



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



THIRD SUNDAY  
IN  
*Advent*

### 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. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus

Jill George, Principal

Volume 24

Amanda Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director

Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director

Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director

Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 50

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

## 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.

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

**December 16, 2018**

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *What Life is All About*

**Traditional Worship**  
LSB, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

**Contemporary Worship**  
Special Order

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 84      **Total: 389**  
 8:00 am – 146    **Members: 365**  
 10:30 am – 159   **Visitors: 24**

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
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	Bill & Bobbie Scheuer	Bill & Bobbie Scheuer	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brigitte Schlomer	Mason Paar	Braden Ratzow
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Dorothy Duchow	Brenda Jacobosky
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bruce Bain	Scott Kalien
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Gary Pribnow (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>PowerPoint</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Flanagan	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

### SPONSORS

**Radio Broadcast:** Jim & Marlene Steinberg in praise to God for their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on December 18<sup>th</sup>

**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

### **Lord's Cupboard needs desserts for Monday's meal and other needed items**

The Lord's Cupboard is anticipating serving 150-200 meals this Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We could use lots of desserts. If you are able to make one, please have it in the kitchen by 3:30 pm on Monday. Items that the Lord's Cupboard is getting low on and would appreciate donations of include: soup, paper grocery bags, toothpaste, hand soap and deodorant for women or men. Please put these items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Gift cards to Aldi's and Dollar Tree also help us purchase these items. Please put gift cards in an envelope in the offering plate or drop off in the office. Thank you very much for your prayers and support of this needed outreach ministry for our community!

### **From the Church Leadership Team Desk**

#### **Fellowship Hall Renovation during Christmas Break at St. Paul's**

This is to inform the congregation that during the scheduled period of the school Christmas break, December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Fellowship Hall, at St. Paul's, will be undergoing a Renovation Project.

We are asking for your patience and PLEASE BE AWARE OF SAFETY ISSUES as you are passing through the Fellowship Hall during this construction renovation period.

#### **The Denny Zastrow Sing-a-Long and Journeymen's 14<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Party**

Once again the Journeymen are having a Christmas Party celebrating the joy the Christ-Child brings to our lives and especially the fellowship for us as Christian men! The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Journeymen Christmas party is on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pete Sheild's from 7:30 am—9:00 am. All men of the congregation are invited. Pete lives at 15 White Tail Lane, Oconomowoc. Please contact the church office or Dave Meyer at 920-279-5860 or [dm202124@gmail.com](mailto:dm202124@gmail.com) to RSVP and bring a friend!

### **Youth Group Reminders**

Piggly Wiggly Receipts - Our youth group is still collecting Piggly Wiggly receipts and receives 1% back from each receipt. Please consider saving your receipts and dropping them off in our Piggly Wiggly Receipt box by the fellowship hall at the bottom of the ramp.

- **December 16<sup>th</sup>**
  - ❖ Christmas food bags delivered by youth to local community (11:45am-1:00pm)
  - ❖ SNA for middle and high school (5:45pm-7:30pm)

Blessings,  
The Youth Leadership Team



**Philippians 4:5b-6** *“The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”* Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

### **A Letter from Your Stephen Ministry Team**

Eight years ago Pastor Krug came to me and asked if I would join the re-formed Stephen Ministry Leadership team. I thought he had the wrong man and I told him so. Pastor Krug convinced me that Stephen Ministry is valuable and I could assist to restart the program at St. Paul's to provide church members and non-church members alike with Christian care during their time of need.

We formed a leadership team and were trained. My role is that of the referrals coordinator. I match care receivers with Stephen Ministers. In the past years, we have trained new Stephen Ministers who have gone on to serve dozens of care receivers.

Every couple of years the leadership team conducts a search for more Stephen Ministers and Leaders. Congregation members are asked to prayerfully consider whether they have what it takes to be a Stephen Minister or Leader. Each year we find ourselves in the same position. We have more people wanting Christian care and not enough Stephen Ministers to fulfill the need.

There are people in our community who are in need; people with illness, with sorrow, with pain. The Stephen Ministry Team is once again asking you to consider joining our team as either a Stephen Minister or a Stephen Leader.

We are all led by the Lord. Please pray on whether you are called for this service.

Jeff Stache

Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

Please contact any Leader with questions

Jeff Stache 262-567-1302

Steve Hansen 262-646-0516

Carol Allen 262-468-4292

Bobbie Scheuer 262-354-0033

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Family Promise Volunteer Sign-Up January 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

#### **2019-A New Year and a new chance to serve**

Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming families without shelter to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Savior's on January 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 3 families in the program, 5 adults and 4 children (13, 11, 1 and 2 months).

**Help us welcome guests and live out our faith in service to our neighbors in need.**

Please review the service opportunities still available and sign-up:

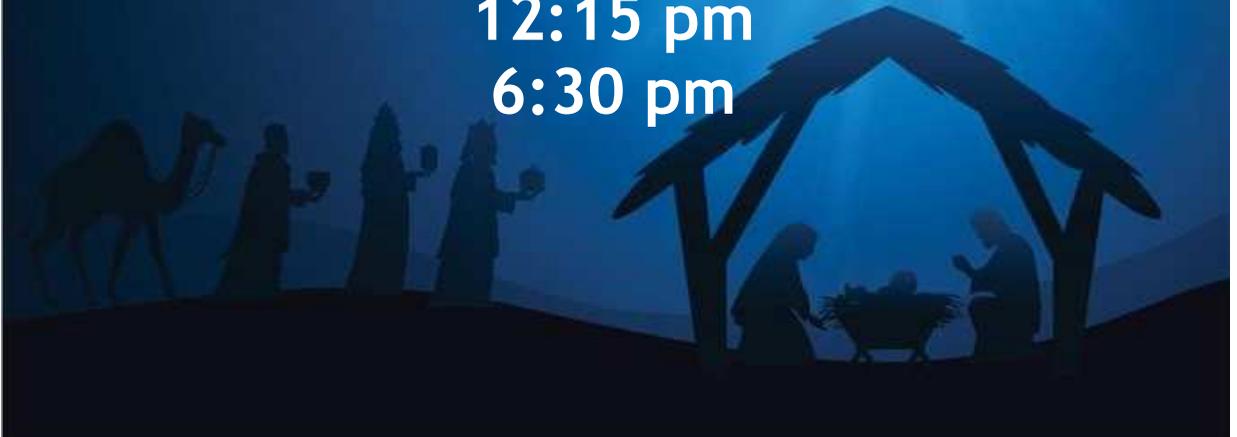
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family16>

This link is also on our website: <http://www.splco.org/>

Contact Mary Hickenbottom with questions. 414-333-3421 or [mary@splco.org](mailto:mary@splco.org) Thank you!!

# *St. Paul's Lutheran School's Christmas Program*

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
12:15 pm  
6:30 pm**



# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
The Third Sunday in Advent: *What Life is All About*  
December 16-23, 2018

## *What Life is All About (Pastor O'Donnell)*

It can be hard to rejoice when it seems like everything around you is difficult or seems out of control, but a shift in focus can help us see the way out. The third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross and resurrection, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! John the Baptist knew this, and that is why he sent his disciples to Jesus. So, too, Paul, who encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7).

## *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:** John the Baptist shows us what life is all about: Christ.

**Verse:** Romans 7:18 I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

**Psalm:** Psalm 14 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	24	122	33	50	18:1-20	102	90	24
Evening	25, 110	40, 671	85, 91	14, 16	126, 62	130, 16	80, 72	25, 110

## ***The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Fifth & Sixth Petitions***

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Fifth Petition)</i>  <b>And forgive us our trespasses  as we forgive those trespass against us.</b></p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  We pray in this petition  that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins,  or deny our prayer because of them.  We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray,  nor have we deserved them,  but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace  for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.  So we too will sincerely forgive  and gladly do good to those who sin against us.</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade +</p>
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Sixth Petition)</i>  <b>And lead us not into temptation.</b></p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  God tempts no one.  We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us  so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature  may not deceive us or mislead us  into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.  Although we are attacked by these things,  we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade +</p>

## **The Third Sunday in Advent: *What Life is All About***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	"Go and Tell John What You See and Hear" — Matthew 11:2-11	Is. 32:1-20	Rev. 4:1-11
Mon.	Christ's Birth Is Foretold to Joseph— Matthew 1:18-25	Is. 33:1-24	Rev. 5:1-14
Tue.	The Nativity of Our Lord—Luke 2:1-7	Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10	Rev. 6:1-17
Wed.	The Birth of Christ Is Announced to Shepherds— Luke 2:8-14	Is. 40:1-17	Rev. 7:1-17
Thur.	The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem—Luke 2:15-20	Is. 40:18-41:10	Rev. 8:1-13
Fri.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 42:1-25	Rev. 9:1-12

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

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father 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** – Bob Hackbarth (broken ribs); Sheila Rams; Wilbur Pieper (Aurora); Wayne Gartzke; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow (Shorehaven); Marilyn Roecker; Don Gauerke; Pastor Paul Borgman–Melanoma; Peggy Lauber–liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble–cancer; Laura Gruen–brain tumor; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment; Mary Buss–cancer; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke–Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak–breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz–cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** John Henke (Skye's dad) – stage IV Melanoma; Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)–Multiple Myeloma; Jennifer Lemke (Judy Mueller's niece/Wendy Sallam's sister); friend of Marilyn Roecker–pancreatic cancer; Tanya Schoenberger (Richie & Lucy Fredrick's daughter)–breast cancer; Betty (Heather Scheuer's aunt); Erin (Mileager) Rayborn–Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson–pancreatic cancer; Peg–breast cancer; Mary Sprague–breast cancer; John Whitmar (friend of Pastor & Angie Scharnell)–prostate cancer; Daina Boppre–bone cancer; Sandy–kidney 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:** pregnant friend of a member with heart complications; Audrey (Sheila Rams sister)—Alzheimer’s; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)—stroke; Erick (Linda Hertneky’s cousin)—kidney surgery; Michael George (Jill & Jamie’s nephew)—recovering from injuries; Gracie Brehm; friend of Virginia Meintz recovering from open heart surgery; John Meisenheimer; Bob Back (friend of Scharnell’s)—Lou Gehrig’s disease; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson’s sister); Anna Mae (George Urban’s mother)—hospice; Jeffery Barney; Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble’s niece); Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; 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 Sturm (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; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, 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 families of Louise Lang and LaVerne Krueger who joined the Church Triumphant; Teddy; David; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

**Anniversary:** Jim & Marlene Steinberg – 53<sup>rd</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>

**Public Reception of New Members:** Mark & Sue Baganz  
Brian & Amy Sandlass, Jacob

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”**

**LSB 345**

**Looking forward to The Fourth Sunday in Advent + Lessons & Carols December 23, 2018**

**Hymns: 347, 361 (379, 380, 368) 387**

***The Grace that Gives Us Joy (Pastor O’Donnell)***

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With the infant John the Baptist, we “jump for joy” (Luke 1:39–45) in the presence of Christ, for He is the manifestation of God’s mercy and gentleness. Christ came to rule His people in peace, to “shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,” yet He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from the little town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in Word and Sacrament, yet ever-full of the grace that gives us joy.



**Reformation**  
Tap Society

# Reformation Tap Society

**Craft Beer**  
**Friendly Conversation**  
**Serious Theology**

*Third Sundays*  
*5:00-7:00 pm*

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Each month, the brewmaster at BrewFinity Brewery will tell us about a new beer, which we will be able to sample. Afterwards, our presenters, with beer in hand and jolly in mood, will take the mic and give a conversational talk on a serious theological subject. We will then eat and chat amongst ourselves.



## **BrewFinity Brewery**

N58W39800 Industrial Rd., Ste. D  
Oconomowoc

<https://www.brewfinitybrewing.com/>

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

***All I Want for Christmas (A Theology of Things)***

Presenter: Rev. Steve Scharnell, Oconomowoc, WI

5:00: Brewmaster -- 5:30: Presentation -- 6:15: Food & Fellowship

If you know you're coming (to plan for food), contact: Rev. Lance O'Donnell [podonnell@splco.org](mailto:podonnell@splco.org) or 262-567-5001.



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**5:00-7:00 pm**

## **Babysitting is now available!**

**WHERE:** St. Paul's Lutheran School  
210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

**TIME:** 4:30 – 7:30 pm

**COST:** Free will offering  
*Funds will go towards 2019 South Dakota Trip*

*Parents will need to supply snacks*

Please contact Mary Wangler at  
[marywangler@hotmail.com](mailto:marywangler@hotmail.com)  
and let her know if you plan to come.

# St. Paul's Lutheran School

## Principal's Report

How wonderful it is to be able to share with you some of the great things that are happening at St. Paul's Lutheran school from the perspective of the principal's desk. It is a busy time of the year as our children from 6 weeks old to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are preparing to share the message of the Christ Child. Our Early Childhood Center shared their program on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope some of you were able to enjoy our littlest angels in their Christmas finest welcome the Baby Jesus.

On Wednesday, December 19, our Day School students will be leading the Advent services at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please join as our students tell "What Child is This". Pre-service music will be offered by our band and guitar students. Additionally you will hear our handbell choirs, both of our school praise teams, and choirs from Kindergarten through the middle school. This is a chance for our students to witness their faith in Jesus Christ who is the center of each day in their classrooms.

We are blessed to have 161 students in K4-8th grade this year. In fact, we have welcomed seven new students in our middle school since August. New parents have told us that they are looking for something different for their children. Thanks be to God that St. Paul's is that something different! It seems that our mission for the last 141 years never grows old as families are always seeking what is best for their children and family. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

Learning in a school that supports the Christian values found in one's home grows children who are servant-minded. That servant attitude was demonstrated this week by our second and third graders who took up shovels and began clearing the snow from the sidewalks in front of the school. Many hands make light work! Here is Gary Flanagan, co-chair of the Operation's Committee, getting a helping hand. Also, the 12 members of our L.E.A.D. Team visited our shut-ins and brought the joy of Christmas Carols to them. These students are part of a church leadership development program here in the South Wisconsin District whose mission is "Lifting, Equipping, Affirming & Developing young Christian leaders for service to the Church and the world today and tomorrow!"



I pray that you will all enjoy a blessed, Merry Christmas. I look forward to greeting you in church.

*Jill M. George*

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> December 17	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b> December 18	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 19	SPLS Christmas Service Christmas Dinner by HS Youth SPLS Christmas Service	Church Fellowship Hall Church	12:15 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> December 20	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> December 22	Journeyman Christmas Party <b>A Service in Lessons &amp; Carols</b> AA Meeting	Pete Sheild's House Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> December 23	<b>A Service in Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <b>Contemporary Christmas Worship</b>	Church Church	8:00 am 10:30 am

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Adult Bible Study

**Sunday:** 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall  
262-567-5001

#### Women of Joy

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

#### Journeyman

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

# NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Micah 5:2-5a	Heb. 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Bobby Edwards	Aidan Truchan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieng
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Bryan Polinske	Josh Oddsen
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Shirley Smart (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Lectors</b>	Russ Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Jacob Chang
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

**December 23, 2018**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *The Grace that Gives Us Joy*

**Traditional Worship**

A Service in Christmas and Carols

**Contemporary Worship**

Contemporary Christmas Service

## READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### **Zephaniah 3:14–20**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

### **Philippians 4:4–7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Luke 7:18–28**

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”