

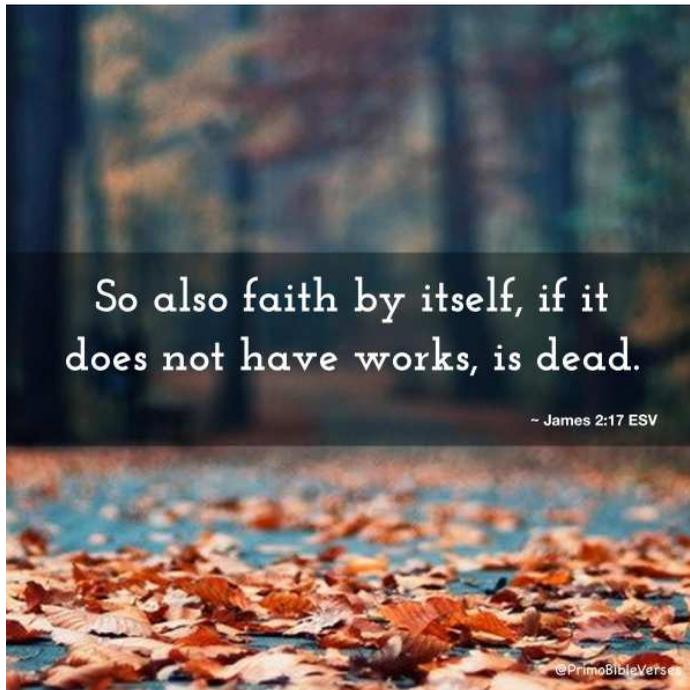


St. Paul's

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

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

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 35

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.

September 8/9, 2018

THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: Christian Faith is Active in Love

Traditional Worship

LSB, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship
Special Order

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 101 **Total: 335**
 8:00 am – 90 **Members: 326**
 10:30 am – 144 **Visitors: 9**

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



THIS WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
Special Music	Adam Tanney	Adam Tanney	
Acolytes	Madeline Crowley	Bobby Edwards	Sami Jo Abel
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Wendy Tesch	Brenda Jacobosky
Elders	Dave Meyer	Mike Tesch	Erik Benes
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Darlene Adams
Lectors	Amy Hackbarth	Dorothy Duchow	
PowerPoint	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Todd Leonhardt	Scott Kalien

SPONSORS

Altar Flowers: In honor of Mimi Gebel's 90th birthday from her children and their spouses

Radio Broadcast: Audrey Martens, in memory of loved ones

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

Marriage Ministry Retreat Early Registration Deadline

The early registration deadline for the Marriage Ministry Retreat is **Monday, September 10th**. Register today to save \$25! The retreat is at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake from November 9th-11th. We'd love to have you join us! Brochures to register can be found in the narthex.

Bake Sale for Lord's Cupboard

Delicious home-baked treats will be available for purchase before and after all services on the weekend of September 22nd & 23rd. Proceeds to benefit The Lord's Cupboard. Our goal is to replace an old freezer with a new energy efficient commercial chest freezer. If interested in helping contact Mary Hickenbottom (mary@splco.org) or Todd Leonhardt (toddcollen@att.net).

LWML Fall Retreat Ingathering

Items needed for the SWD Fall Retreat are as follows:

Cereal, instant oatmeal, granola & protein bars, boxed meals peanut butter & jelly. Personal products needed: pads, tampons, panty liners and incontinence products. Items will be going to Trinity Lutheran, Menasha and The Lutheran Food Pantry in Oshkosh. Please place in bin marked "Ingathering" on the table in the Fellowship Hall by September 16th.

College Care Package Ministry

For those of you interested in receiving or having a College Care Package sent to your college student, please e-mail or call me with the students name and mailing address at school. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our college students during the school year and let them know we care. Please email Tracy Bain at bbain123@gmail.com or text/call 262-370-8567 by September 30th.

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 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!

September 11th Concert and Ceremony at the Band Shell

Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm with the Legion Band playing

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Christian Faith is Active in Love*

September 9 - 16, 2018

Christian Faith is Active in Love

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).

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 heals our souls by His Word and—by grace—makes us participants in this life of love.

Verse: Romans 5:19 By one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

Psalms: Psalm 119:9-16 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	67	51	54	65	143	86	122	110
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90	66, 23

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—Fifth and Sixth Commandments

<p>What is the Fifth Commandment? You shall not murder.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p>What is the Sixth Commandment? You shall not commit adultery.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Christian Faith is Active in Love

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	“Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness”—Mt. 6:24-34	2 King 6:1-23	Phil 1:21-2:11
Mon.	David Spares Saul’s Life a Second Time— 1 Samuel 26:1-25	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29	Phil 2:12-30
Tue.	Saul Seeks Counsel from a Medium— 1 Samuel 28:3-25	2 Chron. 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21
Wed.	The Tragic Death of King Saul— 1 Samuel 31:1-13	2 Chron. 31:1-21	Phil 4:1-23
Thur.	David Mourns the Death of Saul— 2 Samuel 1:1-16 (17-27)	2 Chron. 32:1-22	Col. 1:24-2:7
Fri.	David Reigns over All Israel— 2 Samuel 5:1-5 (6-8) 9-10 (11-25)	2 Chron. 33:1-25	Col. 1:24-2:7

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

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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 – Darryl Wickersham—sore knee; 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; 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; 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: Gail Schroeder-Hoffman—broken arm; Dennis—diabetic with sore on foot; 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; Marilyn Hastert (Angie Scharnell's stepmom); Lynn Kysely—spine/back 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); 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; 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; the family of Pauline Nagobads (Nicole Duchow’s mom), who passed away; a family going through marriage difficulties; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

Birthdays: Mimi Gebel – 90th – September 9th
Bill Scheuer – 80th – September 12th
Pastor Steve Scharnell – 50th – September 10th

Thanksgiving: Rob Bratz Jr. for a cancer-free PET scan

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: “Praise the Almighty”

LSB 797

Looking forward to The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15/16, 2018

Hymns: 726, 849 (620, 783, 819) 533

Guest Pastor David Dukovan

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

Those who teach the Word of God “will be judged with greater strictness” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “boasts of great things,” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “the tongue of those who are taught,” He is able to sustain the weary “with a word” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “mute and deaf spirit” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Looking for someone 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.



James 2:2 *"For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in."* God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

Witness: Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies.

The September Epistle is online at www.splco.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 10	Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.	Hallway Room 201	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY September 11	Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 201 Room 219 Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY September 12	Parish Choir Life Together Adult Choir	Balcony Maxim's Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY September 13	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY September 15	Women of Joy Bible Study Acolyte Training Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 16	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation Time to Grow (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church Lobby/Outside Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study

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

Journeyman

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

Women of Joy

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

Life Together Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:15 pm
Room 219

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Isaiah 50:4-10	James 3:1-12	Mark 9:14-29
Acolytes	Abigail Menzel	TBD	Adam Boldt
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Rick Zastrow	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	John Melvin	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Kim Tuff
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
PowerPoint	N/A	N/A	TBD
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

September 15/16, 2018

THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Pastor: David Dukovan

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

Contemporary Worship
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READINGS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

James 2:1–10, 14–18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Mark 7:31–37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."