



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



### Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm traditional • Sunday: 8:00 am traditional

Sunday: 10:30 am contemporary

Special services during Advent, Lent, & Summer

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# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center

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

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Volume 24

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 33

Please fill out an attendance card  
and place it in the offering plate.

*As the prelude begins, worshipers are  
encouraged to conclude conversation  
and quietly prepare for worship.*

## GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! If you are a guest, the following  
information may help you:

If you have questions, or would like more  
information about St. Paul's, an usher will be  
happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the  
pew in front of you, and place it in the offering  
plate.

If you have small children, there are activity bags  
located behind the back pews that might be  
helpful for your child.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Please read our confession found on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book and indicate  
your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.

Those who share in our confession of faith of the Lord's Supper are welcome to receive.

If you hold a confession differing from this congregation, please speak with a pastor or elder.

Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

If you are physically unable to come to the table, please let an usher know and the pastor will  
come to you and give you communion.

### Communion Wine

The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses  
that contain more wine are rose in color.

**August 26, 2018**

**THE 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** Here We Grow!

**All-Congregation Worship**

Special Order

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

5:00 pm - 73      **Total: 359**  
 8:00 am - 167    **Members: 342**  
 10:30 am - 109   **Visitors: 17**  
 Wed - 10

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



**THIS WEEKEND**

**NO 5PM OR 8AM WORSHIP SERVICES!**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Failenn O'Donnell	Failenn O'Donnell	
<b>Acolytes</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	N/A	N/A	Audrey Martens Gerri Zweg
<b>Elders</b>	N/A	N/A	Dave Meyer Josh Oddsen
<b>Greeters</b>	N/A	N/A	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Lectors</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>PowerPoint</b>	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
<b>Radio</b>	N/A		N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	N/A	N/A	Mike Papa Truman Seifert

**SPONSORS**

**Radio Broadcast:** Ken Groenke in loving memory of his wife, Joan.

**Our 8:00 am Worship Service is broadcast live on WTKM 104.9 and at wtkm.com**

**Families with small children:**  
 There are activity bags located in the back of the church that might be helpful for your child.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Wednesday Summer Worship Service**

Lakeside Worship is held at 6:30 pm in our backyard. Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. Services will be moved to the sanctuary in the event of inclement weather. Bring a lawn chair!

### **Support the Youth Group...by doing what you already do!**

For those of you who shop at Piggly Wiggly, please save your receipts for the youth group. Drop them in the box in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. The youth group gets 1% of the total of the receipts that are turned in. In 2017, that amounted to \$588!

There are a few simple requirements:

- † Receipts must be from the Oconomowoc or Hartland stores
- † Must be from this calendar year or last
- † No "duplicate" receipts

If you aren't sure, turn it in and we'll figure it out! Thanks for supporting the youth group!

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Church Leadership Team (CLT) is looking for four 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).

### **Hero Crusade proceeds update:**

The purpose of the Hero Crusade held this past April was to raise funds to improve the school's technology program. With the some of the proceeds, we were able to purchase 45 Chromebooks and a short-throw projector. Beginning this school year, all 7th & 8th students will receive a Chromebook to use at school! Thank you to everyone who helped make the Hero Crusade such a successful event! All glory to God!

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Here We Grow!  
August 26-September 2, 2018

## ***Here We Grow!***

The scribes and Pharisees think they've got it all figured out, how to do the right thing and earn God's favor. They are growing in arrogant self-righteousness. Jesus confronts them because they put tradition over Scripture and mercy and lost God in the process: ". . . "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." (Mark 7:6-7, ESV) Christ call us to repent of this self-focus, receive His forgiveness, and grow in His grace and knowledge. (2 Pet 3.18) Indeed, "The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 92:12-13, ESV).

## ***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:*** Christ call us out of self-focus and to grow in His grace and knowledge.

***Verse:*** Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

***Psalm:*** Psalm 32 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

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

***The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—the First and Second Commandments***

What is the First Commandment? <b>You shall have no other gods.</b>	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
What is the Second Commandment? <b>You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.</b>	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

***The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Here We Grow!***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<b>Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Parable of the Good Samaritan— Luke 10:23-37	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63	2 Cor. 4:1-18
<b>Mon.</b>	Saul Persecutes David— 1 Samuel 19:1-18 (19-24)	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Cor. 5:1-21
<b>Tue.</b>	Jonathan Befriends David— 1 Samuel 20:1-23	1 Kings 11:1-26	2 Cor. 6:1-18
<b>Wed.</b>	Jonathan Keeps His Promise to David— 1 Samuel 20:24-42	1 Kings 11:42-12:19	2 Cor. 7:1-16
<b>Thur.</b>	David Flees from Saul— 1 Samuel 21:1—22:2	1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34	2 Cor. 8:1-24
<b>Fri.</b>	Saul Murders the Priests of Nob— 1 Samuel 22:3-23	1 Kings 16:29-17:24	2 Cor. 9:1-15

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

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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** – Pastor Paul Borgman—Melanoma; Peggy Lauber—liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble; 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; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Mary Vanderwerker; Erin (Mileager) Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson—pancreatic cancer; Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg—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:** Jessi Oates; Anna Mae (George Urban's mother)—hospice; Donna (Diana Radtke's sister)—tick bite; Jeffery Barney; Silas; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)—recovering from stroke; Robert—recovering from brain surgery; Ashlin Sanders—kidney Transplant; Jon Bahr—continued healing; 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); Lynn Kysely—spine/back issues; Pauline Nagobads (Nicole Duchow's mom)—hospice; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister)—heart issues; Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; Carol (Mark

Prange’s mom); Rev. William Meyer; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble’s niece); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; 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; 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; 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; an Okauchee resident to know God’s love; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

**Birth:** Sloane Rebecca, daughter of Adam & Nicole (Hill) Tanney

**Thanksgiving:** Jonathan, Marilyn Marohn’s nephew, receiving a kidney  
Peggy, for successful cancer treatment

**Wedding:** Janelle Gosh & Alex Putz – September 2<sup>nd</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 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 1/2, 2018**

**Hymns: 905, 566 (587, 659, 924) 657**

***Cleansed by the Word (Pastor O’Donnell)***

Wickedness and evil come “from within, out of the heart,” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Thus, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “declared all foods clean” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, which is the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “your wisdom and your understanding” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “to your children and your children’s children” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “armor of God” by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may “stand firm” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the “gospel of peace,” and take up “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” by confessing Christ Jesus and “praying at all times in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:14–18).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **We are gearing up for Sunday Morning Time to Grow!**

If you would like to share your love for Jesus with the children, please consider helping out. We need teachers, assistants and subs. If interested contact the church office at 262.567.5001.

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year**

Matters of marriage, sexuality, and procreation are not marginal to the Christian message. Husband, wife, and children capture the heart of the Gospel in their unconditional acceptance and self-sacrificing servanthood (Ephesians 5:31-32). Indifference or abuse to family structure diminishes our life-saving witness. Celebrating and exercising these gifts will strengthen all other social institutions as well. *Heavenly Bridegroom, charm us into enthusiastically submitting to Your will. Amen.*

### **Looking for some to help with Extended Care**

Flexible hours, help children with their homework, play with the children. Be loving, but firm. School days only as we do not offer extended care on school holidays. Contact Jill George in the office.



**Mark 7:11** *“But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God).”* Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

**Witness:** God has given us special gifts. It was He Who created the earth and heavens. Thank you, God for Your marvelous works.

**The August Epistle is online at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> August 27	SPLS First Day of School		
<b>TUESDAY</b> August 27	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> August 27	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> August 27	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b> August 27	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> September 1	Women of Joy Bible Study Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> September 2	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

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Adult Bible Study

Sunday: 9:30 am - Fellowship Hall  
262-567-5001

#### Journeymen

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am  
Maxim's

#### Women of Joy Bible Study

Saturday (1st & 3rd) -8:00 am  
Whelan's

# NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9	Eph. 6:10-20	Mark 7:14-23
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
<b>Elders</b>	Bruce Bain	Chad Eberhardt	Mark Thurow
<b>Greeters</b>	John Melvin	Shirley Smart (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
<b>Lectors</b>	Erik Benes	Cheryl Tesch	
<b>PowerPoint</b>	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Flanagan	Bob Bratz	John Melvin

**September 1 & 2, 2018**

**THE 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Cleansed by the Word*

**Traditional Worship** Lutheran Service Book,  
Divine Service 1, pg. 151

**Contemporary Worship**  
Special Order

## READINGS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### **Psalm 92:1-15**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; but you, O LORD, are on high forever. For behold, your enemies, O LORD, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered. But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil. My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants. The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

### **2 Peter 3:13–18**

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

### **Mark 4:1–9**

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."