



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH
A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



**Not all
Rainbows and Unicorns**



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 33

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 8, 2019

THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: Not all Rainbows and Unicorns

Traditional Worship

LSB, Divine Service, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 91 **Total: 341**
 8:00 am – 109 **Members: 308**
 10:30 am – 141 **Visitors: 33**

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	Look2Him
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

SPONSORS

Radio Broadcast: Marilyn Marohn in loving memory of her husband's, Frederic's, birthday on September 5th

Altar Flowers: John & Pat Teschin praise to God for their 55th wedding anniversary on September 5th

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

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 19th-21st, 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.

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.

Acolyte training for 5th-8th graders

We are offering two acolyte training sessions for those who are currently in 5th-8th grades. They will be held on Saturday, September 14th & 28th from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. If you are interested in signing your child up for the training, please contact Heather in the church office at 262-567-5001 or via email at heather@splco.org.

9/11 Remembrance Concert by the Legion Band

7:00 pm, Wednesday at the Rhodee Memorial Band Shell, 324 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Taps on the Village Green 9/11

Starting at 7:46 and being played various times during the morning at the times the planes hit the World Trade Center.

Early Dementia Ministry

Our sister congregation, Shepherd of the Hills in Pewaukee, will host a meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 8:00 am to discuss the possibility of beginning a memory care ministry along the lines of "The Gathering Place" in Sheboygan Falls, WI (<http://memorymattersmost.com/>). This is outside St. Paul's strategic plan, but there may be members of our congregation who have interest in serving in such a ministry or have loved ones who might benefit from it. For further information, please call Bob Schowalter at 262-370-0015.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Not all Rainbows and Unicorns*

September 8-15, 2019

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.

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: Jesus bore the greatest cross for you.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Mark 10:6-8a From the beginning of the creation, God “made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Psalm: Psalm 49 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	19	136	123	15	36	130	56	67
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	46, 93

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments— *Fifth and Sixth Commandments*

What is the Fifth Commandment? You shall not murder.	Preschool +
<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.	1 st Grade +
What is the Sixth Commandment? You shall not commit adultery.	Preschool +
<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.	2 nd Grade +

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost: *Not all Rainbows and Unicorns*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37	2 Kings 5:9-27	Phil. 1:1-20
Mon.	Sunday's Gospel— Luke 14:25-35	2 King 6:1-23	Phil 1:21-2:11
Tue.	Cain Murders His Brother Abel— Genesis 4:1-12 (13-15)	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29	Phil 2:12-30
Wed.	The Parable of the Good Samaritan— Luke 10:25-37	2 Chron. 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21
Thur.	Joseph Flees from Adultery— Genesis 39:1-21 (22-23)	2 Chron. 31:1-21	Phil 4:1-23
Fri.	Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil—Matthew 4:1-11	2 Chron. 32:1-22	Col. 1:24-2:7

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

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, 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—favorable test results; Amy Brockway—recovering from broken ankle; Cody Bendtsen—broken arm; Ashlin Sanders; Todd Leonhardt; John Albright—back healing; Chad Eberhardt; Don Gauker; 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: Gary Nicholson (Carl's brother); 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 Berkbigger (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

Anniversary: John & Pat Tesch—55th—September 5th

Birth: Jason James, baby boy born to Matt Kram & Jessica Frosch

Birthday: Pastor Steve Scharnell—51st—September 10th

Thanksgiving: Gemma Kitzman for her health and being smoke-free for five years (on September 5th)

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

Looking forward to the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

Hymns: 550, 710 (566, 802, 686) 711

Stop Everything! (Pastor Scharnell)

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to “display his perfect patience” (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep “from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He “will seek the lost... bring back the strayed... bind up the injured and... strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:16), and “they shall no longer be a prey” (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who “shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, “the angels of God” and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

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.



“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

None of what we have is ours – it all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What

we have been given is to be used for God’s purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to give generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It’s not ours; it’s His. God owns; we manage for the furtherance of His goals.

Lutherans for Life (Life Thoughts in the Church Year)

Philemon viewed Onesimus as a slave (Philemon 16). The Apostle Paul knew Onesimus as a brother created, redeemed, and called by their one Lord Jesus. A clump of cells? A blob of tissue? A tumor and a parasite? Vegetative or better off dead? Definitely not! A human being! A fellow member of our sacred race! A bearer of God’s own image! Precious treasure, gift and privilege, just like you.

Aspire Pewaukee is a 1 night - 3 hour event just for women.

3 hours full of laughter, learning, stories & music.

Join us on Sunday, September 22nd, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Pewaukee - featuring:

Author and Bible Teacher: Melissa Spoelstra

Comedy by Sally Baucke

Music by Mia Koehne

Event starts at 5:00pm.

General admission tickets are \$25; VIP tickets are \$35. Purchase tickets at 480-812-1100 or online at ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY September 10	Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 201 Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY September 11	Adult Choir Practice	Balcony	7:15 pm
THURSDAY September 12	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY September 14	Journeyman Acolyte Training Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 2:30 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 15	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation Time to Grow (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Reformation Tap Society Child Care Reformation Tap Society	Church Lobby/Outside Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall Brewfinity	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm

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

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	Ezek. 34:11–24	1 Tim. 1:12–17	Luke 15:1-10
Acolytes	Jessie Orner & Carrie Horton	TBD	Joey Dentice
Altar Guild	Wendy Tesch	Dorothy Duchow	Sarah Neff
Elders	Mike Tesch	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
Greeters	John Melvin	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Kim Tuff
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

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READINGS FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25–35

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, anyone of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”