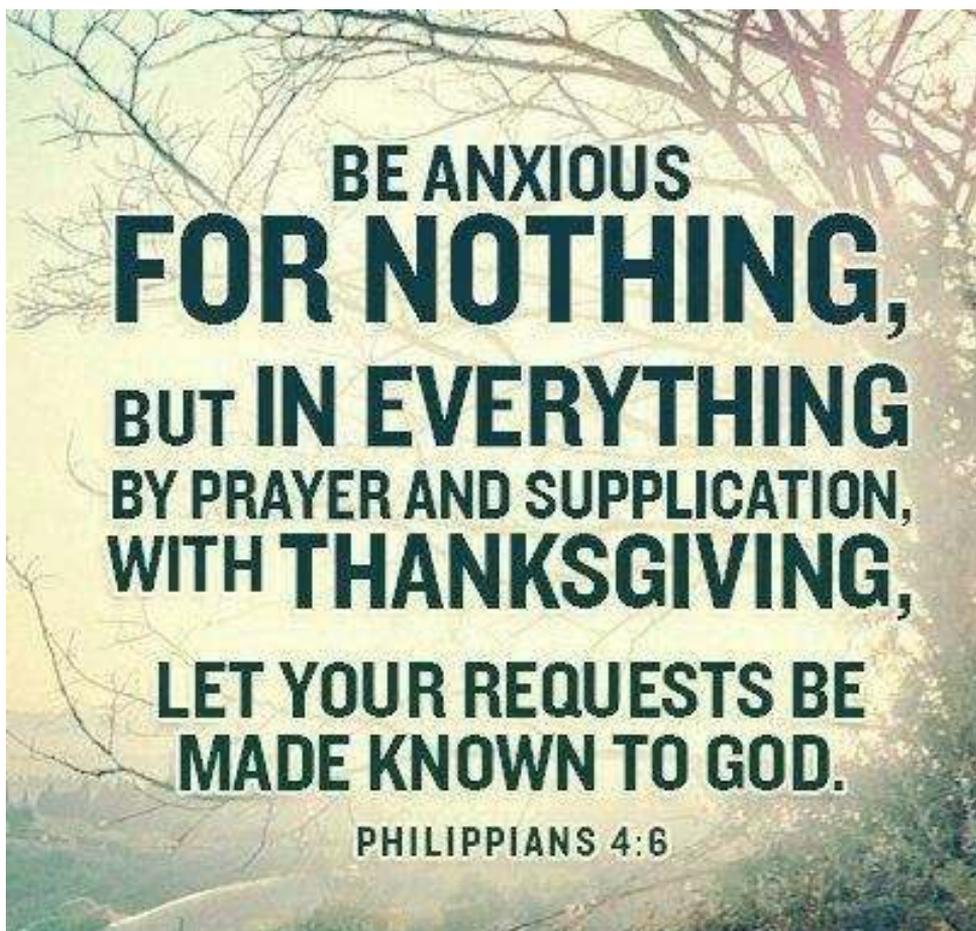


# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and ECC

(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 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<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 32

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 11<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:** Steve Scharnell

**Theme:** *Dog Days*

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 Ken Groenke in loving memory of his wife Joan. 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 Jim & Ann Duggan in praise to God for their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 5:00 pm Worship Service, **Maddox Alan, Gavin Christopher, Tristan James and Greyson Alexander**. Maddox, Gavin & Tristan are the sons of Jennifer (Sturm) Boldt & Christopher **Weber**. Greyson is the son of Jennifer (Sturm) & Joshua **Boldt**. Maddox's sponsors are Joshua & Angie Will. Gavin's sponsors are Sarina Boldt, Shaina Boldt & Nathaniel Boldt. Tristan's sponsors are Stephen & Sheila Boldt. Greyson's sponsors are Aaron & Carrie Boldt. We will keep Maddox, Gavin, Tristan & Greyson 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

### 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

### TIME TO GROW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for help with Sunday Morning *Time to Grow*. If you would like to share your love for Jesus with the children of our congregation, please call Lois Wolf at [414-828-3188](tel:414-828-3188). We are in need of teachers, assistants & substitutes. It is fun for all!

### 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—the congregation has raised \$25,103.00 towards the match. 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

## 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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 RSV *Heavenly Father, in uncertainty and doubt; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew and refresh us again. Amen*

## LAKE COUNTRY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

On Sunday evening, from 7:30-8:30 at the Rhodée Memorial Bandshell, the Lake Country Community Orchestra, directed by Gail Hoffman, will be presenting a concert of wonderful classical music by well-known composers. The program includes: "Sound Innovations Fanfare", "American Folk Rhapsody", "Valdres March", Handel's "Royal Fireworks Music", "Romeo and Juliet Overture", and selections from "Les Miserables". Ralph Garcia is the Master of Ceremonies. Please join us for a wonderful concert on the beautiful shores of Lac LaBelle.

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Dog Days  
August 20-28, 2017*

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

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## **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 12:3b—No one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

**Christ-Centered Theme:** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

**Psalm:** Psalm 92 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>	110	62	13	96	116	85	61	103
<b>Evening</b>	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

## Catechism: Creed—The Third Article

<p><i>The Third Article</i>  <b>I believe in the Holy Spirit,  the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,  the forgiveness of sins,  the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p>In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p>In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<p>On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

## The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Dog Days

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem— Luke 19:41-48	2 Sam. 12:1-25	1 Cor. 12:1-13
<b>Mon.</b>	Render to Caesar the Things That Are Caesar's—Matthew 22:15-22	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Cor. 12:14-31
<b>Tue.</b>	Questions About the Resurrection— Matthew 22:23-33	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Cor. 13:1-13
<b>Wed.</b>	The Greatest Commandment— Matthew 22:34-46	1 Kings 3:1-15	2 Cor. 1:1-22
<b>Thur.</b>	Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees— Matthew 23:1-36	1 Kings. 5:1-18	2 Cor. 1:23-2:17
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus Predicts the Signs of the End— Matthew 23:37—24:14	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Cor. 3:1-18

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

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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** – Freddy Hertneky—healing for knee (8 stitches); 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; 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:** 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; all children embarking on a new school year; 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:** Keith & Ronna Pagenkopf—50<sup>th</sup>—August 20<sup>th</sup>

**Baptisms:** Maddox Alan Weber—August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Gavin Christopher Weber—August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tristan James Weber—August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Greyson Alexander Boldt—August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Public Reception of New Members:** Tom & Bernita Krenzke

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: "In Christ There is No East or West "**

**LSB 653**

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

**August 27, 2017**

**Hymns: 829, 576, (O the Blood, 725, 588) 941**

***It's Still All About Jesus (Pastor O'Donnell)***

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 and Mrs. Erin Timm as our 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher.

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 21<sup>st</sup>–27<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
TUESDAY August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	New Member Sponsor Committee Mtg. Lakeside Worship	Room 201 Backyard	3:00 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY August 24 <sup>th</sup>	SPLS Move-In Night Praise Team Practice	School Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Journeyman <b>NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP!</b> AA Meeting	Maxim's Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 8:30 pm
SUNDAY August 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO 8AM WORSHIP!</b> <b>ALL-CONGREGATION WORSHIP</b> <b>CHURCH PICNIC</b>	Church Gym	10:30 am 12:00 pm

**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 12/13/16

**Church Attendance:**

5:00 pm—67

8:00 am—122

10:30 am—135

Wednesday Lakeside—27

351 Total; 37 visitors; 314 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>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Failenn O'Donnell	Failenn O'Donnell	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Megan Frosch	Mia Thurow
<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

**NEXT WEEK    NO 5:00 PM SERVICE                      NO 8:00 AM SERVICE                      10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 51:1-6	Hebrews 13:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
<b>Acolytes</b>	N/A	N/A	Luke Boldt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	N/A	N/A	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
<b>Elders</b>	N/A	N/A	Dave Meyer
<b>Greeters</b>	N/A	N/A	Anne Fait
<b>Lectors</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	N/A	N/A	Mike Papa

# THE 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

*Pew Bible pg. 783*

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

## **Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32**

*Pew Bible pg. 1204*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

## **St. Matthew 15:21–28**

*Pew Bible pg. 1043*

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

August 19/20, 2017