

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptisms

Mila Lawrence, daughter of Paul & Megan (Weber) Shanks
Cora Mae, daughter of Paul & Megan (Weber) Shanks

Peaceful release to another Lutheran Church

John & Maggie Johnson, Madeline & Liam – St. John's Lutheran Church, Jefferson, WI

Transfer to another LCMS congregation

Dave & Kathy Bazinski – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wales, WI

Baptized 1891 Confirmed 1106



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Voters' Meeting
January 27, 2019**

after Contemporary Worship in the Church

AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda/ Minutes from previous Voters' Meetings
- D. Committee Reports
 - 1. Board of Elders' Report
 - a. Pastor's Parish Report
 - 2. New Member committee report
 - 3. Evangelism committee report
 - 4. Marketing/Publicity committee report
 - 5. Mission Outreach committee
 - 6. Stewardship committee report
 - 7. Education committee report
 - a. School Principal Report
 - 8. Operations committee report
 - 9. Financial Oversight committee
 - 10. Endowment Fund committee report
- E. Treasurer's report
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. Nominations for Director of Parish Music
- H. Adjournment
- I. Closing Prayer

Josh Oddsen
Pastor O'Donnell
Pastor Scharnell
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Amy Hackbarth
Mary Hickenbottom
Mike Tesch
Darren Ratzow
Jill George
Scott Kalien
Dick Allen
Al Mueller

Jon Schmeling

Josh Oddsen



"When the woman who has been baptized comes up out of the water, the deaconess should receive her and instruct and educate her so that the unbreakable seal of baptism will be preserved in holiness and purity."

-Didascalia Apostolorum

The above quote is part of the first known writing (apart from the Bible) that documents the presence of deaconesses in the Church, written during the third century. Deaconesses played a large role in ministering to women, particularly during baptisms. During this time, those who were being baptized would remove their clothing and would be submerged in a baptismal font like the one pictured. The body would be anointed with oil, but without a deaconess present, a

woman who was being baptized would only be anointed on her head in order to preserve her privacy and dignity. Along with participating in women's baptisms, the deaconess was responsible for educating, visiting, and ministering to the needs of women. Deaconesses were able to enter homes that men could not, homes where Christian women lived with pagan men.



Ministering to woman has always been an important part of diakonal ministry, and remains so today. While all a Church really needs is the Word and Sacrament ministry of a faithful pastor, the service of a deaconess can be a particularly helpful to fellow women. There are times when a woman might be more comfortable opening up to another woman, such as sensitive situations involving marital struggles, pregnancy, rape and other sexual trauma, abortion, etc. Deaconesses lead women's Bible studies, women's retreats, and other special women's groups and events, such as Advent by Candlelight. They are also able to closely walk alongside and provide guidance for young females within a congregation, an area of ministry that is especially entrusted to women (Titus 2:3-5).

It is no secret that men and women are different. While God made both men and women in His image, we are wired differently and He has given us different strengths and weaknesses along with different viewpoints of the world. A deaconess is often able to uniquely understand and empathize with the needs of her sisters in Christ. "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another," Romans 12:4-5, ESV.

Michelle Oddsen
Deaconess Intern
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St. Paul's Ladies Aid

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope all had a blessed holiday with family and friends celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Our annual Christmas party was again held at Rosati's. A special thank you to Rosati's for the great food, wonderful service and for helping in so many ways to make our party so much fun. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 7th, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. "Revive Our Hearts" is the theme for the meeting. We will have a guest speaker. Our servers will be Linda Uttech, Darlene Adams and Phyllis Schuck. Join us for fellowship and see what 2019 has in store for our group.

God's blessings and Happy Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 6th
Mark Prange
Carole Werth

February 17th
Nancy Wolter

February 7th
Caroline Bartel
Carol Fellin
Larry Hansen

February 18th
Ethel Vosburg

February 10th
Ralph Andrus

February 19th
Don Gauerke

February 11th
Marcus Pankow

February 23rd
Anne Fait
Phyllis Schuck

February 13th
Nancy Ellsworth
John Tesch

February 26th
Judy Braatz
Karen Wilson

February 14th
Pauline Bemis

February 28th
Carolyn Nagel

February 16th
Sandy Goetzke
Janice Weigman

February 29th
Jack Stoner

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Doris Moore	\$120.00
Louise Lang	\$530.00
Dorothy Peterson	\$1185.00
LaVerne Krueger	\$355.00
Carol Mainz	\$50.00

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WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Sunday School	9:15 am
Bible Class	9:30 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 567.5001 x217
 Pastor Steve Scharnell 567.5001 x216
 Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001
 Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001
 Principal - Jill George 567.5001 x213
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RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship
 Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM
 & www.wtkm.com

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

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 Director Christine Flores 567-4881

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

Newsletter deadline for articles,
 announcements and features is the
 2nd Wednesday of the month

PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE OF
 ANY ADDRESS CHANGES



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January 11, 2019

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

God has blessed me to know and work with you. I wake up eager to come to teach the children each morning. It is a blessing to see the little ones, but it touches my heart when I watch older children who struggle to know Whose they are, come into our family and realize the love of God and of our teachers here in this place. Few people are so fortunate to work with such amazing people!

It has been a special joy teaching children of former students! It is a wonderful affirmation when parents choose to provide Christian education through St. Paul's Lutheran to those they love the most.

I still love my job. However, I believe the time has come for me to retire. My plan is to complete this school year and then step aside for the next person God chooses to bless through you.

Thank you for all the love and caring you have shown me over the years. Thank you for teaching my own children. Thank you for helping me to grow in faith. Thank you for being Christ here for me.

In Jesus!

Roxie Gerlach
Serving the Master Teacher

Worship Schedule: ✕ Saturday 5:00 p.m. ✕ Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional in the Church
✕ Sunday 10:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Church ✕ (Summer) Wednesdays 6:30 pm Lakeside ✕
Time to Grow (Sunday School) Sundays at 9:15 a.m.



Lutheran Women in Mission

St. Paul's LWML will meet Tuesday, February 5th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Remember your mites and confirmand card.



Reformation Tap Society

Craft Beer * Friendly Conversation * Serious Theology

Held at BrewFinity Brewery
N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D
Oconomowoc

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating delicious food, and talking about things that are truly important?

February 17, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Secret Agent Man (What The Average Christian Needs to Know about the Pastor's Work)

Presenter: Rev. Erik Skovgaard, Elm Grove, WI



Kitchen will be open to order food off the menu

FEBRUARY 2019

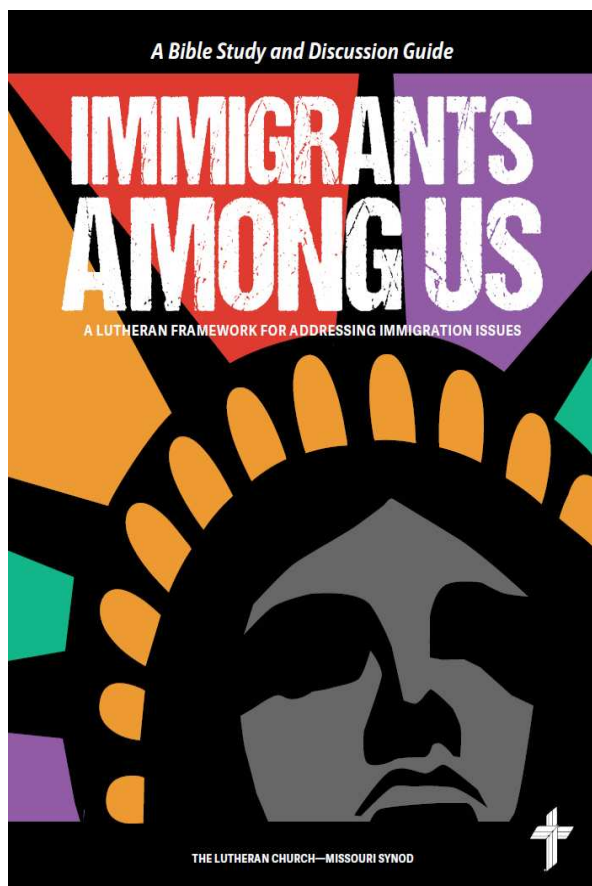
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Sunday Night Alive (9-12)	4 5:30 pm Lords Cupboard Pantry 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	5 7:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	6 5:20 pm Parish Choir 7:20 pm Adult Choir	7 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	8 1 NO SCHOOL	2 8:00 am Women of Joy 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
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New Adult Bible Study through February Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

1: Immigrant Neighbors Past and Present.

Biblical teaching on loving our neighbor

2: God's Law, Civil Law and the Neighbor

Obedying the Fourth and Fifth Commandments

3: Living in God's Two Realms

Citizens of heaven and earth

4: Who is My Neighbor?

Our vocation, or calling, to serve our neighbor

The LORD is a God of justice *and* mercy. Not either/or (as our politics often is) but both/and. Join us at the beginning of the study or any time. It's a great opportunity to learn and grow.