



SEPTEMBER EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

SEPTEMBER 2017

The start of a new school year signals a new beginning -- students are moving into new grade levels and classrooms; teachers are meeting their new batch of students; kids are getting their new haircuts; parents have been out purchasing new school supplies and school clothing (do kids' feet ever stop growing?!); and the summer season is ending and a new season of fall is arriving.

The author of Ecclesiastes, believed to be King Solomon, writes in chapter 3, verse 1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:" And so, as we turn the calendar page to September, we mark the passing of time and move onto the activities of the next stage in our year.

New beginnings are a time for change and refreshment and so it is with great joy that I announce that our official name is now "St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center" (ECC). The day school and the Kinder Place are now officially joined as one entity and are working cooperatively to unite our curricula and programming to provide seamless care and education for families from infancy to Eighth grade. Further, I have been offered the opportunity to move from the classroom to the principal's office. After 17 years as a teacher in the classroom, I am excited to share my leadership skills in this new role as administrator. While the role in which I am serving at St. Paul's may be new, my commitment to the mission of this church and school is the same -- faithful and true.

Our school theme this year comes from **John 15:12**, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." We are using this verse as a way to focus on Jesus being our hero and how we can act as heroes for one another.

- H**elpful
- E**ncouraging
- R**esponsible
- O**bedient

In order for our school to be successful in spreading the Gospel of Jesus to all children and families in the Lake Country area, we need your help. We are recruiting all heroes from our congregation and school families to become prayer partners with our school children. You will find special boards in the Narthex and school lobby with the names of our school and ECC children posted on a tag. We ask that you select a tag, or two, of children for whom you will pray during this school year. Likewise, we ask that you leave your name so that same child/ren can pray for you. Your efforts will make you heroes to our students as you lift them up in prayer.

We thank you for your devotion to our school and look forward to partnering with you in prayer this year.



Anchored in Christ,

Jill M. George

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

November 10 - 12, 2017

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

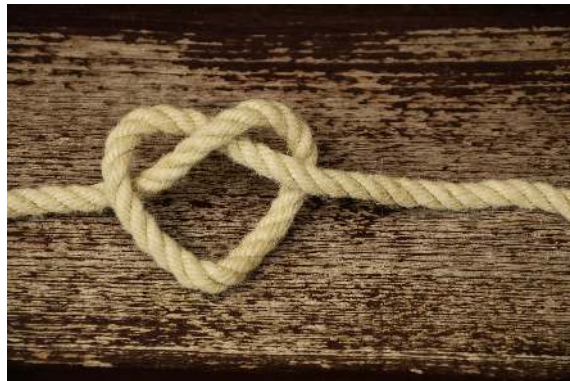
Cost per couple: \$350 (**Early Bird Special**- If booked and paid **prior to 8/31/17**. The first 20 to register are also guaranteed Lake View Rooms)
\$375 (If booked **after 9/1/17**) Final Registration 9/18/17
This low cost includes 2 nights stay and a Dinner Buffet for two on Saturday night!

Where: Blue Harbor Resort - 725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081
<http://www.blueharborresort.com> www.visitsheboygan.com

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

Questions: Email: stpaulmarriage@gmail.com
Call or Text: Linda Hertneky @ 651-206-8497 or Angie Scharnell @ 920-285-1264

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



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

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>4 SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>6 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>1 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>2 7:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>10 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm Board of Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>13 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>17 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship Hour 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:30 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>19 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Meal</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>21 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>22 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:30 am Journey Men 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>25 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm Stephen Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>28 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Life Together 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>29 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>30</p>	

CONGREGATIONAL FOF 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. 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*.

LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Meetings resume Tuesday, September 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your mites, Quarterly and a friend!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

ADDRESS AT SCHOOL: _____



Your name: _____ Phone # _____



Please return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate.
You may also email information to Tracy Bain at bbain123@gmail.com
or call/text 262-370-8567 by 9-23-17.

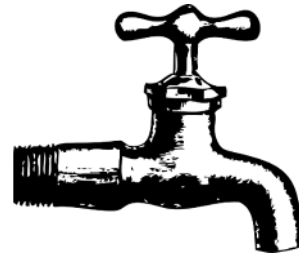
I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

~Ephesians 3:16-21



Life Together

Fellowship, in-depth discussion, and Bible study



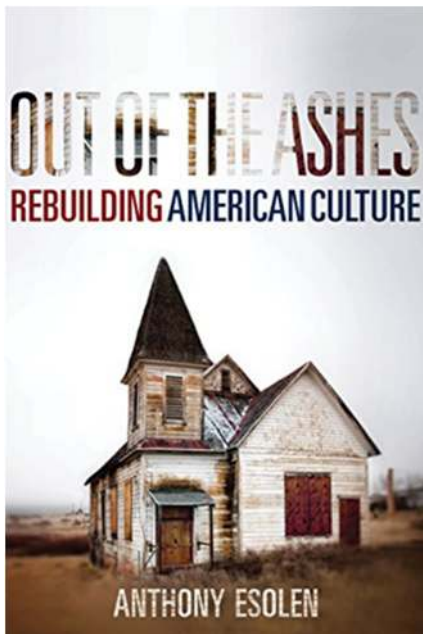
Theology on Tap

Have a beverage; talk about important things.

BOOK DISCUSSION:

Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture

with Rev. Lance O'Donnell and Rev. Steve Scharnell



The norms of contemporary Western culture increasingly reject Christianity. How are conservative and confessional Christians to deal with this? Roman Catholic cultural critic Anthony Esolen offers his thoughts in this often stunningly candid critique.

Buy the book and read the *Introduction* for the first meeting.

This is a book *discussion*, not a series of lectures. Have your Bible with you as you read, take some notes, ask some questions, and bring those to the discussion on Wednesday nights. We will not agree with everything Dr. Esolen has to say, but we will let him provoke our thoughts, and perhaps also our actions.

Maxim's Oconomowoc Depot Restaurant
115 E. Collins St. Oconomowoc 53066
Wednesdays, Sept 6 – Nov 15, 2017

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptismal affirmation

Hadley Charlotte, daughter of Travis & Erin (Gartzke) McCormack (baptized 5-25-16)

Transfer to another LCMS church

Robert & Agnes Thurow – Good Shepherd Lutheran, Watertown, WI
Jonathon & Amie Pickelmann, Aaron & Troy – St. John's, Ashippun, WI

Transfer from another LCMS church

Thomas & Bernita Krenzke – St. John's Lutheran, Seward, NE

Received by Affirmation of Faith

Matt & Jessica Kram
Kayla Miller

Death

Robert Tetzlaff

Baptized 1867 Confirmed 1096

5th & 6th Grade Pre-Confirmation Bible History

Christians have lots of "what-where-when-why-how & who" questions about what God says and does in the Bible. From the beginning of time, God has woven a tapestry of human life and experience - with a special golden thread throughout explaining the mission and purpose of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and Savior of the world. The Bible is rich in stories, people and events which tell God's Story to us.

All congregation members are welcome to join Pastor Kelling and Lance Laugavitz on Sunday mornings - starting September 10th, as they team teach how God uses People, Places, and Events to shape His people on earth by faith and prepare them for salvation in Jesus Christ.

This course is designed to teach and explain Old Testament Bible history & knowledge and to get youth ready for Confirmation, but enjoyable for all ages. Parents are encouraged to join their Pre-Confirmants in these weekly lessons to enrich their own faith walk with God and build a family faith-life together. Come see and hear how God answers our questions through His Word and action.

Contact Pastor Kelling for questions - (262)549-2150 or jkelling2@wi.rr.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Harlan Uttech
September 4

James Campbell
September 5th

Richard Schultz
September 9th

Mimi Gebel
Bob Thurow
September 11th

Bill Scheuer
September 12th

Bob Bratz Sr.
September 13th

Louise Stenson
September 18th

Kay Morgan
September 20th

Audrey Martens
Joyce Simaras
September 22nd

Paul Eggers
September 23rd

Harry Peterson
September 24th

John Dahm
September 27th

Tom Truebenbach
September 29th

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Donald Ryan

\$25.00

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210 E. Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066-3050
262-567-5001

WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 567.5001 x217

Pastor Steve Scharnell 567.5001 x216

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001

Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001

Interim Principal - Jill George 567.5001 x213

FAX 567.1207

Website: www.splco.org

RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship
Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM
& www.wtkm.com

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

Christian Pre-School & Day Care
Director Christine Flores 567-4881

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

Newsletter deadline for articles,
announcements and features is the
2nd Wednesday of the month

PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE OF
ANY ADDRESS CHANGES

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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 5th 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.