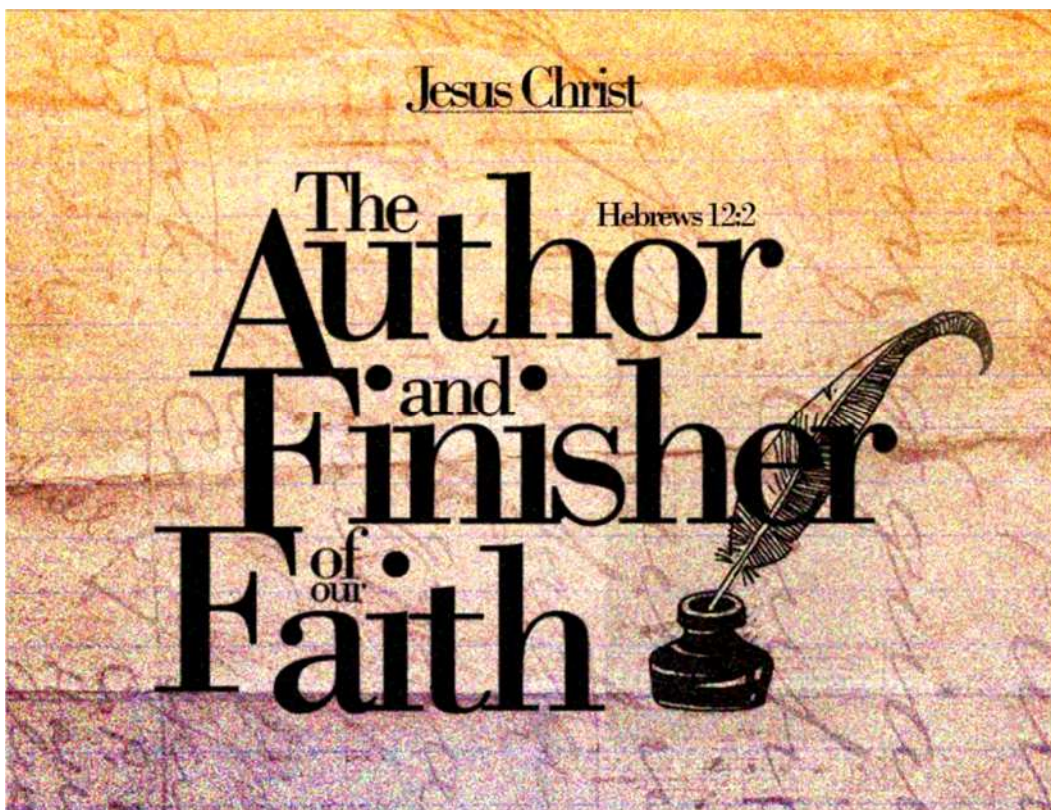




St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples



**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

June 23rd & 24th, 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 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Number 25

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 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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: *Who's the Subject?*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Setting 3, pg. 184

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

Summer 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

Journeyman (Men's Bible Study)

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

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Connie Evans in praise to God for her grandson's, Kolten's, baptismal birthday. 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 Belle Romback in praise to God for her 77th birthday on June 25th.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 30TH
WORSHIP
SERVICE
TIME**



2:00 PM

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours will be 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday, effective June 3rd - August 24th. Please make a note of it.



Starting on Monday, June 18th, St. Paul's Street will be closed until further notice due to construction. Pleasant Street will be open for you to access our church and parking lot.

REACHING DISCIPLES

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Paul's is looking to add to our family!

We will be at the Oconomowoc Farmer's Market on July 21st & August 4th this summer. We would like to give away cups of lemonade to the children & bottled water to adults, at the market, and need your help.

Donations of store bought, pre-mixed lemonade

are very appreciated. Donations can be brought to the school & church office.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED WATER & LEMONADE LAST WEEK!

WE HAVE ENOUGH BOTTLED WATER FOR ALL OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS!

All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generosity and help!

St. Paul's Church, School & ECC

SERVING DISCIPLES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed one Monday a month to count the weekend offerings. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please call Cindy Peartree at 262-567-5001 for details.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP JULY 1st-8th

Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming families without shelter to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Saviors on July 1st-8th. **Help us welcome guests and live out our Faith in service to our neighbors in need.** There are currently 5 adults and 8 children (15, 14, 14 (twins-male, female), 12, 9, 4, 3, 1.5 years old) in the program. Please review the following service opportunities and sign up: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/163cbb7827cc5218?compose=163d61e49fe2c3ea>

We need the following food items made or bought and dropped off:

(Call Mary for specifics please 414-333-3421)

- 7/1-Lunch meat 2 lbs.
- 7/3-Taco Meat and fixings-shells (hard & soft), cheese, lettuce, sour cream, taco sauce or salsa
- 7/6-Pizza
- 7/6-Salad
- 7/7-Dessert

There are other food items needed and other volunteer opportunities so please check it out. Contact Mary Hickenbottom with questions. 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org Thank you!

GROWING DISCIPLES

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness magazine is available again this year. If you are currently on the list and receiving the magazine, please call the church office at 567-5001 to let us know if you would like to continue your subscription or cancel it. If you would like to start receiving *The Lutheran Witness*, please call the church office so we can get you on the subscription list. The cost for the magazine is \$15.96 for 11 issues (the June/July issue is combined). The deadline for renewal or new subscriptions is June 29th.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Sunday, June 24 ~ 11:30-12:30 ~ Fellowship Hall

All VBS Volunteers please come to find out your responsibilities, the schedule, and to help decorate. We are looking forward to a terrific week at Time Lab!

THUNDER BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Friday, July 13th and Monday, July 23rd: Lake Country Lutheran High School will hold open tryouts for their Lake Country Thunder (students entering 5th through 8th grade) baseball teams from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the baseball diamonds behind the high school at [401 Campus Drive](#) in Hartland. These teams will compete in the late spring and summer of 2019. For each team, a player must be that team's age or under as of May 1, 2019. Rain date is Wednesday, July 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Questions may be directed to David Bahr at dbahr@lakecountryhs.org.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Nativity of John the Baptist: Who's the Subject?
June 24-July 1, 2018

Who's the Subject? (Pastor O'Donnell)

The Church rejoices over the Lord's mercy just as Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives did at John's birth (Luke 1:58). But when Zechariah's tongue was loosed, John was not the subject of his song. Instead, he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people" (Luke 1:68). John is the voice crying, "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Is. 40:3); Jesus, the virgin-born Son of God, is that Lord. John is "the prophet of the Most High" (Luke 1:76). He is born "to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins," because Christ the Dayspring is visiting (Luke 1:76-79). Thus, what John preaches is the comfort of iniquity pardoned by Jesus, the promised Savior of Israel (Acts 13:23), so "that [His] salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6).

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: Jesus is the subject of our song, the author and finisher of our faith.

Verse: Lamentations 3:22-24 *Through* the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. *They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion,"* says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

Psalm: Psalm 138 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	19	136	123	15	36	130	56	67
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	46, 93

The Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism—What benefits does baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?

<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>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,</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 Nativity of John the Baptist: Who’s the Subject?

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Be Merciful as Your Father in Heaven— Luke 6:36-42	Prov. 17:1-28	John 16:17-33
Mon.	The Feeding of the 5,000—Mark 6:30-44	Prov. 20:5-25	John 17:1-26
Tue.	Jesus Walks on the Water—Mark 6:45-56	Prov. 22:1-21	John 18:1-14
Wed.	Out of Man’s Heart Proceed Evil Thoughts— Mark 7:1-23	Prov. 22:22-23:12	John 18:15-40
Thur.	A Canaanite Woman Trusts Jesus’ Word— Mark 7:24-30	Prov. 24:1-22	John 19:1-22
Fri.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Prov. 25:1-22	John 19:23-42

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

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 – Sue Lindeman—recovering from knee surgery; Pastor Paul Borgman; Joel Tesch—recovering from knee surgery; Jackie Meyer—recovering from knee surgery; Don Groose—recovering from surgery; Shirley Dibble—recovering from surgery; Darlene Adams—knee replacement; Linda Uttech—shoulder reconstruction; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment; Mary Buss—cancer; Ann Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; August Fortmann; Rob Bratz Jr—throat cancer; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Louise Lang; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Peg—breast cancer; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; John Witmar (friend Pastor & Angie Scharnell)—prostate 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; 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: Robert Morgan—recovering from a bad fall; 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; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister)—heart issues; Karey—healing from stomach issues; Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; 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 Steve Sietz, who died; for the family of Bruce (Rick Ware's brother-in-law) who died; Mike, having a hard time coping with life; for those struggling with marital strife and pornography addiction; 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

Birthdays: Bill Voss—96th—June 24th
Belle Romback—77th—June 25th
Megan Reiner—20th—June 20th

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: "Hark the Glad Sound "

LSB 349

Looking forward to The 6th Sunday after Pentecost _____ June 30/July 1, 2018
Hymns: 803, 809 (717, 782, 390) 922

Receiving and Giving God's Grace (Pastor O'Donnell)

The Lord is faithful. His steadfast love never ceases, and "his mercies never come to an end" (Lam. 3:22-23). To keep us in repentance and to make our faith grow, He causes grief for a while, but He does not cast off forever; in due time, "he will have compassion" (Lam. 3:31-33). Therefore, "hope in him," and "wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord," for "the Lord is good to those who wait for him" (Lam. 3:24-26). That is what the woman who had "a discharge of blood" learned, and also the ruler whose daughter was "at the point of death." Each waited on the mercy of the Lord Jesus, and each received His saving help (Mark 5:21-28). Such is "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," who humbled Himself unto the extreme poverty of death "so that you by his poverty might become rich." (2 Cor. 8:9). Graciously we have received love and hope; graciously we give.



Mark 4:40 "He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'" Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn't it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn't it fear that stops us from following the Lord's Word to give generously toward His work in the Church? Well... "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

Witness: Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Register me for Time Lab!

Vacation Bible School Dates: June 25-28, 2018

Time: 8:00 am—11:00 am

Cost: \$15 per student/\$35 max per family

Child's name _____

Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Birthdate ___/___/___ Grade completed _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact _____

Relationship to child _____ Phone _____

Please place my child with _____

Name of home church _____

Food allergies Y___ N___ List _____

Medical concerns Y___ N___ Explain _____

PERMISSION TO USE IMAGES AND VIDEO

I hereby grant permission for _____ St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

CHURCH NAME

to record sounds, images, or video of my child _____

NAME

while attending *Time Lab*. I also give permission for _____

CHURCH NAME

at its sole discretion, to use these sounds, images, or videos in publications (including print, websites, and social media

platforms) owned by _____ St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

CHURCH NAME

in relation to *Time Lab*.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

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: June 25th—July 1st

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY June 25 th	Vacation Bible School	Various Rooms	8:00 am
TUESDAY June 26 th	Vacation Bible School Praise Team Practice	Various Rooms Church	8:00 am 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY June 27 th	Vacation Bible School Acolyte Training Summer Lakeside Worship	Various Rooms Church Backyard	8:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY June 28 th	Vacation Bible School Praise Team Practice	Various Rooms Church	8:00 am 7:00 pm
SATURDAY June 30 th	Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	2:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 1 st	Traditional Worship Blood Pressure Screening Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Church Office Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will run through August 29th at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs! Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. (If there is inclement weather, services will be moved into the sanctuary.)

ATTENDANCE

June 16/17

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—51

8:00 am—126

10:30 am—149

Wed.—17

343 Total; 21 visitors; 322 members

ST. PAUL'S JUNE/JULY 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
Special Music	Failenn O'Donnell	Failenn O'Donnell	
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Annalee Duchow
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Leslyn Mueller	Sarah Neff
Elders	Dave Meyer	Bruce Bain	John Melvin
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Shirley Smart (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	Erik Benes	Cheryl Tesch	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Mike Papa	Gary Flanagan	John Melvin

NEXT WEEKEND 2:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Readings	Lam. 3:22–33	2 Cor. 8:1–9, 13–15	Mark 5:21–43
Acolytes	TBD	Levi Benes	TBD
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Donna Andrus	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Tom & Densie Showen
Lectors	Rick Zastrow	TBD	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Rick Zastrow	Bob Bratz	Truman Seifert

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 40:1-5 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 762

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Acts 13:13-26 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1172

Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.' "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation."

St. Luke 1:57-80 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1089

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.