIVING A CHOCOLATE LIFE BY DEB BURMA**

Next class: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am - Focus will be on Chapter 2

Location: Whelan's - downtown Oconomowoc

Books can be picked up in the church office and are \$9. If writing a check, please make it payable to Cheryl Tesch.

## **CALLING ALL HANDBELL RINGERS!**

We're putting together the choir to play at the Reformation service. Practice will be every Thursday, beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>, until the service in October. Please contact Sara Junio at 262-490-2879 if you can join us.

## **JOY OF STEWARDSHIP**

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; Let those who hate him flee before him! Sing to God, sing praise to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds; his name is the Lord, exult before him! *Psalm 68: 1 & 4 Lord God, deliver us from evil, you are our protector, we praise your name. Amen*

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



## **August 20!**

## **Hosted by LWML**



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

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Worthy of Worship, Lord of Our Lives*

*August 13-20, 2017*

## **Worthy of Worship, Lord of Our Lives (Pastor O'Donnell)**

We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8).

## **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**

**Verse:** 1 Corinthians 10:13—No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Jesus Christ is God, worthy of worship, and Lord of our lives.

**Psalm:** Psalm 51:1-12 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	67	51	54	65	143	86	122	110
<b>Evening</b>	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90	66, 23

**Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—The Sixth Petition**

<p><i>The Lord’s Prayer (Sixth Petition)</i>  <b>And lead us not into temptation.</b></p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>          God tempts no one.          We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade +</p>

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: *Worthy of Worship, Lord of Our Lives***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Parable of the Unjust Steward— Luke 16:1-13	1 Sam. 31:1-13	1 Cor. 7:1-24
<b>Mon.</b>	Jesus Cleanses the Temple— Matthew 21:12-17	2 Sam. 1:1-27	1 Cor. 7:25-40
<b>Tue.</b>	The Fruitless Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-27	2 Sam. 5:1-25	1 Cor. 8:1-13
<b>Wed.</b>	The Parable of the Two Sons— Matthew 21:28-32	2 Sam. 6:1-19	1 Cor. 9:1-23
<b>Thur.</b>	The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers— Matthew 21:33-46	2 Sam. 7:1-17	1 Cor. 9:24-10:22
<b>Fri.</b>	The Parable of the Wedding Feast— Matthew 22:1-14	2 Sam. 7:18-29	1 Cor. 10:12-11:16

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

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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; Todd Gartzke; Duane Peterson; Carol Fellin—cancer; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Esther Hart—hospice; 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:** Audrey Nigh; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)—colon 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 Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin) - heart surgery needed; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; Sue Wolter (Pat Gartzke's sister); Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Shawn—vascular problems; Ken; Kristal—lung surgery; 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; 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); 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; a family in crisis; 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; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Anniversary:** Harry & Dorothy Peterson—64<sup>th</sup>—August 15<sup>th</sup>

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

***Hymn of the Week: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"***

**LSB 739**

**Looking forward to The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost      **August 19/20, 2017****

**Hymns: 901, 653 (770, 726, 936) 979**

***Dog Days (Pastor Scharnell)***

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her, and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection, the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him. Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel which are for all people. Jesus died for all, Jew and Gentile, no matter your upbringing or where you come from. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith." (Ephesians 2:8a)

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL ALL CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE

August 27<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

(This will be the only worship service that weekend.)

During this special Worship Service, we will ask God to bless the upcoming school year and have a special *blessing of the backpacks service* in which ALL school-age children (St. Paul's and all other schools) will have the opportunity to have their backpacks blessed. We will also prayerfully dedicate Mrs. Jill George as St. Paul's Interim Principal.

The worship service will be followed by our annual picnic which will be a fundraiser for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to earn money for their South Dakota trip in fall of 2018.

If your last name begins with (please bring):

**A-L**  
Side Dish

**M-Z**  
Dessert



## One-night Movie Event

A one-time showing of  
*A Return to Grace:*  
*Luther's Life and Legacy* for members of  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church & our community.

**Marcus Theater in Delafield, WI ~ Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

This new film follows the great adventure of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life. Who am I? What is my purpose? How do I get right with God? A must-see for any Lutheran and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. **Invite your friends and neighbors!**

**IMPORTANT:** All tickets must be purchased in advance (deadline is September 28). Tickets can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening:

**<http://luthermovie.link/delafield>**

A portion of ticket sales are returned to our congregation for our mission and ministry.

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: August 14<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY August 19 <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 August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church School Lobby 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

August 5/6/9

**Church Attendance:**

5:00 pm—66

8:00 am—135

10:30 am—138

Wednesday Lakeside—22

361 Total; 23 visitors; 338 members

**ST. PAUL'S AUGUST 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>	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Look2Him
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Kate & Levi Benes	Hannah Tuff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Tesch	Arno Kirchenwitz	Mark Thurow
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Shirley Smart (school)	Kim Tuff
<b>Lectors</b>	Erik Benes	Don Meyer	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Bob Bratz	John Melvin

**NEXT WEEK**

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matthew 15:21-28
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Megan Frosch	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Mike Tesch	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Roger & Pat Gartzke (church) Don & Harriet Groose (school)	Brenda Nagel
<b>Lectors</b>	Rick Zastrow	Dorothy Duchow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Zastrow	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

# THE 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Job 38:4-18**

*Pew Bible pg. 562*

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

## **Romans 10:5-17**

*Pew Bible pg. 1203*

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## **St. Matthew 14:22-33**

*Pew Bible pg. 1042*

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."