



OCTOBER EPISTLE

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

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From the Pastor

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Male & Female in the 21st Century

[Jesus] answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" (Mt 19:4-5, ESV)

In His teaching on the mystery of marriage Jesus affirms the Creation account, with significant implications for marriage and cultures of all times and places. There are two: male and female. However, there is much confusion in the world today regarding male and female identity, and whether it is given or constructed, and there is a lot on the line for the church, families, communities, and cultures. As my colleague, Rev. Scott Stiegemeier, writes:

The heart of it all is coming to terms with the personal meaning of the human body. Corrupted though it is, the embodied human person is a multi-dimensional visible representation of God in creation and is in the process of becoming something new, by merit of the incarnation of God's Word and his death and resurrection, and our personal incorporation into his corpus [body] by means of Baptism and through the eating of his flesh and drinking of his blood [Holy Communion]. Satan attacks sexuality with such intensity because it is the conjugal union of man and woman, which is God's most powerful image in the world. Unable to strike God himself, the enemy strikes God's image!

("A Man or a Woman?" *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, vol 79 (Fall-Winter 2015), p.47)

Our 2nd Annual *Christian Citizenship Forum* on October 22, 2017 is not a political event, but a confessionally Lutheran, Biblical, and pastoral conversation on what it means to be male and female, with special attention to implications for living faithfully in the 21st century. In our age of confusion, I invite you to come to the Forum, listen in, ask some questions, and then sit down, eat, and talk further about our life together in Christ and community.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lance O'Donnell

Tuesday of Pentecost 16. 25 September, A.D. 2017

Christian Citizenship Forum

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Male and Female in the 21st Century: Christian Responses

Dr. Peter Scaer, Presenter



Dr. Peter Scaer is deeply involved in life issues and serves as president of Allen County Right to Life. He is a founding member of Shepherds United, an ecumenical Christian group formed to defend life, natural marriage and religious liberty. He speaks out on the issues that affect both our Church and society, always placing the focus on Christ, who gives us life and defines for us what it means to be truly human.

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Presentation, Responses, and Audience Questions, **3-4:30pm**
Dinner, **4:30-5:30pm**

All are welcome. Admittance is free.
Free will donation for dinner.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Reformation Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group (9th-12th)</p>	<p>2 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Open Party 6:00 pm Stephen Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>3 6:00 pm LWML Zone Rally (St. Johns-Sullivan) 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>4 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:15 pm Theology on Tap @ Maxim's 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 pm Luther Movie @ Hillside 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
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LWML **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

LWML Zone 17 Fall Rally will be hosted at **St. John's**, Sullivan on Tuesday, **October 10th**. Registration and refreshments beginning at 6:00 p.m. with program following. The guest speaker will be Rita Whittlow from Bethany Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. She will speak about this once German church who is now ministering to inner city members and community. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting evening. An **ingathering** of 8.5 oz. Styrofoam cups, 5 oz. juice cups, square napkins, apple juice from ALDI, quart size Ziploc bags, dish detergent, ½ gal. size bleach will be collected for Bible Studies and Soup Kitchen.

EYE GLASSES FOR MISSIONS

LWML is collecting eye glasses for MOST Ministries. Glasses accepted are **adult** or **children**, over the counter **reading glasses** and **non-prescription sunglasses**. Collection basket will be located across from Thee Bookstore.

LWML meets Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid

Our first meeting was held on Thursday, September 7th. We all found out how "HUMOR" can keep us young and healthy. Thank you to Adele Lund from the Lauerate Group of Wilkinson Woods. Laughter was shared by all. Thank you also to our guests from St. John's Lutheran Church in Golden Lake. It was very nice to share our evening with them.

Coming soon—hard to believe—will be our annual Christmas bazaar. We will again be looking for "helping hands" from many. Please consider joining us that day. Also needed, will be food items for our baking: flour, granulated sugar, butter, powdered sugar & Crisco-like shortening. Please bring to the kitchen anytime, labeled "St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar." The bazaar is Saturday, November 4th. Contact one of our officers if you have any questions. Please bring any items needed by Wednesday, November 1st. Thank you so much! Watch for future information in the weekly bulletins.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a package of paper plates to this meeting as a donation to various church groups.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

Mark your calendars now....packing of Thanksgiving Bags will be on Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 am.

Last year we handed out over 200 Thanksgiving food bags and anticipate more being needed this year. For those bags we are looking for 200 boxes of stuffing, 200 cans of cranberry sauce, 400 cans of green beans, 200 cans of cream of mushroom soup, 200 cans of fruit, 200 gravy packets. We are looking for donations to be dropped off by November 1st. If you have any questions, please call Jamie Stache at 608-444-3556.



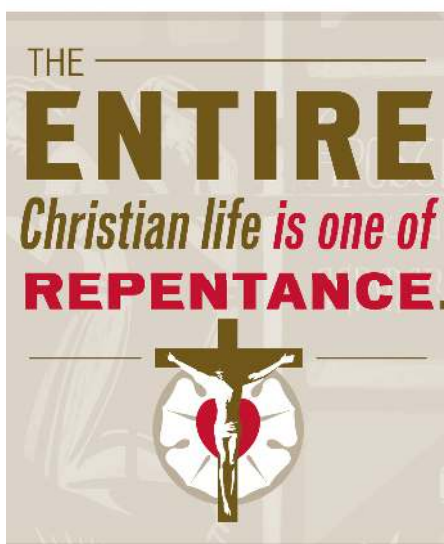
We will be handing out Thanksgiving bags for those in need on Monday, November 20th. You can sign-up by calling the church office at 262.567.5001 by November 6th.

**New adult Sunday
School class, Oct 1st**



Reformation LIFE

Why is the Lord's Supper so important? *What's the difference between Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Baptists?* Does it matter? Why baptize infants? **What is the church?** **What is the central teaching of the Christian faith?** **How shall I live?** What is the cause of sin?



REFORMATION LIFE will look at key Reformation era events and writings. Using the Scriptures, original sources, art, and historical context, we will explore the riches of Christ's Word and discover the very contemporary relevance of the Reformation and Lutheran teaching.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptisms

Tristan James, son of Christopher Weber & Jennifer (Sturm) Boldt
Maddox Alan, son of Christopher Weber & Jennifer (Sturm) Boldt
Gavin Christopher, son of Christopher Weber & Jennifer (Sturm) Boldt
Greyson Alexander, son of Joshua & Jennifer (Sturm) Boldt

Received by Affirmation of Faith

Cory Gardner

Released

Randy & Patricia Lindert, Kyle

Transferred to another LCMS church

Amber Butler – St. John's Lutheran Church, Mayville, WI

Transferred from another LCMS church

Nathan & Christina Nasett, Braxton & Gracelyn – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI
Jeffrey Gresley, Juliette & Moses – Elm Grove Lutheran, Elm Grove, WI

Death

George Kroemer
Iris Jahnke
Ethan Meyer

Baptized 1872 Confirmed 1093



Please join us this school year in becoming a prayer partner with the children of our school. We are asking all school and congregational members to select a child for whom you will pray this entire school year. Likewise, they will be praying for you. Instructions are located near the boards but here's how it works:

Locate a bulletin board in the Narthex or school lobby that has colorful handprints attached to it.

- † Select one of the handprints
- † On the back of the handprint is a white slip of paper, put your name on it
- † Drop that slip of paper with your name on it in the box/basket located nearby
- † Take the colorful handprint home with you
- † Begin praying for the child whose name is on the handprint
- † The child will receive the paper with your name on it and will be praying for you.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

~Ephesians 6:18

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ethel Buchta
October 4th

Bernice Brown
Carl Nicholson
October 5th

Sue Zastrow
October 10th

Louann Kuehl
October 13th

Roger Gartzke
Wayne Gartzke
October 16th

Dwain Eaton
October 17th

Bobbie Scheuer
October 19th

Ron Kleist
Sharon Peterson
October 21st

Esther Hart
October 26th

Rodger Pagenkopf
October 27th

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Ethan Meyer	\$5290.00
Iris Jahnke	\$310.00
Robert Tetzlaff	\$1675.00

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WORSHIP & STUDY

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

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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

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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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5 - 12 GRADE
YOUTH
FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

5:45 pm—9:00 pm

At Schuett Farms

State Highway 83 & Road X

Mukwonago, WI 53149

We will leave the church parking lot at 6:00 pm, so please arrive by 5:45. We will enjoy a nighttime hike through a corn maze at Schuett Farms. The paths of the maze are dirt, so please come prepared. You will need a flashlight and a cell phone (if you have one) for use at the farm. At 8:00 pm, we will make our way back to St. Paul's where we will enjoy a devotion and hot cider around a bonfire.



TICKETS ARE \$7



Drivers will be needed for this event. Please sign up using
Sign-Up Genius or by contacting Nicole Tanney
(nicole@splco.org)

This will replace High School and Middle School SNA on Sunday, October 15th.