

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



EPIPHANY



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 *

St. Paul's Mission Statement: *"Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"*

January 6th & 7th, 2018

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus
Jill George, Interim Principal
Volume 24

Adam Tanney, Youth Director
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director
Christine Flores, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director

Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

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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 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Come to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *Three Reactions, Three Reasons*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study

**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. (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 a.m. Whelan's

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by a member 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.

REACHING DISCIPLES

FAMILY PROMISE DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

It's time again for Family Promise's Annual Year-End Matching Fund Campaign! And this year we have been blessed with a matching fund total of \$20,000! **ALL DONATIONS UP TO \$20,000 received by January 8th will be matched!** Help us build better lives for families in our community. Your financial support is vital to us, and we can assure you that every dollar goes toward our goal of transforming homeless families with children into self-supporting, contributing members of our local community.

SERVING DISCIPLES

HELP TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Come and help us "un-decorate" the church on Saturday, January 13th at 8:30 am. We could use your help—the more hands we have, the quicker it can be done. Thank you!

~Ladies Aid

GROWING DISCIPLES

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

The photo sessions for the new church directory have been postponed. We are attempting to reschedule them for this spring. More information will be available soon. Thank you.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

We will be holding acolyte training for students of St. Paul's Lutheran Church who are currently in 5th-8th grades. If your child is interested in acolyting, the training will be held on Wednesday, January 10th and Wednesday, January 17th, from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. Please contact the church office at 262.567.5001 or heather@splco.org.



Isaiah 60:6 *"They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD."* Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

IT'S TIME FOR WARRIOR BASKETBALL!!



Boys' Warrior Classic Tournament

January 4-7

*Come support our
Warriors while you sit on
the new bleachers and
watch them play on
the new gym floor!!*



Girls' Warrior Classic Tournament

January 11-14

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

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Epiphany of Our Lord: Three Reactions, Three Reasons
January 7–15, 2018*

Three Reactions, Three Reasons

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. It also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to the Christ Child, He calls disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

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

Christ-Centered Theme: We receive salvation through Christ, freeing us to give.

Verse: John 3:5-6 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Psalm: Psalm 85 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	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
Evening	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 114

The Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

<p><i>What is Baptism?</i> Baptism is not just plain water; but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.</p>	3 rd Grade +
<p><i>Which is that word of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit</p>	1 st Grade + Kindergarten +
<p><i>What benefits does baptism give?</i> It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.</p>	3 rd Grade +
<p><i>Which are these words and promises of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark; Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The Epiphany of Our Lord: *Three Reactions, Three Reasons*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Baptism of Our Lord— Matthew 3:13-17	Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28	Rom. 1:1-17
Mon.	The Baptism of Our Lord— Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17	Ezek. 2:1-3:11	Rom 1:18-32
Tue.	Behold the Lamb of God—John 1:19-34	Ezek. 3:12-27	Rom 2:1-16
Wed.	Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night— John 3:1-16	Ezek. 18: 1-4, 19-32	Rom. 2:17-29
Thur.	The Woman at the Well— John 4:1-30, 39-42	Ezek. 33:1-20	Rom. 3:1-18
Fri.	The Pool of Bethesda—John 5:1-15	Ezek. 34:1-24	Rom. 3:19-31

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

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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 – Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Carrie Boldt; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; Duane Olson—kidney cancer; Carol Fellin—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Louise Lang; 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: Beth—Lymphoma; Sue Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin)—cancer returned; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); 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; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; 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

Other: Kathleen O'Donnell—knee replacement surgery; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Riley Miskimen—blood clots; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; Andrew (Rick Ware's cousin)—CLL chemo complications & PML Syndrome; Robert Akers (April Tiedtke's father)—palliative care; Vicki Kuhl—afib; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members)—stage 3 colon cancer; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; 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; Clem—high calcium heart; Bob—prostate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Barb (Dave Schlomer's mom)—severe headaches; 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: Justin Michener; 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; Emilie Blanck, traveling to Israel on January 8th; Matt, friend of Heather Gartzke; for a family struggling with job loss; David; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

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

Hymn of the Week: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395

Looking forward to The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 13/14, 2018

Hymns: 589, 825 (644, 909, 617) 830

The Call is for You (Pastor Steve Scharnell)

Jesus doesn't say, "Do your best." He says, "Follow Me." He leads. The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to "come and see" that He is "the Son of God" and "the King of Israel" (John 1:43-49). And they shall see even "greater things than these" (John 1:50). He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him "as a prophet of the Lord" (1 Sam. 3:20). He also accompanies and upholds those who share His Word in our day. You are called, Jesus leads.

Save the Date

4.21.18

**St. Paul's
Lutheran School
Dinner Auction**

Oconomowoc Lake Club



Life Together

Fellowship, in-depth discussion, and Bible study

Christian Witness in 21st Century America: Case Studies in the Free Exercise of Christianity

with Rev. Lance O'Donnell

Christian witness centers in the Gospel, the message of free and full forgiveness in Jesus Christ (justification), but the just person “lives by faith” according to the Word of God (sanctification).

Each week participants will discuss a different case study (real life example) in which ordinary American Christians bear witness to Christ in their respective vocations and face varying responses. Related Scriptures will be examined and other possible responses will be explored in the discussion.

Participants will receive the short case studies ahead of time and—in order to facilitate discussion—are expected to read them before class.

Participants will be asked to bring a snack or drink at some time during the course.

Winter Life Together Bible Study
Wednesdays, Jan 10 – Feb 7, 2018 6:15-7:15 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran School, Room 219 (Upper Room)

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: January 8th – 14th

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY January 9 th	Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders' Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 201 Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY January 10 th	Parish Choir Acolyte Training Life Together Bible Study Adult Choir	Balcony Church Room 219 Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 6:15 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY January 11 th	Girls' Warrior Classic Tournament Praise Team Practice	Gym Church	TBD 7:00 pm
FRIDAY January 12 th	Girls' Warrior Classic Tournament	Gym	TBD
SATURDAY January 13 th	Girls' Warrior Classic Tournament Journeymen Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Gym Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	TBD 7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY January 14 th	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation 5 th & 6 th Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Girls' Warrior Classic Tournament Sunday Night Alive (5 th -12 th grades)	Church 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 10:30 am TBD 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

December 30/31

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—81

8:00 am—89

10:30 am—121

291 Total; 23 visitors; 268 members

**ST. PAUL'S JANUARY EPISTLE IS
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 WEEKEND	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Pre-Service	Aidan & Failenn O'Donnell	Aidan & Failenn O'Donnell	
Special Music	Kathy Mueller	Kathy Mueller	
Acolytes	Logan Polinske	Caden Moldenhauer	Hannah Tuff
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Barb Hentz	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiag
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
Greeters	John Melvin	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	John Melvin
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

NEXT WEEKEND	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	1 Sam. 3:1-10	1 Cor. 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Acolytes	TBD	Megan Frosch	Nathan Oelsner & Ethan Jacobosky
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
Elders	Mike Tesch	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Jamie Stache
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Don Meyer	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 787

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 1242

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

St. Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 1026

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.