



# 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](http://www.splco.org)**

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

John Kelling, Pastor Emeritus  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Volume 25

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Number 47

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

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

## THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**Pastor:** John Kelling

**Theme:** *It's Great to Be a Sheep!*

**Traditional Worship**

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**Contemporary Worship**

Special Order

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 55                      **Total: 156**  
8:00 am – 49  
10:30 am – 52

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>	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Max Meyer	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Hertneky	Megan Miller	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Chad Eberhardt	Mike Tesch	John Melvin
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
<b>Power Point</b>	Michelle Wilson	Karen Gotthardt	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Friedrich	Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin

### SPONSORS

**Radio Broadcast:** Duane & Sharon Peterson in praise to God for blessings received

**Our 8:00 am Worship Service is broadcast live on WTKM 104.9 and at available at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org).**

**Families with small children:** There are activity bags located in the back of the church that might be helpful for your child.

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The Oconomowoc Christmas Parade is at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to the difficulty this will pose in accessing our parking lot and church entrance for our Saturday evening service that day, **WE ARE MOVING OUR WORSHIP TIME BACK TO 3:00 PM.** Please make a note of it.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **The pictorial directories are here!**

Those who had a picture taken for the directory and who do not get their directory during weekend worship opportunities, are invited to come to the church office to get their copy. If you chose not to get a directory picture taken but would like a book, you may get one in the church office. Cost is \$5.

#### **Fireside Chats**

Pastor O'Donnell's Fireside Chats have been postponed until further notice.

#### **Christmas Caring Tree**

It's that time of year again when we look to celebrate Christ's birthday and share in his glory by sharing gifts with others. Please reach into your heart and help us share this special day of love by helping us give the gift of gifts to those who need us this year more than ever.

Lord's Cupboard Christmas Caring Trees are in the narthex and the school lobby. We are offering a safe way for those to participate in this giving by having yellow ornaments on the tree that represent gift cards to your choice of Target or Walmart. We will use these to purchase activities, body products, movies and other asked for items for 70 residents at Shorehaven.

For those who love to experience picking out a gift and wrapping them, we will have that option as well. If you prefer us to do the shopping, you can purchase a gift card or give a cash/check donation and return the ornament with that card or monetary donation the same way, through the collection plate or in the box in the school office - please make sure to attach the red ornament with the card/monetary donation so we know what gift to purchase for you.

Our friends at Bethesda will be moving to other centers, but we will make sure anyone still left on site has a gift from us at St. Paul's.

The gift return date will be DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>. Please return all gift card purchases in the collection plate or in the box in the office. Another safe way to contribute is online by making a donation to the Lord's Cupboard on our church's website: [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) and in the upper right corner click on Offering/Donate and scroll down to Lord's Cupboard.

Please call Mary at 414.333.3421 or email at [mary@splco.org](mailto:mary@splco.org) with any questions or if you and your family or anyone you know could use some extra help during this time. Lord's Cupboard is always open

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **LWML Mission Minute Update**

**Grant #1 \$30,000**

### **Church Worker Student Grant**

As the 2019 Synodical Convention and the 2018 South Wisconsin District Convention passed resolutions to encourage financial support by congregations for future church workers, this grant was adopted to aid with funds for tuition and board. This grant will be paid over two academic years.

There are currently six grants still needing funding from the national LWML grants whose biennium ends with the Convention in Lexington KY in June 2021. Please keep these grants in your prayers and KEEP FEEDING your Mite Box!

**LWML** meets on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our annual Christmas devotion and fellowship. Remember to bring an appetizer or dessert and your Mites!

### **Join us for Sunday School!**

#### ***In this week's lesson...***

This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?"

### **Lord's Cupboard items needed-especially your grocery bags!**

The following are items we can use, all the time but especially now as we help more people in our community in November and December. Most needed are grocery bags-paper, plastic and Sendik's bags are awesome for the senior apartments that we deliver to twice a month. Other items needed include-hand soap, dish soap, antibacterial hand gel, toilet paper and paper towels. Please put these items in the LC container in the hallway just outside of the Fellowship Hall, across from the elevator. Monetary donations are also appreciated to be used to purchase these items-place an envelope marked for LC in the offering plate or make a donation online for LC on the website, splco.org.

*Thank you so much for your generosity and most of all prayers for our neighbors that we are blessed to help to give them some relief in this trying time. Prayers for our volunteers too please!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year – Lutherans for Life**

“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Jesus has consecrated your life in His incarnation and crucifixion. And in the same way He has sanctified every human life, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. When we behold our unborn neighbors, when we care for incapacitated ones, when we advocate for embryos or elderly, we encounter God.

### **Stewardship**

**Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ”** With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020**

Wednesday	November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 pm
Thursday	November 26	Thanksgiving Day Worship	9:00 am
Wednesday	December 2	Midweek Advent Worship	12:15 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	6:30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Wednesday	December 9	Midweek Advent Worship	12:15 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	6:30 pm
Wednesday	December 16	Midweek Advent Worship	12:15 pm
		Midweek Advent Worship	6:30 pm
Thursday	December 24	Family Worship Service	3:00 pm
		The Nativity of Our Lord	5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
		Christmas Midnight	10:30 pm
Friday	December 25	Christmas Day Service	9:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<b>NO 5PM WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>ONE Worship Service (Traditional)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Last Sunday of the Church Year: *It's Great to Be a Sheep!*

November 22-29, 2020

## ***It's Great to Be a Sheep!***

"What side of the fence are you on"? That may have been a question someone asked us prior to the past election. Picking a side clearly identifies who and what we stand for. God uses clear opposites in our text - sheep and goats. He uses that distinction to identify believers and unbelievers. Thankfully, we didn't pick God. Sin keeps us from doing that. But, God has called us by name, and we are His, so we know what side of the fence we are on. We are truly blessed. Jesus is coming, not only to separate the faithful from the unfaithful, but also to bring us beyond the fence (or heavenly gates) into the eternal kingdom prepared for us from the days of Creation. That's the eternal inheritance waiting for us when Jesus returns. Baaaah!

## ***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***

**Verse:** 2 Timothy 3:15 From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Psalm:** Psalm 99 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	67	51	54	65	143	86	122	24
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90	25, 110

## The Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer – Introduction and First Petition*

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Introduction)</i>  <b>Our Father who art in heaven.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>          With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (First Petition)</i>  <b>Hallowed be Thy name.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>          God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<p><i>How is God's name kept holy?</i>          God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!</p>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +

## The Last Sunday of the Church Year: *It's Great to Be a Sheep!*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13	Dan. 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
Mon.	Ruth Gleans Grain in the Field of Boaz—Ruth 2:1-23	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
Tue.	Boaz Decides to Redeem Ruth—Ruth 3:1-18	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Wed.	Boaz Receives the Right of Redemption from the Near Kinsman—Ruth 4:1-22	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:1-21
Thur.	Thanksgiving Break—Philippians 4:6-20	Dan. 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
Fri.	Thanksgiving Break—1 Timothy 2:1-4	Is. 1:1-28	2 Peter 1:1-12

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

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through 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** – Pastor O'Donnell—recovering from COVID; Pam Gallina (Amy Hackbarth's mom); Jo Walter—pneumonia; Bill Scheuer—recovering from open heart surgery; Jeanette Leonhardt; Pat Tesch; Bob Bratz; Vernon Schilling—cancer; Marcus Pankow—cancer; Linda Leidel—continued healing; George Nagel—Shorehaven; Bernice Jorgenson—cancer; David Mueller—healing; Chad Eberhardt; Wilbur Pieper; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow—Shorehaven; Peggy Lauber—liver and bone cancer; Laura Gruen—recovering from brain surgery; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment; Mary Buss—cancer; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Mabel Fredrick; Rick Ware; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Carol Oswald; Trace Munger (Duane & Sharon Peterson's son-in-law)—hospice; Jowana Elswick—leukemia; Jill Filut; Peggy Flanders; Sarah; Jan Shackleton (Pauline Bemis's friend); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Neil Johnson—cancer returned; Mike; Judy—cancer returned; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Mary O'Connell—breast cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)—breast cancer; Linda Hansen; Fran Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)—Multiple Myeloma; Erin (Mileager)—Raybom—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Sandy—Kidney cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter)

Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman’s cousin)—breast cancer; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner’s sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Brenda Hoeft (Donna Fortmann’s daughter)—heart surgery; Betty; Greg Schultz—recovering from COVID-19; Patrick Duffy (Erin Eberhardt’s brother)—eye infection; Bev Mai (broken neck); Karen Nicholson—hospice at Heritage Living—Hartland, WI; Jennifer (Diana Radtke’s niece)—healing from a neurysm; Agnes Thurow—hospice; Chris Giebel—MS with serious brain virus; Ken Nash; John Hildebrandt; Fred Storm (Lynda Rades’s brother); Fred Storm (Lynda Rades’s father); Yvonne (Sheila Rams’ sister)—stroke; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen; Armin Tessmann— strength in walking, right arm and hand; Doug—CCL; Barb (Dave Schlomer’s mom)—severe headaches; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Sam Duggan; 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:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Richard & Sarah Sovitzky & family (Asia); Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Roger Gartzke, who passed away; all healthcare workers; all those affected by COVID-19; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Birthday:** Margaret Voss – 95<sup>th</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

*Hymn of the Week: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*LSB 711*

**Looking forward to the First Sunday in Advent**

**November 29, 2020**

**Hymns: 343, 332 (353, 334, 341) 331**

***The Ever-Faithful One (Pastor O’Donnell)***

Isaiah (Isa 64.1-9) prays that the LORD would show mighty deeds among his people again, a prayer of humility that acknowledges the depth of our sin, a prayer of humility and faith also reminding the LORD of his promises. What a wonderful, righteous prayer! So also with Paul in 1 Cor 1.3-9. In this letter the LORD will have many difficult things to tell his people, but—at the outset—he reminds them that they are beloved in Christ. Finally, as we begin our Advent journey, the LORD Jesus (Mark 13.24-37) reminds us of the signs of the end, even as He—the ever-faithful One—calls us to be watchful and faithful to the end.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Ladies Aid**

The Grinch (a.k.a.-COVID) is at it again. This time he has stolen the Ladies Aid Christmas celebration! Due to the increasing amount of COVID outbreaks in our state and our congregation, Ladies Aid will not have their annual Christmas party in December. Rest-assured that when it is safe, we will get together to celebrate this blessed Christmas event. We will keep you updated as we make future plans.

### **Christmas worship service plans**

Our plan is to offer the following worship opportunities for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

#### **Christmas Eve**

- † 3pm - Family Service with Holy Communion
- † 5pm - Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion (LIVE-STREAM)
- † 7pm - Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- † 10:30pm - Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

#### **Christmas Day**

- † 9am Traditional Divine Service with Holy Communion (LIVE-STREAM)

**We encourage all who attend worship to wear a mask when in close contact situations and when singing in close contact**

**We will plan to limit the occupancy of the sanctuary to 110 individuals, with social distancing. Once the sanctuary has reached capacity, attendees will be asked to go to the overflow location of the gym or fellowship hall.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board of Elders.

### **Journeyman Christmas**

Our annual **Denny Zastrow - Journeyman Christmas Sing-a-Long** will take place on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am in the St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to Dave Meyer at 920-279-5860 or dm202124@gmail.com, by 12/5/2020 with how many you plan on bringing so we can plan accordingly.

### **Looking for a Treasurer for our Church Leadership Team**

St. Paul's is looking for a treasurer to serve on the Church Leadership Team. Preferred candidates should have experience working with financial records, fiscal management, and overall understanding of general accounting practices. If you are interested or know another member that may be interested, please reach out to the church office or myself - Jerry DeWitz, CLT President, at jerry.dewitz@splco.org or 920-988-9138.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### **Sunday Night Alive (SNA) - St. Paul's Youth Group**

Thank you to everyone who supports our high school (HS) and middle school (MS) youth. Now that the kids are back to school, it is a great time to become involved in the youth group. There are ways that everyone can become involved. All youth (grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) are welcomed and encouraged to come, including non-members.

### **November-December Events**

- November 22 - Sunday Night Alive for HS Youth; 5:45 fellowship; 6:00 pm start
- November 28 – Service Opportunity decorate the church (normally morning, time TBD)
- December 13 - Sunday Night Alive for MS & HS Youth; 5:45 fellowship; 6:00 pm start; Parent Bible Study
- December 20 – Service Opportunity Christmas food bag delivery

### **Piggly Wiggly Receipt fundraiser**

If you shop at Piggly Wiggly, please deposit your receipts in the designated box in fellowship hall. The money raised from your receipts helps to continue the programming for our youth. Thank you to all of you who already contribute to this fundraiser.

You can contact the youth group by emailing [splyouth.group@splco.org](mailto:splyouth.group@splco.org). You can also start to follow us on Instagram @SPLYouthOcon.



# 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?

**December 20**  
**5:00–7:00 pm**

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**Learning Fatherhood  
from Joseph of Nazareth**  
Presenter: Pastor Doug Stowe

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Kitchen will be open to  
order food off the menu

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> November 23	Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> November 25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving Worship	Church	7:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> November 26	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b> Thanksgiving Worship	Church	9:00 am
<b>FRIDAY</b> November 27	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b> Roger Gartzke Visitation Roger Gartzke Funeral	Church Church	10:00 am 12:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> November 28	Journeymen Saturday Worship AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> November 29	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School Public School Confirmation Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church Various Rooms Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Sunday Adult Bible Study

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

#### Journeymen

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

#### Women of Joy

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

#### Dial-a-Devotion

Daily Study  
Call 262.567.1001

**The December Epistle is online at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)**

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Is. 64:1-9	1 Cor. 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Carli Moldenhauer	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Hertneky	Barb Hentz	Karen Dentice
<b>Elders</b>	Jim Juneau	Bruce Bain	Tom Showen
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Gary Pribnow (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Michelle Wilson	TBD	TBD
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur's Team	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *The Ever-Faithful One*

**Traditional Worship**

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**Contemporary Worship**

Special Order

# THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

## **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

## **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

## **St. Matthew 25: 31–46**

[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."