

# 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"**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<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 - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 37

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 16<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:** *Get Over Yourself*

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**

**Women's Bible Study**

**490-2879 Sat. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 7:30 a.m. Whelan's**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Duane & Sharon Peterson in praise to God for Harry's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24<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).

## **BAPTISM**

We welcome into St. Paul's church family after the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Alexis Rose Lyn**. She is the daughter of Cory & Lisa (Morrell) **Gardner**. Her sponsors are Steve Scharnell and Brianna Willingham. We will keep Lexi in our prayers.

## **REACHING DISCIPLES**

### **NEW ELDER/USHER SCHEDULE**

The new elder/usher schedule for October through December of 2017 is now available. You can pick up your copy in the podium in the narthex. Thankyou.

### **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 The Bookstore.

### **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 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Eli - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

### **LADIES AID NEEDS HELP WITH SERVING FOR FUNERALS**

Our Ladies Aid is looking for people to help when they are asked to serve the meal following a funeral. Please contact (call or text) Sharon Peterson, if you are interested in helping at 262-490-8671. Thank you!

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Jamie Stache at 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, please contact Mary Hickenbottom for more details. Serving approximately 100-125 meals each month. 414.333.3421 or mary@splco.org.

# GROWING DISCIPLES

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

I talked to a friend and he just lost his job. Is this something that our Stephen Ministry can help them with? Maybe I should call and ask. I do care about this person. I wish I knew what to do to help! Call Steve 262-646-4049, Carol 262-468-4292, Jeff Stache 262-567-1302 or Bobbie at 262-354-0033.

## PRAYER PARTNERS

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



## 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.

*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 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Get Over Yourself*  
*September 24—October 1, 2017*

## **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).

## **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:** Luke 12:15 Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

**Christ-Centered Theme:** To live a Godly life is to live by faith in Christ alone, not by works of the Law.

**Psalm:** Psalm 86 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>	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
<b>Evening</b>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

## Catechism: Creed—The Ten Commandments—Ninth and Tenth Commandments

<p><i>What is the Ninth Commandment?</i>  <b>You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>            We should fear and love God            so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house            or get it in a way which only appears right,            but help and be of service to him in keeping it.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p><i>What is the Tenth Commandment?</i>  <b>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,            Or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,            Or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>            We should fear and love God            so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife,            workers or animals,            or turn them against him,            but urge them to stay and do their duty.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

### The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Get Over Yourself

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	Seek First the Kingdom of God— Matthew 6:24-34	Neh. 9:22-38	1 Tim. 6:3-21
<b>Mon.</b>	A Pillar of Cloud by Day and a Pillar of Fire by Night—Numbers 9:15-23	Mal. 1:1-14	Matt. 3:1-17
<b>Tue.</b>	Israel Departs from Sinai— Numbers 10:11-14a, 29-36	Mal. 2:1-3:5	Matt. 4:1-11
<b>Wed.</b>	The People of Israel Complain Against the Lord—Numbers 11:1-17	Mal. 3:6-4:6	Matt. 4:12-25
<b>Thur.</b>	The Lord Feeds His Grumbling People with Quail—Numbers 11:18-35	Deut. 1:1-18	Matt. 5:1-20
<b>Fri.</b>	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Deut. 1:19-36	Matt. 5:21-48

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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** – Bernice Brown; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl; Roger Fisher—Lyme's disease; 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:** Gail Albright—IBS; David Lenske (Tammy Horton's dad)—stroke; 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. 13<sup>th</sup>); 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; 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; the family of Ken (Kathie Ware's brother), who died; the family of Sam Marrari, who died; for a family in crisis; David; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Baptism:** Alexis Rose Lyn—September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Birthdays:** Harry Peterson—97<sup>th</sup>—September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Vivienne Schlomer—19<sup>th</sup>—September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving:** † Gemma Kitzman for favorable test results  
† For the prayers for Kathie Ware's twin brother, Ken, who went to be with his Lord  
† Dave Schlomer for successful eye surgery  
† For the safety of all the Nicholson families in Florida during Irma

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

**Hymn of the Week: "Salvation unto Us Has Come"**

**LSB 555**

**Looking forward to The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2017**

**Hymns: 912, 544 (566, 861, 637) 644**

***The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God***  
**(Pastor Kelling)**

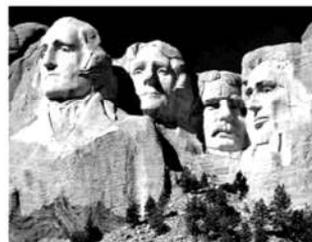
The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "the soul who sins shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of anyone" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "shall surely live; he shall not die" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23-27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 21:31-32).

# 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. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>  
 ADVANCE THE MISSION  
 REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Ministry Leaders Faith & Food for Wellness Stephen Ministry Supervision	Room 201 Room 219 Room 201	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Choir Life Together Adult Choir	Balcony Maxim's Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Faith & Food for Wellness Praise Team Practice	Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Blood Pressure Screening Public School Confirmation (with parents) 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Church Church Office 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 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

# ATTENDANCE

September 16/17

**Church Attendance:**

5:00 pm—244

8:00 am—147

10:30 am—131

522 Total; 31 visitors; 491 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**

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	SPLS 5K—2 <sup>nd</sup> graders Courtney Bandomir	Adult Choir	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Levi Benes	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiig
<b>Elders</b>	Bryan Polinske	Bruce Bain	Scott Kalien
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
<b>Lectors</b>	Russ Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Scott Kalien

**NEXT WEEK**

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18	Matthew 21:23-27
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Barb Hentz	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Dave Meyer	Mark Thurow
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Darlene Adams
<b>Lectors</b>	John Kelling	Dave Meyer	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Mike Papa	John Melvin

# THE 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Isaiah 55:6-9**

*Pew Bible pg. 782*

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

## **Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30**

*Pew Bible pg. 1247*

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **St. Matthew 20:1-16**

*Pew Bible pg. 1048*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."