



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples



Confirmation

**Church, School and
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
www.splco.org
262-567-5001

Worship Schedule

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

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

A member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

May 5th & 6th, 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 18

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + CONFIRMATION (8am)

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: *Love Under the Overpass*
(It's not what you think.)

Traditional Worship
Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Contemporary Worship
Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

Reformation Bible Study

**567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Connected in Christ**

567-5001 Wed.—6:15 p.m. Room 219

Women of Joy Bible Study

490-2879 Sat. (1st & 3rd) – 8:00 a.m. Whelan's

Journeymen (Men's Bible Study)

567-5001 Sat. (2nd & 4th) – 7:30 a.m. Maxim's

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Audrey Martens in memory of loved ones. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by the Frosch family in praise to God for those being confirmed this Sunday.

BAPTISM

We welcome into St. Paul's church family after the 10:30 am service, **Harper Elyse**. She is the daughter of Timothy & Rachel (Mifko) **Anderson**. Her sponsors are Karen Dentice & John Anderson We will keep Harper in our prayers.

REACHING DISCIPLES

PRAISE TEAM MUSICIANS NEEDED.....

Our St. Paul's Praise Teams, who assist in leading the music for the contemporary worship services, are looking for musicians to join them. **Look2Him** Praise Team is in IMMEDIATE need of a lead guitarist. They practice every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm in church.

In His Light Praise Team is looking for a drummer, a keyboardist and a violinist to fill out their team. They practice on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the church.

Whether you play one of the above instruments or any other instrument, or if you are a singer and you would love to help lead the congregation with contemporary style praises to our Lord, please don't be shy about sharing your talents!

Other opportunities to help: a few more people to learn to run the sound system and the power point for the 10:30 contemporary services. Training would be provided.

If interested in using your God given talents here at St. Paul's for our contemporary services, please contact Linda Leidel (Look2Him) via phone 262-569-2933 or email laleidel@gmail.com or contact Michelle Oddsen (In His Light) via phone 262-434-0439 or email michelle.oddsen@gmail.com. "Rise up and praise Him!"

SERVING DISCIPLES

TEACHING
POSITION
AVAILABLE

St. Paul's Lutheran School is accepting applications for a full-time teacher. The position is for 7th grade Homeroom, Middle School English Language Arts, Middle School Math, and other duties as assigned. Applicants must minimally possess a B.A./B.S. degree, be state-licensed, and preferably be synodically-trained. Please submit resume and cover letter to Jill George through the office or principal@splco.org.

GROWING DISCIPLES

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Aidan O'Donnell on receiving top honors in both his classical and musical theater solos at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest. He also received the exemplary soloist award. If you want to hear him sing his award winning solo as well as a wonderful choir concert, come to Lake Country Lutheran High School at 7pm on Friday, May 11. There will also be a wonderful band concert the following day at 7 pm.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – SUMMER 2018

This summer, from Memorial Day Weekend (May 27) through Labor Day Weekend (September 2), St. Paul's Adult Bible Study will focus on a series of topics: Anger; Bitterness; Careless Talk; Fears, Cravings and Misplaced Trust; Identity; Love Others; and Suffering. Outlines, including plenty of Bible verses to serve as guides to our study, will be provided. Classes will be held between services, from 9:15 until 10:15, in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on joining us for this series.

NOTE – There will be no Bible Study on August 26 as we celebrate the beginning of the School Year. After Labor Day we will return to our Reformation Life study, with a focus on the reformation of the worship service and, in October and November, a special study on church music.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

"God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34b). His people once misinterpreted His Word and treated Gentiles as less treasured than Jews. Jesus declared and demonstrated that humanity doesn't come in degrees—there's no "more human" or "less human." Everyone who has any "human" at all is infinitely beloved and belongs to the Lord. If He welcomes the wicked with forgiveness, He also welcomes the weak with friendship, and by His Spirit He can make saints of all (10:47). *Son of God, cause us to overcome the world and obey Your commandments. Amen.*

GOVERNANCE MODEL

2018/2019 Leadership Positions

POSITION		CURRENT	Term Ends	CANDIDATE	Term Ends
President		George Menden	2018	George Menden	2020
Vice President #1		Al Mueller	2018	Al Mueller	2020
Vice President #2		Dave Meyer	2019		
Treasurer		Jon Schmeling	2018	Jon Schmeling	2020
Education Committee, Director		Darren Ratzow	2019		
Operations Committee, Director		Scott Kalien	2019		
Board of Elders	1	Rick Zastrow	2019		
	2	Wilbur Pieper	2019		
	3	Erik Benes	2019		
	4	Todd Leonhardt	2019		
	5	Tom Truebenbach	2018	Tom Truebenbach	2020
	6	Arno Kirchenwitz	2018	Arno Kirchenwitz	2020
	7	Mark Thurow	2018	Mark Thurow	2020
	8	Josh Oddsen	2019		
	9	Chad Eberhardt	2019		

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Love Under the Overpass
May 6–13, 2018

Love Under the Overpass (It's not what you think) ~ Pastor O'Donnell

"The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations." (Psalm 98:2, ESV) He has done this in Christ, who laid down his life for us as the eternal sacrifice for sins. This is just as Jesus foreshadowed: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13, ESV) As those who have, by grace, received the "water and blood" testimony of Christ (1 John 5:6–7), our joy is full (John 15.11). In joy, then, we "love one another" as Christ loved us (John 15.12), and only God himself knows what that will mean for each of us.

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: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, saving us by His grace, and calling us to a life of service

Verse: Psalm 110:1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Psalm: Psalm 66 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Daily Psalms	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Morning	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	136, 117

The Catechism: To Parents: Ephesians 6:4; To Children: Ephesians 6:1-3

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, Instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4	3 rd Grade +
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" -which is the first commandment with a promise- "that it may go well with you And that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3	1 st Grade +

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Love Under the Overpass

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Whatever You Ask the Father in My Name—John 16:23-33	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10
Mon.	Saul Is Rejected by the Lord—1 Samuel 15:10-35	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tue.	David Is Anointed King—1 Samuel 16:1-13	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wed.	David Plays the Harp for Saul—1 Samuel 16:14-23	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thur.	The Great Commission & Ascension—Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:49-53	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Fri.	The Command to Preach the Gospel & the Ascension—Mark 16:9-20; and Acts 1:1-14	Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37

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

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 – Wally Gebel; Ann Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Wilbur Pieper; Katie Waldorf; Jim Campbell—hospice; August Fortmann; Rob Bratz Jr—throat cancer; Wayne Gartzke—stroke; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—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: Bruce—liver cancer; Daina Boppre—bone cancer; Sandy - kidney cancer; Jimi Duer—pancreatic cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); 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; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Mike—bone cancer; 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: Marilyn Hastert (Angie Scharnell's stepmom); Ray Kugler (Cris Parker's friend)—aneurysm surgery; Lynn Kysely—spine/back issues; Pauline Nagobads (Nicole Duchow's mom)—hospice; Steve Sietz—early onset dementia; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister)—broken hip; Karey—healing from stomach issues; Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Carol (Mark Prange's mom); Rev. William Meyer; 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—Spain; 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 Art Shay, who died; Marsha—financial difficulties; for family health and harmony of a member; Matt, Brian—for mental clarity and to gain employment; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

Anniversary: Bob & Amy Hackbarth—8th—May 7th

Baptism: Harper Elyse Anderson—May 6th

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

Hymn of the Week: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

LSB 556

Looking forward to the 7th Sunday of Easter

May 12/13, 2018

Hymns: 650, 821 (708, 539, 617) 909

"In" but Not "Of": How? (Pastor O'Donnell)

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them "from the evil one" and preserve them in His name (John 17:11-12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, "that they also may be sanctified in truth" (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father's Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things "to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). For "this life is in his Son," whom He has given by His Word, and "whoever has the Son has life" (1 John 5:11-12).



1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free of grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

Witness: Jesus assures us that whoever loves Him will also be loved by His Father as well as by Jesus Himself - *John 14:15-21*. We have the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus in word and deed. That is indeed a great privilege!

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

4th Grade Happenings



Fourth graders are getting ready for the transition into middle school. Aside from their regular academics they also have fun learning in other areas:

- FFA
- Biz Town
- Maple sugaring
- Ebert's Greenhouse Writing Contest
- Woodworking



We even make moving desks educational. Once a month desks are moved into different countries. Each month a section of the world is picked. They move desks into seven countries of that section. The most interesting was the Orient. The China group made a dragon to hang on their poles. Another month the Panama group depicted the Panama Canal across their poles. They are to find information on religion, flag, geography, animals, and any other pertinent info.

The end of this month we will be visiting Cave of the Mounds.

A few pictures from National Lutheran Schools Week



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: May 7th–13th

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY May 7 th	Lord's Cupboard Pantry Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Hallway Room 201 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY May 8 th	Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice Budget Meeting	Room 201 Room 219 Church Room 201	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY May 9 th	Life Together Bible Study Adult Choir	Room 219 Balcony	6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY May 10 th	Circuit 21 Ascension Meal Circuit 21 Ascension Worship Service Praise Team Practice	Divine Redeemer Divine Redeemer Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
FRIDAY May 11 th	Henke/Tesch Rehearsal	Church	4:50 pm
SATURDAY May 12 th	Journeymen Henke/Tesch Wedding Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY May 13 th	Traditional Worship Time to Grow (Sunday School) Public School Confirmation Class Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Sunday Night Alive Youth Group (5-12)	Church Meet in Gym Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church Gym/Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 98 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 635

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-8 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1304

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

St. John 15:9-17 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1147

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. [Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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