



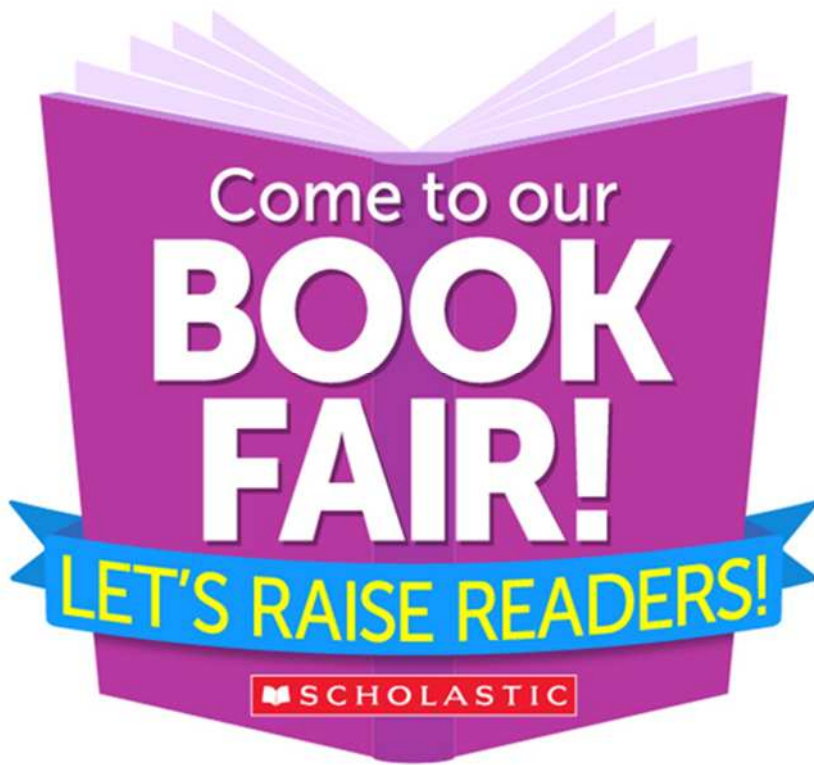
**Voters' Meeting
December 10, 2017
12:00 pm in the Church**

AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda/ Minutes from Previous Voters' Meeting
- D. Committee Reports
 - 1. Board of Elder's report Rick Zastrow
 - 2. New Member Committee report Pastor Scharnell
 - 3. Evangelism Committee report Pastor Scharnell
 - 4. Marketing/Publicity Committee report Amy Hackbarth
 - 5. Mission Outreach Committee Mary Hickenbottom
 - 6. Stewardship Committee report Mike Tesch
 - 7. Education Committee report Aaron Boldt
 - 8. Operations Committee report Scott Kalien
 - 9. Financial Oversight Committee report Dick Allen
 - 10. Endowment Fund Committee report Al Mueller
- E. Parish Reports
 - 1. Pastor's Parish report Pastor O'Donnell
 - 2. School Principal's report Jill George
 - 3. Church Leadership Team report George Menden
 - 4. Treasurer's report Jon Schmeling
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. District Nominations (in Pastor's Parish Report) Pastor O'Donnell
- H. Adjournment
- I. Closing Prayer

**Child Care available during the meeting by *Warrior Nation*
(St. Paul's Lutheran School's 8th graders).**



December 14th - 21st

The fair will be open before & after school,
classroom visits, before & after Church
and Christmas programs.

All proceeds benefit the school library!

O Christmas Tree

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 2nd Sunday in Advent
10 December, A.D. 2017
Isa 40:1-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Introduction

Your boughs so green in summertime
Stay bravely green in wintertime
O tannenbaum, o Christmas tree
How lovely are thy branches—from "O Christmas Tree"

The ever-_____ branches point us to the
eternal _____ of Christ. . .

CCT: Christian faith is being _____ in Christ's
salvation and _____ of His promises.

I. Another Side of the Christmas Tree Legend

A. The Tree

Boniface (early 700s) was sent to preach the Gospel
to whom?

What did villagers at Geismar do at the winter
solstice?

How did Boniface confront this? What did he tell
them?

The paradox of the Christmas tree: The tree gives
witness to eternal life, but it is also _____.

And *that* is a metaphor for the _____ life.

B. John the Baptist

Mark 1:2-4

C. Jesus

Luke 24:46-48 (ESV)

⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that _____ for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

III. A Call to New Life

Our trees, in order to bear witness, must first be cut down.

So also with _____.

What is the "sacred oak" in your life that must first be cut down to make way for the evergreen Christ?

YOU SHALL HAVE _____ OTHER GODS.

The infant priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn:
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.—LSB 624:1

Conclusion

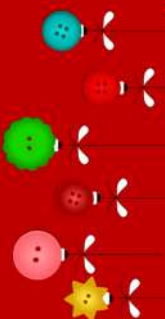
If there was forgiveness for child-sacrificers in the 8th century, then there is certainly forgiveness for _____ sinners in the 21st.



St. Paul's Early Childhood Center

SILENT AUCTION

December 11th-19th



Help us reach our goal of \$4,000 to replace the student lockers in the ECC. We need to raise \$2,149 to reach our goal. This year's "class-donated" basket themes include *Books, Breakfast Is Served, Date Night, Family Night, and Spa Night PLUS* items donated by our teachers and Retail Community. The auction will be open during center hours and before & after church services from December 11th thru December 19th at 6pm in the halls of the ECC. We hope to see you!



Free-to-Serve Capital Campaign*

as of Nov 30, 2017

<u>Campaign Pledges</u>	<u>\$1,119,970</u>
<u>Pledges Received</u>	<u>\$566,677</u>
<u>Distributions</u>	<u>\$441,412</u>
<i>Mortgage Payments</i>	\$350,000
<i>Lutheran High School Assoc.</i>	\$17,600
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	\$12,906
<i>Family Promise</i>	\$12,906
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses**</i>	\$48,000
<u>Account Balance</u>	<u>\$125,265</u>

We encourage all members to prayerfully consider contributing to this worthwhile campaign, on a continuing basis, a one time basis, or whatever amount a member would be comfortable contributing.

**Campaign runs Sep 1, 2015 thru Aug 31, 2018*

***Consulting Fees, brochures, etc.*