

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

I tell you, not
seven times, but
seventy-seven
times.- Jesus



210 East Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: 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"

September 16th & 17th, 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 - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 36

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 15th 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 Emeritus: John Kelling

Theme: *The Reach of Forgiveness*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

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 Gilbert & Betty Radtke in praise to God for blessings received. 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 Dorothy Duchow in loving memory of Ray & Lucille Ihling.

BAPTISM

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Kylie Colleen**. She is the daughter of Ryan & Katie (Zimmerman) **Waldorf**. Her sponsors are Dan Teresinski & Sarah Zimmeran. We will keep Kylie 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

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: Mission Minute Update: Grant #5 ~ \$15,000

Concordia Seminary Clothing & Food Co-Op, Ft. Wayne

This next project to be funded will give financial aid to purchase perishable food items for the food bank who assist seminarians and their families with daily expenses and needs.

MEYER CHILDREN SUPPORT

Our hearts are filled with mixed emotions of joy and sadness as we mourn the death of Dr. Ethan Meyer. His celebration of eternal life in heaven brings hope and joy to our family of believers. Yet we realize his passing has also left much sadness as we mourn. We especially remember his youngest children, Gabby - 6th grade and Eli - 2nd grade, who are at St. Paul's. Accounts have been established at First Bank Financial Centre for those who wish to give a memorial on Dr. Meyer's behalf for their educational expenses.

SERVING DISCIPLES

LORD'S CUPBOARD HAPPENINGS

Last year we handed out over 200 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 608-444-3556.

LORD'S CUPBOARD NEEDS A COOK!

Chuck Wenthur has been making the Lord's Cupboard meal for the past few years and now is unable to continue. A huge **THANK YOU** to him for his wonderful and delicious service to this outreach ministry! If you can help make the meal once a month on the 3rd Monday, please contact Mary Hickenbottom for more details. Serving approximately 100-125 meals each month. 414.333.3421 or mary@splco.org.

GROWING DISCIPLES

LIFE TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY: *OUT OF THE ASHES*

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study at Maxim's, will now be held from 6:15pm—7:15 pm. This is to allow Adult Choir members to arrive for practice on time. Please make a note of it.

OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP

A year ago the Ladies Aid decided it was time to replace our church's carpeting. To "God be the glory" for all those who donated time and monies to beautify His sanctuary. A special "thank you" goes out to Gary Flanagan, Joe Probst, John Hertneky, Rick Zastrow, Mike Tesch and anyone else who helped rip out and dispose of carpeting. Your efforts will not be forgotten. Also "thank you" to the group of ladies who cleaned the pews and windows of the dust. Enjoy, and know that God does answer prayers!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

I just met a new member who just relocated to Oconomowoc. Do you think that this person would want one of our Stephen Ministers to help them? Give us a call.

Steve Hansen 262-646-4049

Jeff Stache 262-567-1302

Carol Allen 262-468-4292

Bobbie Scheuer 262-354-0033

JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (RSV) *Heavenly Father, help us not to fear the things of this world but to put our trust in you. Amen*



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.

If you would rather not purchase tickets online, you can purchase tickets through our church contact: Pat Menden at 262-646-3508.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost: The Reach of Forgiveness

September 17-24, 2017

The Reach of Forgiveness (Pastor Kelling)

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “mercy on your fellow servant” and “forgive your brother from your heart” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “are the Lord’s” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “stand before the judgment seat of God,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “to bring it about that many people should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21).

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: Romans 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

Psalm: Psalm 119:9-16 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	110	62	13	96	116	85	61	103
Evening	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

Catechism: Creed—The Ten Commandments—the Seventh and Eighth Commandments

<p><i>What is the Seventh Commandment?</i> You shall not steal.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way; but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p><i>What is the Eighth Commandment?</i> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost: The Reach of Forgiveness

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers— Luke 17:11-19	2 Chron. 36:1-23	Col. 4:1-18
Mon.	The Day of Atonement— Leviticus 16:1-17 (18-19) 20-22, 34	Neh. 1:1-2:10	1 Tim. 1:1-20
Tue.	The Lord Commands a Census of Israel— Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19, 45-54	Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Tim. 2:1-15
Wed.	The Levites Are Called to Serve as Priests—Numbers 3:1-16, 39-51	Neh. 4:74-23	1 Tim. 3:1-16
Thur.	The Priestly Blessing—Numbers 6:22-27	Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16	1 Tim. 4:1-16
Fri.	The Second Passover—Numbers 9:1-14	Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18	1 Tim. 5:1-16

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

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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 – Christine Flores; Bernice Brown; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl; Roger Fisher—Lyme's disease; Sam Marrari—hospice in Oshkosh; Duane Olson—kidney cancer; Duane Peterson; Carol Fellin—cancer; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Esther Hart—hospice; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; 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; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Cheri (Tina Gartzke's friend); Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Dan (stage -four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer)

Other: Bryan True—coma from motorcycle accident; Chelsea Bunker; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members) - stage 3 colon cancer; Kimberly Stoner—knee surgery (Sept. 13th); Naomi Morris (Lynn Kirkstein's friend); 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; Kristal—lung surgery; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; 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; Pat—afib; Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Clarence; Pam Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)—MS; 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; St. Paul's 8th graders and chaperones as they travel to South Dakota; the Celeste & Sofia Abel and their team as they travel to Costa Rica (September 17-24) for a Chick-fil-A outreach project; for a family in crisis; David; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Baptism: Kylie Colleen Waldorf—September 17th

Thanksgiving: Successful surgery for Bernice Brown

THANK YOU! On behalf of the Meyer family, we wish to thank all of our brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Paul's for their prayers, love and kindness given to our family and our son, Ethan, as he battled cancer for these last 17 months. Your love and support has meant so much to us. Though Ethan is no longer with us, we rejoice that he is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Wedding: Katie Bultman & Jake Rummmler—September 22nd

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

Hymn of the Week: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

LSB 501

Looking forward to The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Sept. 23/24, 2017**

Hymns: 807, 555 (742, 976, 821) 555

Get Over Yourself (Pastor O'Donnell)

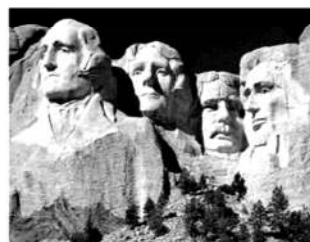
Those who are sent as "laborers for his vineyard" (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, and whenever we are called to faith, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear "the burden of the day and the scorching heat" on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12-15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that "he may be found" (Is. 55:6), "have compassion" and "abundantly pardon" (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, "whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20), by "fruitful labor" (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are "worthy of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME! ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND CLASS TRIP: The eighth grade class travels to South Dakota every fall for a week-long experience of Bible study, hiking, sightseeing, team-building exercises, and much more!! Blessings to the students, teachers, and chaperones for a safe and enjoyable trip!



FELLOWSHIP: Monthly coffee and fellowship hours on Sunday mornings between worship services – this month hosted by St. Paul's Early Childhood Center on Sept. 17th.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER: All students will be partnered with a member of the congregation to share prayer concerns and offer support to build up the family of Christ.



FIELD TRIP TO THE ZOO: Kindergarteners through eighth grade will go on a field trip to the Milwaukee County Zoo this month. A \$1,000 grant from Kohl's will greatly help to offset the costs. Grants also have been awarded to Kohl's Biz Town and Financial Park. These programs offer students a hands-on simulation of how the economy works in a city – grades 4-6 – and how to explore career choices and manage personal finances – grades 7-8.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12 Be a HERO for HIM!

Mission Statement: *Helping God's children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.*

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: September 18th–24th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY September 18 th	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
TUESDAY September 19 th	Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY September 20 th	Parish Choir Life Together Adult Choir	Balcony Maxim's Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY September 21 st	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY September 23 rd	Journeymen Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 24 th	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation (with parents) 5 th & 6 th Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (9 th -12 th grades)	Church Lobby/Outside Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Gym/Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

September 9/10

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—87

8:00 am—140

10:30 am—187

414 Total; 31 visitors; 383 members

**ST. PAUL'S SEPTEMBER 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 SUNDAY

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Special Music	SPLS 3 rd & 4 th graders	Concert Choir	
Acolytes	TBD	Caden Moldenhauer	TBD
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Dorothy Duchow	Sarah Neff
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Rick Zastrow	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	St. Paul's Student	Rick Zastrow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Erik Benes
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

NEXT WEEK

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Isaiah 55:6-9	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30	Matthew 20:1-16
Acolytes	Levi Benes	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Wendy Tesch	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiig
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Bruce Bain	Scott Kalien
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Scott Kalien

THE 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible pg. 55

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 1206

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

St. Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible pg. 1047

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."