

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The Oconomowoc Christmas Parade is at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 2nd. Due to the difficulty this will pose in accessing our parking lot and church entrance for our Saturday evening worship service that day, **WE ARE MOVING OUR WORSHIP TIME BACK TO 3:00 PM.** Please make a note of it.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul's Lutheran School Dinner Auction

April 21, 2018 Oconomowoc Lake Club



VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday
December 10th

11:45 am
in the Church Nave

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptism

Jarrett Daniel, son of Kevin & Kimberly (Sherman) Harrison

Death

Esther Hart

Baptized 1875 Confirmed 1091

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DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 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 6:00 pm Sunday Night Alive (9-12)</p>	<p>4 5:30 pm Lords Cupboard Open Pantry 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>6 12:00 pm Advent Hymn Sing 12:15 pm Advent Worship 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:30 pm Advent Soup Supper 6:15 pm Advent Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Advent Worship 7:20 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>7 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>1 8:00 am Women of Joy 9:00 am Ladies Aid Church Decorating 3:00 PM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 8:00 am Women of Joy 9:00 am Ladies Aid Church Decorating 3:00 PM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
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<p>17 8:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols Worship 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:45 am Youth deliver Christmas Food Bags</p>	<p>18 5:30 pm Lords Cupboard Meal</p>	<p>19 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>20 5:15 pm Advent Dinner 6:30 pm SPLS Children's Christmas Service 7:20 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>21 1/2 DAY SCHOOL 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>22 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23 7:30 am Journeyman 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>24 3:00 pm Christmas Family Worship 5:00 pm The Nativity of Our Lord 7:00 pm The Nativity of Our Lord 10:30 pm Christmas Midnight</p>	<p>25 NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship</p>	<p>26 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>27 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>29 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>30 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>31 8:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>						

LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML meets Tuesday, December 5th, at **6:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a Christmas devotion and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or treat. Remember your Red Stocking, Mites and caroling book (if you have one).

A total of 34 Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes were packed at our November meeting.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid

We'd like to give a huge shout out of "THANK YOU" to all those that stepped up and gave of their talents and time for our 2017 Craft Fair. (The bakery items were outstanding!) We could not continue this bazaar's mission without you. This congregation has come forward whenever we ask. *God's blessings to all!*

Our Ladies Aid Christmas party will be at Rosati's on Thursday, December 7th. We will bring red or green food items for the Lord's Cupboard. There will be an ugly sweater contest for our party at Rosati's. Please contact Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262-354-3010) if you'd like to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARING TREE GIFTS



It's here! The best giving time of the year! We are blessed to be able to help those children in need from our community along with the residents of Bethesda.

The Christmas Caring trees are in the narthex and in the school entryway with the ornaments which have the child's/Bethesda resident's name, their age, and choice of asked for gift or clothing items (recommended price range \$20/\$25). If you would like to make someone's Christmas a little more special, please take one or more "ornaments" from the tree.

On the back of the ornament are the instructions for this gift with due date (December 10th) for the gift to be returned to the church in time for pickup and delivery.

If for some reason you want to participate and are unable to get the gift and wrap it, please consider the idea of offering a gift card (use the SCRIP program!) or money to purchase a gift card. Please give this to the church office or in the offering plate (in an envelope marked Christmas Caring Tree).

For any questions please reach out to Lynne Lavota @ [262-527-4768](tel:262-527-4768).

Thank you again for all your support and have a blessed holiday season.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS

The Lord's Cupboard is handing out Christmas food bags to families that need a little extra help because of an illness in the family, financial problems, or something similar. Please call the church office at 567-5001 or come to the Lord's Cupboard food pantry on the 1st or 3rd Mondays between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm to sign up. Sign up ends on December 4th. You can pick up the bags on Monday, December 18th, between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm in the school lobby.

We will need help packing the food bags on December 16th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, it only takes about one hour, please join us.



REGISTRATION (continued)

Please indicate your Saturday dinner choice:

- _____ Garlic Panko Tilapia
- _____ Chicken Picasso
- _____ Penne Primavera

Please contact the resort directly with any special dietary needs.

20% discount on any spa services at the Aspire Spa. Just mention conference name when you make your reservation. You may call the Spa directly at (920) 876-3843.

Detach form and mail with payment to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
ATTN: Women's Retreat
210 East Pleasant
Oconomowoc WI 53066

Driving Directions:

Take I-43 north out of Milwaukee
Veer left to exit #97, which turns into Highway 57
North to Plymouth
Turn left onto highway 23 west
Exit onto highway 67 north
Follow highway 67 north into Elkhart Lake
Turn left at the four way stop onto Pine Street
Turn left onto Osthoff Avenue (first left turn)



101 Osthoff Avenue
P.O. Box 151
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020-0151
(920) 876-3366

Questions?
Please contact:

Laura Rohowetz
(608) 513-2292
lrohowitz@gmail.com

Sara Junio
(262) 490-2879
SaraJunio527@gmail.com

Are you living
the hidden life of
the heart?



Spring
Women's
Retreat

March 9 – 11, 2018
Osthoff Resort
Elkhart Lake, WI

AGENDA

Are you living the hidden life of the heart?

FRIDAY (evening)

- 4-6pm Check In (Dinner on your own)
- 7-9:00pm Welcome, Worship & Praise
- 9:00pm Free Time

SATURDAY

- 8-9am Full Breakfast Buffet
- 9:15-11:45am Worship & Bible Study
- 12-2pm Lunch (on your own)
- Free Time
- 3:15-6:00pm Worship
- 6pm Dinner
- 7-9pm Servant Event

SUNDAY

- 8-8:45am Full Breakfast Buffet
- 8:45-9:15am Check Out
- 9:30-11:45am Worship & Praise
- 11:45am Closing



"...let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."
1 Peter 3:4

The Women's Retreat is a time to experience God's gift of Jesus and His presence with us. In this retreat, we will learn how women, throughout history, have had remarkable opportunities – just with the gift of their presence – to share God's love and influence with those around them. We will learn how to embrace our spiritual gifts along with the gift of your presence to be a light in this world. The Lord places us where we are, when we are, for a specific time and purpose – big or small.

"...who knows whether you have not come into the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

Come learn what YOU, the Prophetesses Deborah and Katherine (Katie) Luther have in common. Come learn about your gifts and the life of the hidden heart.

... Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther 4:14

REGISTRATION

Please register no later than
January 31, 2018
Please include payment with your registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Roommates requested: _____

Package includes 2 night deluxe accommodations, Saturday breakfast buffet and dinner, Sunday breakfast buffet

Early registration, Full Registration

4 women in 2 bedroom suite \$185 / \$210

3 women in 2 bedroom suite \$215 / \$240

2 women in 2 bedroom suite \$275 / \$300

Each suite has one king size bed each

Scholarship funds available if needed. Please contact Sara Junio for more information.

Early registration by December 17th

Final registration by January 31st

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017

Saturday	December 3	Traditional Worship Service (TIME CHANGE)	3:00 pm
Wednesday	December 6	Advent Hymn Sing	12:00 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	12:15 pm
		Advent Soup Supper	5:30 pm
		Advent Hymn Sing	6:15 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	6:30 pm
Saturday	December 9	Traditional Worship Service	5:00 pm
Sunday	December 10	Traditional Worship Service	8:00 am
Sunday	December 10	Contemporary Christmas Worship Service	10:30 am
Wednesday	December 13	Advent Hymn Sing	12:00 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	12:15 pm
		Advent Soup Supper	5:30 pm
		Advent Hymn Sing	6:15 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	6:30 pm
Saturday	December 16	A Service in Lessons & Carols	5:00 pm
Sunday	December 17	A Service in Lessons & Carols	8:00 am
Sunday	December 17	Contemporary Worship Service	10:30 am
Wednesday	December 20	Advent Dinner	5:15 pm
		Advent Hymn Sing	6:15 pm
		St. Paul's Day School Christmas Service	6:30 pm
Saturday	December 23	NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP	
Sunday	December 24	Family Worship Service	3:00 pm
		The Nativity of Our Lord	5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
		Christmas Midnight	10:30 pm
Monday	December 25	Christmas Day Service	9:00 am
Saturday	December 30	Traditional Worship Service	5:00 pm
Sunday	December 31	Traditional Worship Service	8:00 am
Sunday	December 31	Contemporary Worship Service	10:30 am

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♣ Talent ♣ Treasure

Christmas is coming. It is a joyous time of feasting. The Church feasts upon the Word of God in sermon, song, and sacrament.

We hear the proclamation of the message of the angels: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10–11).

We mingle our voices with theirs as we sing, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased” (Luke 2:14)!

We receive the proclaimed Savior, Christ the Lord, not wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger, but wrapped in bread and wine placed into our mouths for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

We feast in great joy indeed because of this great blessing from our Lord and God.

God’s people in ancient Israel also feasted with great joy. The Lord showered His abundant blessing on His people. And He commanded them to feast upon it (Deut. 16). The people were to go to the place appointed, where the Lord would make His name dwell, and give offerings, each man as he was able, according to the blessing of the Lord that He had given them (Deut. 16:10, 15, 17).

And there the Lord would bless them with joy as they feasted upon what the Lord had provided. They ate of the choice parts of their offerings. They enjoyed the company of all the people of God as they together heard His promises of blessing, sang of His bountiful goodness, and partook of what He gave.

We feast on the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, not just during Christmas, but throughout all the year.

We feast not just on the salvation He has wrought for us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but we feast also on all the temporal blessings that God gives out of His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us.

We enjoy the rich bounty that God provides, not only in Word and Sacrament, but also in house and home, property and income, family and friends.

Let us then, as did our brothers in the faith from ancient Israel, give as we are able, according to the blessing of the Lord our God that He has given us.

Let us, like them, give generously of the first fruits of our income, which He gives, so that all may know and enjoy the salvation He gives and the joy we have in the Savior born in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ian McMillan
December 5th

Jean Fisher
December 9th

William Anderson

Donald Schmitt
December 12th

Richard Thurow
December 13th

Mary Ann Ashworth

December 14th

Carol Allen
December 16th

Jan Muecke
December 18th

Arlene Holzhueter

December 19th

George Nagel
December 21st

David Sullivan
December 24th

Gary Broege
December 27th

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Ethan Meyer

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ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
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

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Youth Service Event
*Sanctuary Christmas
Decorating*

Please join us in the Sanctuary on Saturday,
December 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Help us get
the church ready for the Christmas season!