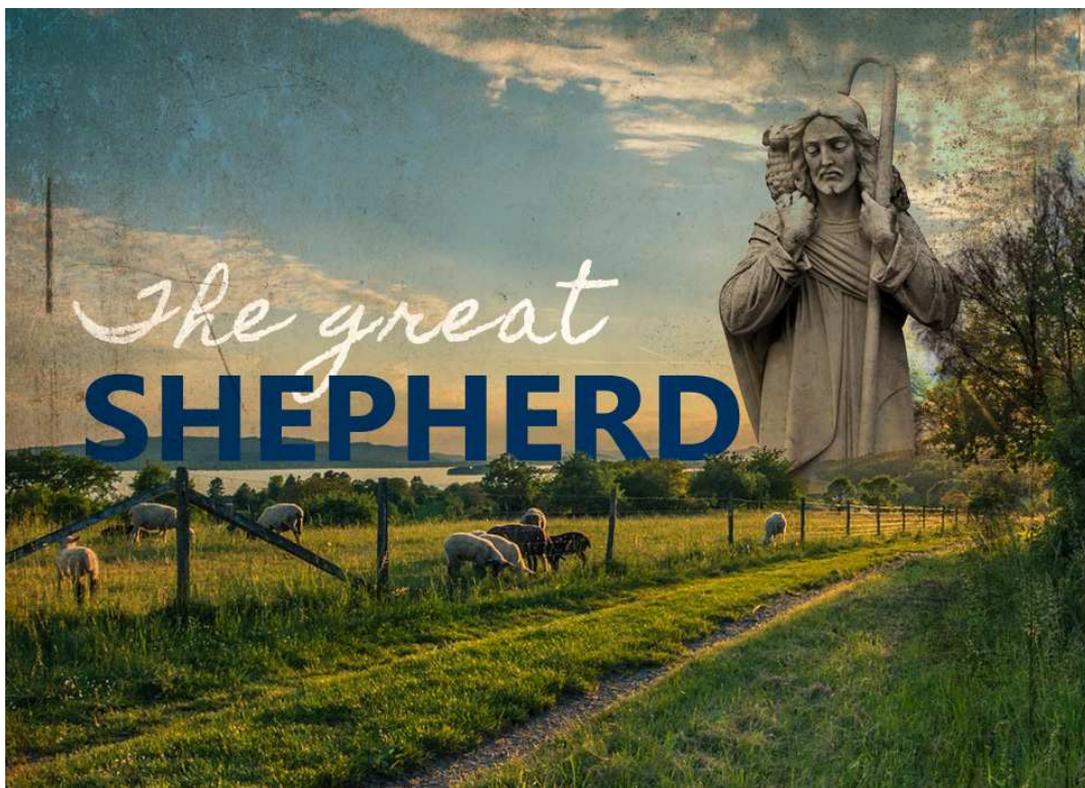




**St. Paul's**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

***Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples***



**Church, School and  
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
[www.splco.org](http://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*

July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 28

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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**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:** *The Great Shepherd*

Traditional Worship

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Setting 4, pg. 203**

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. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) – 8:00 a.m. Whelan's**

**Journeymen (Men's Bible Study)**

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

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Stan & Louann Kuehl 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. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Paul & Pat Borgman in loving memory of Pat's parents, Elmer & Edna Hafemeister.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> & August 4<sup>th</sup> 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!*

*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

## **LWML**

### **Mission Minute Update SWD LWML CONVENTION \$204,500 MITE GOAL**

Delegates voted on 9 new Mission Grants at the 2018 District Convention in June totaling \$153,375 and \$51,125 which will fund national grants for the remaining year. A total of 285 attended the two day event. The list of 2018-2019 grants will be listed in the August Epistle. Please remember your Mite Box as we begin a new biennium of funding these grants.

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### **SHORT (like me) and SWEET? (like me)**

Books, books and more books for children ages 2 to 6 at Barb Star's garage and other fun kid items too! Call 262-443-7366 evening/weekends (after 8am) to come and find treasures. Free-will offering to help St. Paul's Fund-a-Family Scholarship Fund. And no, I am not retiring 😊.

### **MUSIC BEATS HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**

On Wednesday evening, July 25th, at 7:30 - 8:30 PM, the Oconomowoc Legion Band will be having a "**Music Beats Hunger** Food Drive" for our local Food Pantry, along with their weekly Band Concert. Please attend the concert and bring a non-perishable food contribution - right at the Rhodee Memorial Band Shell, City Beach, [324 W Wisconsin Avenue](#). Monetary donations will also be accepted. Help feed our local hungry folks!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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The Church Leadership Team (CLT) is looking for five volunteers from the congregation to serve on a committee to review St Paul's Constitution and Bylaws.

This committee would be responsible to:

- review the existing constitution and bylaws
- make recommended changes
- changes would need to be published and reviewed with the congregation
- changes would need to be voted by the congregation for adoption
- changes would need to be approved by the South Wisconsin District Office

Please contact Heather in the church office if you are interested at 262.567.5001 or [heather@splco.org](mailto:heather@splco.org).

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL - ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN ATHLETIC GOLF OUTING

The Warrior Golf Outing will once again be held at Iron Wood Golf Course in Sussex. This year's outing will help pay for new volleyball and basketball equipment. Please stop by one of the two booths for more information. The first booth is found in the lobby to our school, the second is found in the narthex of the church. Any questions or concerns, please call or text Ben Mueller at 262-370-6575. The date for this year's outing is Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to another great outing.

### Youth Gathering Brat Fry and Car Wash

Please come and support the youth at Piggly Wiggly on July 22nd from 10:00 AM to 3 PM. We will be serving brats and washing cars to raise funds for the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minnesota.

If your child will be ages 14 to 19 or entering ninth grade at the time of the gathering (July 11-15, 2019), please join us at the fundraiser!

Email Nicole Tanney ([nicole@splco.org](mailto:nicole@splco.org)) for more information or to sign up.



# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*  
*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: The Great Shepherd*  
*July 22-29, 2018*

## **The Great Shepherd (Pastor Scharnell)**

The Lord rebukes and removes the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep. He gathers the sheep and brings them back and then sets shepherds over them who will care for them. He sends Jesus, the good Great Shepherd. He has compassion on us because we are too like sheep without a shepherd. He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fully fed and satisfied in body and soul. He brings you near. Even though you were separated from God by your sins, you have been reconciled through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## **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:** Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen .

**Psalm:** Psalm 26 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
<b>Evening</b>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

**The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar—What is the benefit of this Eating and Drinking?**

<p>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?          These words,  <b>Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,</b>          show us that in the Sacrament          forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation          are given us through these words.          For where there is forgiveness of sins,          there is also life and salvation.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> grade+</p>
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**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: The Great Shepherd**

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Beware of False Prophets—Matthew 7:15-23	Judges 15:1-16:3	Gal. 3:23-4:11
Mon.	Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus— Mark 10:46-52	Judges 16:4-30	Gal. 4:12-31
Tue.	Palm Sunday—Mark 11:1-1	1 Sam. 1:1-20	Gal. 5:1-26
Wed.	The Fig Tree and the Cleansing of the Temple—Mark 11:12-19	1 Sam. 1:21-2:17	Gal. 6:1-18
Thur.	The Lesson of the Fig Tree and Jesus’ Authority—Mark 11:20-33	1 Sam. 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41
Fri.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	1 Sam. 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22

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

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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** – Amy Brockway—healing from kidney issues; Sue Lindeman—recovering from knee surgery; Pastor Paul Borgman; Jackie Meyer; Don Goose; Shirley Dibble; 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; 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—liver biopsy; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Peggy Lauber—liver and bone cancer; Mark Jorgenson—pancreatic cancer; Pastor Darrell Struehrenberg—cancer surgery; 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; 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—recovering from brain surgery; Burcin Scheuer (Bill & Bobbie's daughter-in-law)—pregnancy complications; Ashlin Sanders—kidney transplant; John Bahr—serious accident; Matt Schroeder—serious leg injury; Kerry—relapse and leg infection; Dan (Joann West-Spransy's brother) - COPD; 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; 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)—hospice; 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; a family going through marriage difficulties; the family of Charles Wenthur, who died; the family of Augie Fortmann, who died; the family of Ellie Eickmann (Barb Hentz's niece) who died of an aneurysm; Jamie & Ben Stache—Romania Mission Trip (July 26-August 5); an Okauchee resident to know God's love; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

**Birthday:** Florence Zastrow—July 26<sup>th</sup>

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

**LSB 465**

**Looking forward to The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 28/29, 2018**

**Hymns: 726, 849 (752, 625, 815) 809**

***Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus (Pastor Kelling)***

Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, "and with every living creature," that never again would there be "a flood to destroy the earth" (Gen. 9:9-11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that "the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh" (Gen. 9:13-16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. "Take heart," and "do not be afraid," for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten "into the boat" with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45-51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are "strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Eph. 3:16-17).



**Ephesians 2:13** *"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."* What all of mankind's efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: we have peace with God, we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

**Witness:** Sow the seed of God's Word, and let God take care of the harvest. Only He knows how to sort out the wheat from the weeds.

# St. Paul's Marriage Retreat

**November 9-11, 2018**

The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI

*Marriage is where God joins a man and a woman into one living flesh.  
What a great and mysterious blessing!*

**The 2018 Biblical marriage retreat is about rejoicing in the truth and finding strength through our Lord who brought us together.**

Couples will:

- † worship together
- † enjoy the company of others on the journey
- † receive teaching and resources to strengthen their marriage
- † spend structured and free time exploring what they're learning
- † have an onsite counselor available to assist.

**Participants must be married according to St. Paul's Marriage Policy.**

**To find out more, please contact**

**Angie Scharnell 920-285-1264 or Linda Hertneky 651-206-8497**

## **Free-to-Serve Capital Campaign\***

as of July 12, 2018

Campaign Pledges \$1,119,970

Pledges Received \$655,991

Distributions \$594,115

*Mortgage Payments* \$500,000

*Lutheran High School Assoc.* \$17,597

*Dominican Republic* \$15,528

*Family Promise* \$12,905

*Miscellaneous Expenses\*\** \$48,085

Account Balance \$61,877

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

\*Campaign runs 9/1/15 thru 8/31/18

\*\*Consulting Fees, brochures, etc.

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](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 23<sup>rd</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Journeyman Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

**Wednesday Summer Worship Services**

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will run through August 29<sup>th</sup> 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

July 14/15/18

## Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—93

8:00 am—107

10:30 am—118

Wed.— 21

339 Total; 25 visitors; 314 members;

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST 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

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	George Menden	George Menden	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	Freddy Hertneky
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Ashworth	Dorothy Duchow	Sarah Neff
<b>Elders</b>	Bruce Bain	Rick Zastrow	Josh Oddsen
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Brenda Nagel
<b>Lectors</b>	Russ Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Flanagan	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

## NEXT WEEKEND

### 5:00 PM

### 8:00 AM

### 10:30 AM

<b>Readings</b>	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 3:14-21	Mark 6:45-56
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bobby Edwards	Mason Paar	Julisa Phelps
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Leslyn Mueller	Brenda Jacobosky
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bryan Polinske	Erik Benes
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Karen Meyer
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Brockway	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Brian Hulett/Sara Benes
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Bratz	Dan Friedrich	Scott Kalien

# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Jeremiah 23:1–6 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 825*

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

## **Ephesians 2:11–22 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1242*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## **Mark 6:30-44 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1031*

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.