



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. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, The Church Triumphant
Jill George, Principal
Michelle Oddsen, Deaconess Intern

Mandy Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director
Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Volume 25

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 32

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.

September 1, 2019

THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: Heavenly Greatness
(Rethinking the Christian Wedding)

Traditional Worship
LSB, Divine Service, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship
Special Order

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 108 **Total: 415**
 8:00 am – 119 **Members: 385**
 10:30 am – 188 **Visitors: 30**

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	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	In His Light
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Brett Oddsen
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
Elders	Mike Tesch	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Shirley Smart (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Amy Hackbarth	Erik Benes	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Mike Papa	Bob Bratz	Truman Seifert

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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.

Holy Baptism

During the 5:00 pm Worship Service, we welcome **Mason James** into St. Paul's church family. He is the son of Nicholas **Young** & Debra Melvin. His sponsors are Scott & Nicole Melvin. We will keep Mason in our prayers.

Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flute choir

St. Paul's is looking to start a flute choir. If you play the flute or know someone who does and are interested in participating, please contact Kurt Oelsner at 262-569-9012 or kurt@oelsner.us. Any age or ability is welcome!

LWML

Ingathering for the LWML fall retreat September 19-21 At Green Lake Conference Center will be items for Bethesda Lutheran Community Homes: box cake mixes, canned frosting, regular size cupcake liners, small birthday plates, birthday napkins and International Outreach/Student Ministry Milwaukee: winter gloves, mittens, warm socks, winter hats, scarves (children & adult). Anyone wishing to help, please put in bin in Fellowship Hall labeled RETREAT INGATHERING.

LWML meets Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Remember your mites!

Widows, Widowers and Senior Singles - It's time to get together!

Join us on Tuesday, September 24th, at 10:30 a.m., for about an hour, to discuss interest in this activity and plans for what we will be about. Any questions, call Donna at 920-342-6693 or Pat at 262-354-4203. Leave a message if we are not available to talk with you immediately.

Ladies Aid

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th, **at 5:30 pm (please note the time change)** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us to see what our plans are for the year. If you'd like – bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre. We will have a devotion, fun, fellowship and treats. We hope to get some more "helping hands" and ideas. God's blessings!

From St. Paul's Director of Parish Music, Allison Mackie

As Director of Parish Music, I want to be able to make use of as many of St. Paul's musical resources as possible, but I haven't met many of our talented soloists and instrumentalists yet! If you would like to be involved in music in this way, even if you have been playing or singing in worship services for years, please contact me at allison.mackie@splco.org or 262-567-5001 so I can make sure to include you!

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: *Heavenly Greatness (Rethinking the Christian Wedding)*

September 1 - 8, 2019

Heavenly Greatness (Rethinking the Christian Wedding)

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). Indeed, Jesus is the example of this, for, “though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant. . .” (Philippians 2:6–7, ESV) Christ’s life of service is utterly transformative for us. He took the lowest possible place—death in our place—that we may be exalted. “It is the glory of God to conceal things. . .” (Proverbs 25:2, ESV) Thus, only by faith can we see heavenly greatness of Christ, the greatness that shows itself in humility and says, “Friend, move up higher,” (Luke 14:10, 13–14) the greatness that delights in exalting the low and “shows hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). How might this heavenly understanding of greatness change your family dinner... or the Christian wedding?

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.

Christ-Centered Theme: Christ shows His true greatness in humility and service.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Psalm: Psalm 48 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	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
Evening	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments— Third and Fourth Commandments

What is the Third Commandment? Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.	1 st Grade +
What is the Fourth Commandment? Honor your father and your mother.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.	2 nd Grade +

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost: *Heavenly Greatness (Rethinking the Christian Wedding)*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector— Luke 18:9-14	1 Kings 18:1-19	Eph. 1:1-23
Mon.	Sunday's Gospel—Luke 14:1-14	1 Kings 18:20-40	Eph. 2:1-22
Tue.	The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:(40) 41-52	1 Kings 19:1-21	Eph. 3:1-21
Wed.	Mary Sits at Jesus' Feet—Luke 10:38-42	2 Kings 2:1-18	Eph. 4:1-24
Thur.	The Rebellion of Absalom—2 Samuel 15:2-15 (15:16–18:5) 18:6-15 (16-32) 18:33–19:6	2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7	Eph. 4:25-5:14
Fri.	Ruth and Her Kinsman Redeemer— Ruth 1:1-19a (1:19b–3:18); 4:1-10(11-22)	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Eph. 5:15-33

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

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 – David Mueller–cancer; Amy Brockway–recovering from broken ankle; Cody Bendtsen–broken arm; Ashlin Sanders; Todd Leonhardt; John Albright–back healing; Chad Eberhardt; Don Gauerke; Ken Dinnauer; Wilbur & Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow–Shorehaven; Peggy Lauber–liver and bone cancer; Laura Gruen–brain tumor; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment; Mary Buss–cancer; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke–Melanoma; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz–cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke–hospice; Mabel Fredrick; Rick Ware; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Michael Fedderly (Colleen Leonhardt's father)–lung cancer; Judee (Karen Meyer's sister)–non-Hodgkin lymphoma; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)–breast cancer; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Larry Dietrich–recovering from lung surgery; Fran Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)–Multiple Myeloma; Tanya Schoenberger (Richie & Lucy Fredrick's daughter)–breast cancer; Betty (Heather Scheuer's aunt); Erin (Mileager)–Rayborn–Hodgkins Lymphoma; Barbara Rankin–brain cancer; Mary Sprague–breast cancer; Sandy–kidney cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)–breast cancer; Beth–Lymphoma; Tom–stage 3 bladder cancer; Mike–bone cancer; Roy Hyatt–cancer returned; Quinn–breast cancer; 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: Denise Horst (Mabel Friedrich's niece); Ashley—breast lump/lesion; Dana (Linda Hertnek's uncle)—continued healing; Tom Schrader—surgery complication (nerve damage); Virginia (Darryl & Kathy Wickersham's sister)—clots in abdomen; LaVerne Fischer—stroke; Nancy Bradley (Diane Bleke's sister)—broken hip; Duane Krug (Pastor Krug's brother)—COPD; Nancy Richert (Jim & Ann Duggan's friend)—stroke; John Hildebrandt; Dr. H James Boldt (Fred's brother)—failing heart; Fred Storm (Lynda Rades's brother); Fred Storm (Lynda Rades's father); Audrey (Sheila Rams' sister)—Alzheimer's; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)—stroke; Gracie Brehm; Sharon—circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Bob Back (friend of Scharnell's)—Lou Gehrig's disease; Anna Mae (George Urban's mother)—hospice; Jeffery Barney; Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—stroke issues; Shawn—vascular problems; Doug—CCL; Barb (Dave Schlomer's mom)—severe headaches; 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; David; Brian; Bailey—opiate addiction; Judy to quit smoking for good; Richard & Judy; Teddy; David; Brian

Baptism: Mason James Young—August 31st

Thanksgiving: Matt Dinnauer for his Uncle Garth's mass not being cancer

***Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: Son of God, Eternal Savior***

LSB 842

Looking forward to the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019

Hymns: 798, 646 (709, 685, 692) 660

Not all Rainbows and Unicorns (Pastor Scharnell)

Jesus tells us in John 13:35, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." That sounds wonderful! We love puppies, we love pizza, and we love sunsets. But many times to love means to sacrifice. Becoming a disciple of Christ doesn't mean that things always go the way we want them to. As disciples, sometimes we have to pick up our own crosses. In our Old Testament lesson (Deuteronomy 3:15-20) the men battle as they enter the Promised Land. As Paul writes his epistle to Philemon, his allegiance to the Gospel has put him under house arrest. And in our Gospel lesson from Luke 14:25-35, Jesus talks directly about the cost of discipleship. As a disciple of Christ, yes we have received salvation through His death and resurrection, but we also travel the path that has been laid out for us, in good times and in challenging times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you love to sing, the adult choir would love to have you! We have a ton of fun and look forward to our time together every week. Our new choir director, Allison Mackie, would love to have you be part of her first official choir.

First practice: Wednesday, September 11, 7:15pm, in the balcony.

If you have questions contact Allison at the church office, 262-567-5001 or by email at Allison.Mackie@splco.org. You can also

contact Cheryl Tesch at cltiag2014@gmail.com or 920-285-3628.

Lawn signs are now available in the narthex!

Please take one and help spread the word about St. Paul's Lutheran Church in your neighborhood and our community. If you are interested in displaying a lawn sign and none are available, please contact the church office. We will happily order more!



Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That’s called humility. The Lord is God, and

we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about; we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense.

Lutherans for Life (Life Thoughts in the Church Year)

Supporters of abortion suggest babies with disabilities are better off not being born. Advocates of assisted suicide also presume certain injuries and illnesses make life too burdensome. But Jesus calls us all fallen and helpless—and then rewrites His commandments to save us as sons and daughters (Luke 14:2-5). He receives “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13) as honored guests, and invites us also to celebrate the blessing of each one.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 2	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
TUESDAY September 3	Praise Team Practice LWML	Church Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
THURSDAY September 5	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY September 7	Women of Joy Bible Study Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Hallway Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 8	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation Time to Grow (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 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

Journeymen

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

Dial-a-Devotion

Daily Study
Call 262.567.1001

Regular Voters' Meeting

There will be a regular Voters' Meeting on Sunday, October 13th at noon.

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Deut. 30:15–20	Philemon 1–21	Luke 14:25–35
Acolytes	Cameron Gotthardt	TBD	Maddie Ratzow
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Barb Hentz	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Bruce Bain	Bryan Polinske	Scott Kalien
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Darlene Adams
Lectors	Amy Hackbarth	Dorothy Duchow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Gary Flanagan	Scott Kalien

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Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *Not all Rainbows and Unicorns*

Traditional Worship

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READINGS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proverbs 25:2–10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end."

Hebrews 13:1–17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Luke 14:1–14

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

September 1, 2019