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Weekly Announcements

September 15, 2024



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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML quilt tying

LWML will be tying the remaining quilts for shipment this fall on Saturday, September 21st at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a scissors. Lend a hand!

Pastor Schockman's Doctor of Ministry Research Project

Please consider filling out the survey that Pastor Schockman is using to collect data for his Doctor of Ministry Research Project. There are two ways to get to the survey. You can type <https://forms.gle/gcizVAeafacj52E66> in your web browser address bar OR you can scan this QR code with your phone's camera and open the link.



Garden abundance and paper shopping bags for the Lord's Cupboard

Donations of your surplus garden vegetables are welcomed by our LC guests when they are ready! Please drop off any of your extra vegetables in the kitchen for our distribution days and mark them for the Lord's Cupboard. Upcoming dates: 9/16 and 10/7

We would appreciate donations of the following items please: paper grocery bags (you can ask if you can take extras at the grocery store to use at our food pantry), cereal, jelly in plastic containers, and pancake syrup. Please put these items in the container across from the elevator, outside of the Fellowship Hall. You can also make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online: <https://splco.org>. Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this outreach to help our neighbors in need, including our own church and school family, as we can only do this with the donations we receive, as a result of *your* generosity. Please continue to pray for the dedicated LC volunteers and for the people we are blessed to help because of your generosity.



Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

Lutherans for Life – Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Promoting or even permitting abortion and physician-assisted suicide condemns precious human beings who are made in the likeness of God (James 3:9). Thanks be to God that in the good news of receiving every neighbor as gift and privilege, the Lord has given us a tongue to sustain with a word the one who is weary (Isaiah 50:4)!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Journeyman ACT LIKE MEN II Saturday, September 28th 8:00am to 10:00am

Act Like Men is a multigenerational event for Men and Boys, ages 5th grade and up.

It's a time for men to:

- Study God's Word on what Christlike Masculinity is and how Men should live out that example
- Food Catered by 4 Men and a Grill
 - Menu: Scrambled Eggs with Bacon, Sausage, French Toast, and more!
- Learn life skills
- Have some fun!



COST - Free-Will Offering to help offset costs of event

To sign up please scan the QR Code or contact Dave Meyer at dm202124@gmail.com or 920-279-5860.

Women of Joy presents: *Living in His Word*

Living in His Word a 4-part series of exploring God's extraordinary women of the Bible, how He used them for His purpose, in His time, and in their imperfect lives.

Save the dates throughout the coming 12 months where we will extend our regular Saturday Women of Joy studies to gather for breakfast, enjoy one another's company, listen to stories, hear from special guests, and so much more.

✦ Saturday, October 5, 2024:

✦ Presenter: Jennie Williamson (more details coming soon)

✦ Saturday, December 7, 2024

✦ Saturday, February 1, 2025

Who should come: This is open to any females from grade school on up.

Where: St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall

Time: 8am-10am

Cost: None

Stay tuned for additional information and how to register.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

September 28th

Youth Group Brat Fry & Car Wash



For volunteers - 8:30 to approx. 2:30

For customers - 9:45 to approx. 1:30

Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly, 1300
Brown St, Oconomowoc



Support our youth as they raise funds for youth activities and the LCMS Youth Gathering.

Piggly Wiggly Receipt fundraiser

If you shop at Piggly Wiggly, please deposit your receipts in the designated box in the fellowship hall or bring them to the Brat Stand on September 28th. 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.

Youth Group Kick-Off coming soon!

Youth Group kicks off on Sunday, September 22nd, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Middle school and high school students, along with their parents, are invited to join in the fun! There will be games, pizza, and fellowship. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Schockman.

September Events

- 22 Youth Group Kick-Off (12-2pm)
- 28 BRAT STAND at Piggly Wiggly (8:30am-2:30pm)
- 29 MS (5:30-7:00 pm) & HS (7:00-8:30 pm), Fellowship Hall

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Lord, I Believe (Help My Unbelief)*

September 15-22, 2024

Lord, I Believe! (Help My Unbelief)

Jesus, of course, as the Word of God, is the supreme example of One who keeps God's name holy (2nd commandment). He is the only One who truly can "sustain with a word him who is weary." (Isa 50.4) And we are weary, for we struggle to tame our tongues. "With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God." (Jms 3.9) Yet, our Lord Jesus is patient with us, as He was with His disciples and the family of the boy with the unclean spirit. (Mk 9.14-29) Our Lord calls out our misuses of the tongue and bids us to repent, so that we can say with the boy's father, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief." (Mk 9.24)

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: Christ calls us to see the true power of our voice, to repent of its misuse, and trust in Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Verse: Romans 5:8 God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalm: Psalm 30 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Catechism: The Ten Commandments – Seventh and Eighth Commandments

<p><i>What is the Seventh Commandment?</i> You shall not steal.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way; but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p><i>What is the Eighth Commandment?</i> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Lord, I Believe! (Help My Unbelief)*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Twelve Spies in Canaan: Numbers 13-14	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mark 9.14-29
Mon.	The Bronze Serpent: Numbers 21, 33	Psalm 5, 84, 29	1 Pt 1.1-25
Tue.	Rahab Believes: Joshua 2	Psalm 42, 102, 133	1 Pt 2.1-25
Wed.	Entering the Promised Land: Joshua 3-4	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	1 Pt 3.1-4.19
Thur.	The Fall of Jericho: Joshua 6	Psalm 97, 16, 62	1 Pt 5.1-14
Fri.	Deborah the Prophetess: Judges 2, 4	Psalm 51, 142, 65	2 Pt 1.1-2.22
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Mark 9.30-37	Psalm 104, 118, 111	2 Pt 3.1-18

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

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; 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 – Nancy Wolter; Sharon Peterson—broken ribs; Janet Dahm—knee surgery; Don Meyer—cancer; Ann Duggan; Mary Hlavenka; Dale Jaeger; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Ralph Andrus; Sally Eubanks; Carol Fellin; young member—under doctor's care; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer—cancer; Dick Thurow; George Menden—prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Richard Schultz; Vernon Schilling—cancer; Marcus Pankow—cancer; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Lisa Kruk (Hannah Christiansen's mom); Pat Venes (Sue Beles' sister-in-law); Barry (Steve Panozzo's dad)—terminal cancer; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); John Scheuer (Bill's son)—prostate cancer; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Tim—friend of Duke & Debbie Maynard; Rhonda—breast cancer; Hailey—13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Dave; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)—Leukemia; Jeff—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Trish Lederer—breast cancer; Jayne Roberts' husband—lymphoma; Patrick McLees (Kelly Edwards father)—leukemia; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher—cancer; Tanner—2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)—breast cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Jonathan Cooper Gartzke (Glenn & Tina’s grandson)—born prematurely; Jackson (Prost’s nephew)—motorcycle accident; Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)—Alzheimer’s; Katy—HG w/ pregnancy; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)—massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Kurtis Buelmann; Joe; 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; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Public Reception of New Members: Bruce Richards
Cindy Fredrickson

Wedding: Cassandra Nelson & Gabriel Eesley – September 21st

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

Hymn of the Week: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

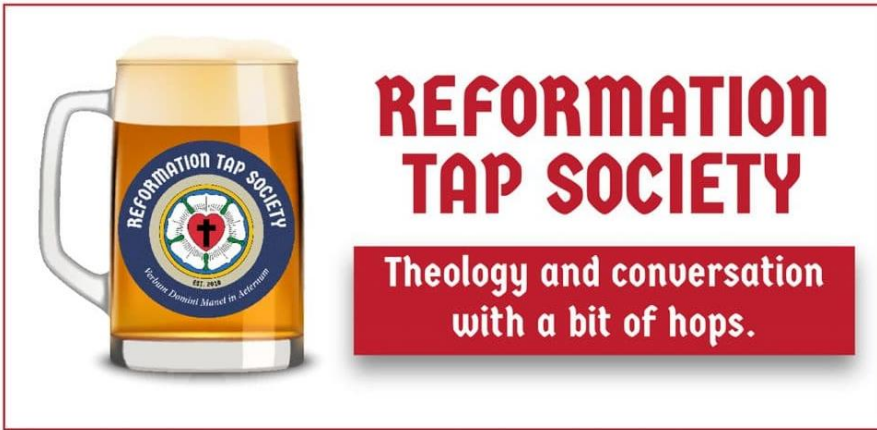
Looking forward to the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

Hymns: 904, 851 (706, 845, 659) 534

Toward Faithfully-Directed Passions (Pastor O’Donnell)

Those who plotted against the Prophet of The LORD, Jeremiah (See Jer 11.18-20), were “in effect telling God He has no right to impose His will on them.” (Lutheran Study Bibles notes) This is also what James confronts in Chapter 3 regarding our passions that are at war within us. (See James 3.13-4.10) It is also what Jesus confronted among His own disciples. But on that road toward Jerusalem Jesus for all time summarized what true greatness is and predicted His fulfillment thereof; (See Mk 9.30-37) thereby showing us the way of forgiveness, true life, and salvation.



Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. The 2024-2025 RTS season explores many facets of grit and endurance under the theme “Unshakeable Joy in Christ.” Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won’t be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards adults. Parents of young ones should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5 p.m., have a “beer talk” from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you’re welcome even if you’re not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.) For more information, visit <https://splco.org/church/reformation-tap-society/>.

September 15

Unshakeable Joy: A Eulogy of Riley Laurent (Radio Drama)

Presenter: Lance O’Donnell
(with help from voice actors)

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery
N58W38900 Industrial Rd. Suite D
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
www.brewfinitybrewing.com

**First time guests
get a free
beer or soda on us!**

SCHOOL UPDATE

The school year has begun with Unshakeable Joy on Wednesday, August 21! We welcomed 117 returning students and 31 new students to the St. Paul's Family. There are three new staff members joining us -- Mrs. Delaney Heffern and Miss Elizabeth Martin, student teachers; and Mr. Alan Groth, our classroom aide and Super Substitute Teacher. In addition to new students and staff, we have some new programs being introduced to enrich our students. These new initiatives include:

- Bridges to Mathematics in Kindergarten - Fifth grade
- Middle School elective classes
 - Fishing
 - Woodworking
 - Astronomy
 - Anatomy and Physiology
 - Programming and Coding
 - World Religions
 - Culinary Arts
 - Robotics
 - Outdoor Science
- Raptor Visitor Management System - to enhance our school security and identify all people in our building



Students and coaches are also busy as extracurricular activities have begun with the volleyball and cross-country teams holding two practices each week and the golfers hitting the links on Fridays after school.



The PTO will be hosting their first event on Friday, September 13, with Picnic in the Park at 5:00 pm in Fowler Park. Pack a picnic dinner and come enjoy the fellowship.

We give thanks to God for His provision to provide a healthy, safe, and loving environment for our students to be challenged academically as they are nurtured in their faith.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 16	Lords Cupboard Drive-Thru & Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY September 17	Church Leadership Team Meeting	Room 219	5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY September 18	Lutheran Basics	Room 219	6:30 pm
THURSDAY September 19	Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
FRIDAY September 20	Cassandra Nelson/Gabriel Eesley Rehearsal	Church	5:00 pm
SATURDAY September 21	Women of Joy Bible Study	Whelan's	8:00 am
	LWML Quilt Tying	Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
	Cassandra Nelson/Gabriel Eesley Wedding	Church	1:00 pm
	Divine Worship	Church	5:00 pm
	AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall	8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 22	Divine Worship	Church	8:00 am
	Sunday School	Meet in Gym	9:15 am
	Public School Confirmation Class	Room 219	9:15 am
	Life Application Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	9:15 am
	Divine Worship	Church	10:30 am
Youth Group Kick-Off Event	F.H./Gym	12:00 pm	

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

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

Lutheran Basics

Wednesday: 6:30 pm – Room 219
262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym
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Silence Before a Son

Bible Truth: God sent John as his messenger.
Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

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

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Jer 11:18-20	Jms 3:13-4:10	Mk 9:30-37
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Megan Miller Jackie Smith (train)	Barb Star Stacey Balistreri (train)
Elders	Chuck Laabs	Pat Smith	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Dan Maynard	Bruce & Mary Bojko Chris & Pam Kroupa	Al & Kathy Mueller
Live-Stream	N/A	Alec & Delaney Heffern	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Bob Bratz	Lennington

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Toward Faithfully-Directed Passions*

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

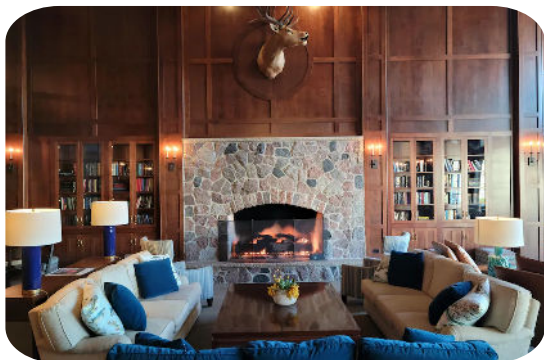
10:30am Worship

Special Order



The Osthoff Resort

ST. PAUL'S HAS BEEN HOSTING THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE RETREAT AT THE OSTHOFF RESORT FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS. THE CASTLE-LIKE ARCHITECTURE AND LUXURIOUS AND COZY INTERIOR HAS MADE THE OSTHOFF THE PREMIER CHOICE FOR THE RETREAT.



Enjoy good food, drink,
and fellowship with other
Christian couples.

JOIN US THIS FALL AT THE OSTHOFF
RESORT TO WORSHIP TOGETHER, HAVE
FUN, AND DEEPEN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF
GOD'S WORD.

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St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Marriage Retreat

November 15th-17th, 2024

COME JOIN US!

Retreat Costs per Couple

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (BY SEPT 30)

- \$410 FOR A STANDARD ROOM
- \$450 FOR A SUITE

REGULAR REGISTRATION (BY OCT 13)

- \$435 FOR A STANDARD ROOM
- \$475 FOR A SUITE

Included in these costs are your room for the weekend, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Saturday, and other costs associated with hosting the retreat at the Osthoff.

You may be thinking, aren't marriage retreats just for marriages in trouble...?

No! While there are counseling sessions available, the retreat is full of Christ-focused education, fun social activities, and built in free time to nurture our marriages.

Speaking of social activities, our Saturday night activity has a theme this year! Pack along your best 1920's themed outfit for a fun night of games and entertainment!



Retreat Lead by Dr. Arthur Just

ONE FLESH

How Our Marriages Reflect the Relationship between Christ and His Church

GENESIS 2:24

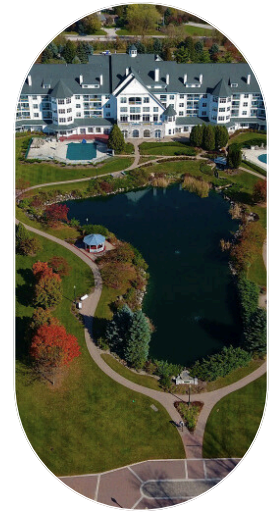
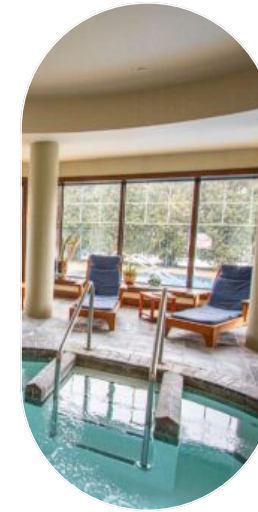
ABOUT DR. ARTHUR JUST

Dr. Just has been on the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), since 1984.

Just was born in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1953. His family lived in Mexico and Spain for 12 years during his formative years. He attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and Union College, Schenectady, New York, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and English literature in 1975. He attended CTSFW, receiving a M.Div. degree in 1980. His vicarage was at South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He served Grace Lutheran Church in Middletown, Connecticut as pastor from 1980 to 1984.

He and his wife Linda have three children, Abigail, married to the Rev. Joshua Genig, and two sons, Nicholas, married to Haley, and Jacob married to Michaela.

How to Enjoy Your Free Time in Elkhart Lake



There is a significant window of free time on Saturday afternoon for couples to enjoy however they like.

Whether you decide to stay on-site at the Osthoff or venture out to see the charming town of Elkhart Lake, there are plenty of experiences to fill your time. Or simply take the free time to take a well-deserved nap!

The Osthoff Resort has three dining facilities on site and a spa. Spa treatments and lunch arrangements are not included with the cost of the retreat.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE, OR SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.
Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Epistle: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human

being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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Worship Schedule

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Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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www.splco.org

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

† 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! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor 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.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 56 **Total: 374**
8:00 am – 186
10:30 am – 132

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Preacher	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Margie Hertneky Amber Butler Tina Gartzke	Marcie Nelson Delaney Heffern
Elders	Dan Eifert	Rick Zastrow	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Jim & Judy Braatz Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Karen Meyer
Live Stream	N/A	Grace Schockman Brenainn O'Donnell	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Joel Tesch	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Radio Broadcast: Marilyn Marohn in loving memory of her husband, Frederic

ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

† **Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)**
† **YouTube: LIVE Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)**
† **Web: Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube**

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Lord, I Believe! (Help My Unbelief)

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
15 September, A.D. 2024
Isa 50.4-10; Jms 3.1-12; Mk 9.14-29

Introduction

What is the 2nd Commandment? You shall not _____ the _____ of The LORD, your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His _____, but call upon it in every _____, pray, praise, and give _____.

What are some ways children and adults misuse God's Name? (See James 3.6-10)

CCT: Christ calls us to see the true power of our _____, to repent of its _____, and trust in _____ for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Boy's Father as Summary of the Christian Life

How does Jesus' encounter with the demon-possessed boy, and his father, summarize the Christian life (See Mk 9.14-29):

1. The man approaches God, wishing but _____: "If you can..."
2. Jesus confronts the man with the _____: "If you can? All things are possible with God."
3. The man _____, with faith and humility: "I believe! Help my unbelief."
4. And Jesus gives _____.

How would Jesus' journey after the encounter with the boy and his father change everything... for them and for us?

Conclusion

How is Baptism good news for those struggling with the "tongue of fire"?

How about hearing God's Word?

Or The Lord's Supper?