



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples

**Part 2:
Confessing Christ in an Impersonal World**

RE:CONNECTING

Lenten Reflections on Faithful
Human Engagement and Media



**Church, School and
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.
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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5pm traditional
Sunday: 8am traditional
Sunday: 10:30am contemporary

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

February 24th & 25th, 2018

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

Number 8

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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: *Re:Connecting, Part 2:
Confessing Christ in an Impersonal World*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 3, pg. 184

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Some among us seek to sidestep suffering by being ashamed of Jesus' words (Mark 8:32, 38) about life issues. But sharing in His cross has a hopeful purpose because it leads to eternal life (Mark 8:31, 35). Christ prevails with grace for those who are weak (Romans 5:6). So we rejoice even in our sorrows (Romans 5:3-5) and join others in theirs. *Dear Christ, take up our crosses that we may ease the burdens of the weak. Amen.*

SERVING DISCIPLES



Mark 8:32 "And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

Witness: "How dare you lecture us!" That's what the Pharisees said to the man whose sight was restored. They could not believe that God would help a person whose life was steeped in sin, so they never tried to help him. Unfortunately for them, they are blind to their own condition. We must not see the misfortunes of others as signs of God's judgment on them, but as opportunities for us to share God's grace.

GROWING DISCIPLES

CONFIRMATION CLASS ARCHIVES

In an effort to complete our archive of Confirmation Class Pictures, I am asking for your help. If you have a family member OR were a member of the following classes, please contact Pat Borgman at 567-7131. Leave a message if we do not answer right away. Thank you for your help.

- Set 1: Classes from 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Set 2: Classes from 2001, 1995, 1993, 1987, 1968, 1966, 1961, 1960
- Set 3: Classes from 1955, 1950, 1948, 1947, 1946, 1945, 1943, 1942
- Set 4: Classes from 1939, 1938, 1936, 1933, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1925
- Set 5: Classes from 1924, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916
- Set 6: Classes from 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908
- Set 7: Classes from 1907, 1906, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DUANE OLSON

Our brother in Christ, Duane Olson, passed away this past Tuesday. His funeral arrangements are as follows (all at St. Paul's)—visitation will be held on Friday, March 2nd, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The funeral service will be at 11:30 am. A luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall.

ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID

Cheryl Oelsner shared slides at our February meeting of her family's mission trip last June to the Dominican Republic; and their work with the group home. She commented that we could all be involved in mission work, whether it be actually going, or financially helping those in the field.

Please plan to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, March 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Laura Volz, Director of Community Relations, from the memory care facility near the high school will be our guest speaker at our March meeting. She will talk about the differences of dementia, Alzheimers, and other conditions that impair memory. Refreshments will be provided by Dorothy Duchow and Sue Lindemann. Everyone is asked to bring pens and pencils as a donation to the church and school.

Come to the meeting with ideas for the upcoming Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet. We will also be deciding what our group wants to do for the annual school fundraiser.

Ladies--please plan to join us! Membership continues to be only \$5.00 a year.

Save the Date



4.21.18

St. Paul's Lutheran School Dinner Auction

Oconomowoc Lake Club

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Second Sunday in Lent: Re:Connecting, Part 2: Confessing Christ in an Impersonal World

February 18-25, 2018

Re:Connecting, Part 2: Confessing Christ in an Impersonal World

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him "the father of a multitude of nations." It is "an everlasting covenant" in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed "throughout their generations" (Gen. 17:1-7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds "on the things of God," and not "on the things of man" (Mark 8:33). "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been "reconciled to God by the death of his Son," much more "shall we be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1-2).

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: 1 Corinthians 11:26 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Psalm: Psalm 121 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	84	119:73-80	34	5	38	22	43	84
Evening	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31, 143	42, 32

The Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar

<p><i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</i> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p>	1 st grade+
<p><i>Where is this written?</i> The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark Luke and St. Paul's write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."</p>	2 nd grade+ Kindergarten+
<p><i>Who receives this sacrament worthily?</i> Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly find outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.</p>	2 nd grade+

The Second Sunday in Lent:

Re:Connecting, Part 2: Confessing Christ in an Impersonal World

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Canaanite Woman— Matthew 15:21-28	Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22	Mark 6:1-13
Mon.	The People Crave Meat— Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34	Gen. 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
Tue.	The Feeding of the Five Thousand— John 6:1-21	Gen. 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
Wed.	Jacob Wrestles with the Lord— Gen. 32:22-32	Gen. 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
Thur.	Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven— John 6:22-44	Gen. 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
Fri.	Jesus Is Rejected by His Own—John 6:47-69	Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67	Mark 8:1-21

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

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 – Wayne Gartzke—congestive heart failure and blood clot in heart; Jim Hertneky—recovering from back injury; Bobbie Scheuer; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; 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: Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin) - breast 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; 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; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Sharon—circulation problems; son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Cheryl (Mark Prange’s mom); a member’s mom—quick recovery from surgery; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; 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; the family of Duane Olson, who died; Matt, Brian—for mental clarity and to gain employment; friend of Heather Gartzke; for David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

Birthdays: Rick Zastrow—February 26th
Mary Hickenbottom—February 27th

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

LSB 708

Looking forward to The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3/4, 2018

Hymns: 645, 981 (624, 973, 425) 850

Re:Connecting, Part 3: Cleanse Your Temple (Pastor O’Donnell)

The Ten Commandments (Ex 20.1-17) show us God’s will and reveal our sin, so that we have no excuse. In the cleansing of the Temple (Jn 2.13-22) Jesus Christ exposes injustice, reveals idolatry, and proclaims His authority at the promised Messiah or “Savior.” That authority is established forever by His death and resurrection. This is why, in his letter to the troubled congregation at Corinth, St. Paul begins with first things: “We preach Christ crucified...” (1 Cor 1.18-31) As the body of Christ and each individual Christian is a “temple” of the Lord, it is time for us to repent--to cleanse our temple--and “believe the Scripture and the word that Jesus has spoken.” (Jn 2.22)

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL . . .

OPEN HOUSE

If your family or a friend was unable to attend, please contact the school office to schedule a personal visit. Registration for the 2018-19 school year has begun!

This past week faculty and PTO members welcomed current and prospective families at our open house. Many students and families were warmed with walking tacos and hot chocolate, interactive math/STEM* activities in every classroom, tours, craft activities, and many smiles!! The middle school staff organized a Math Mountain excursion with real-life applications of math concepts that challenged minds while having a lot of fun!!

**STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math*

Recently, students in grades 3-6 joined members of St. John's, Ashippun, in worship and sang the Nicene Creed. All students will sing this beautiful arrangement of our confession of faith Sat., Feb. 24, at the 5:00 service.



COMING SOON. . .

Our 7th/8th grade girls' and 8th grade boys' basketball teams will compete in the state tournament held by the Lutheran Sports Association of Wisconsin. This tournament is the first weekend in March. GO WARRIORS!!

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: February 26th—March 4th
 ADVANCE THE MISSION
 REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY February 27 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY February 28 th	Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Parish Choir Lenten Soup Supper Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Adult Choir	Church Church Balcony Fellowship Hall Church Church Balcony	12:00 pm 12:15 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30pm
THURSDAY March 1 st	Praise Team Practice Church Leadership Team Meeting	Church Room 219	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY March 3 rd	Women of Joy Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY March 4 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 Sunday Night Alive (9 th -12 th grades)	Church Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

February 17/18

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—87

8:00 am—126

10:30 am—163

373 Total; 28 visitors; 345 members

**ST. PAUL'S MARCH 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	Look2Him
Special Music	SPLS Students/Cheryl Tesch	Adult Choir	
Acolytes	Colton Koepke	TBD	Hannah Tuff
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Wendy Tesch	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Mike Tesch	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Shirley Smart (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Brenda Nagel
Lectors	Rick Zastrow	Don Meyer	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Erik Benes
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Rick Zastrow	Todd Leonhardt	Scott Kalien

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 2:13-22
Acolytes	TBD	Mason Paar	Hannah Tuff
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Donna Andrus	Sarah Neff
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Karen Meyer
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Dorothy Duchow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushers	Bob Bratz	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 15

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Romans 5:1–11 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1198

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

St. Mark 8:27–38 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1073

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."