

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

Weekly Announcements

November 3, 2024



St. Paul's

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A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 | 262-567-5001 | www.splco.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Cupboard and The Chocolate Factory fundraiser

Ice cream, delicious sub sandwiches and help Lord's Cupboard-win win!! On Thursday, November 14th, from 4-8pm, please go to *The Chocolate Factory Ice Cream Parlor and Eatery* located at 1077 Summit Avenue, Oconomowoc and purchase something delicious. Lord's Cupboard will receive 25% of all sales during that time period. You can also order online for pickup and even order through Door Dash delivery which also counts towards the total sales. Tell your family and friends to go also! Thank you in advance and know your donation is going to help fund the Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags that we will be giving to our neighbors in the community who are food insecure. Their website is www.thechocolatefactorywi.com

Help wanted at *Groth Accounting*

We are looking for administrative help for 1.5 months starting around the end of February and ending April 20th. Duties include: answering phone, scanning tax documents, scheduling meetings, assisting an accountant who will be on hand. Make your own hours, very casual environment in office located in home, perfect for retired or mom with kids at school. The position is part-time. Please contact Christine at 262-468-1022.

St. Paul's Youth Group

November Events

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| 3 | HS (7:00-8:30pm), Room 219Y |
| 10 | MS (5:30-7:00 pm) & HS (7:00-8:30 pm), Room 219Y |
| 17 | Deliver Thanksgiving food bags after the 10:30am service |
| 17 | HS (7:00-8:30pm), Room 219Y |
| 24 | NO YOUTH GROUP |
| 29-30 | Help Journeymen w/ parking for German Christmas Market |
| 30 | Decorate church for Christmas (8am-1pm) |
| 30 | German Language Service at 2pm (Youth help as ushers) |

Acolyte training for 5th-8th graders

There is an opportunity coming up for acolyte training or those in 5th-8th grades:

- Saturday, November 9th at 3pm

You only need to sign your child up for one of the sessions. You can sign up by contacting Heather in the church office at 262.567.5001 (heather@splco.org) or at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CAFAD2BAB9-51843241-acolyte#/>

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Ride to church service request

We received a request from one of our older members who would like a ride to church once in a while for the 10:30am Sunday service. She uses a cane so nothing extra would be needed. She lives in Oconomowoc, near Chaffee Park, right off of Hwy 16/Wisconsin Avenue. Contact Mary at 414.333.3421 or mary@splco.org for more information or if you are able to do this once a month.

Thanksgiving Food Bags

We will be packing our Thanksgiving food bags on Saturday, November 16th at 9am. Please join us! Plan for 1.5 hours. Families are welcome! We will be packing 175 food bags which is an increase from last year as we see more new people coming each time to our regular food distributions.

We are requesting donations of the food and/or money to purchase the food needed for these bags and for the gift cards for our guests to purchase their own turkey. Approximate cost needed is \$7,000. Monetary donations can be done online <https://splco.org/> to the Lord's Cupboard (scroll down on the donation page 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.

Food donations needed for TFB:

- green beans qty-600
- mushroom soup qty-300
- mashed potatoes qty-600
- gravy packets qty-300
- stuffing qty-300
- Jell-O qty-200
- fruit cocktail qty-200

Please put these food items in the container across from the elevator, outside of the Fellowship Hall. We can also use paper grocery bags. Contact Mary with any questions at mary@splco.org Thank you so much for your donations and your prayers for our neighbors in need and our hard working, faithful volunteers!

Ladies Aid

Our next Ladies Aid meeting is just around the corner. Join us on Thursday, November 7th, at 5:30pm for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and some very useful information. Representatives from Shorehaven will be with us to let us know about senior living opportunities available to us. So, whether you're already a senior, soon to be a senior or know someone who's a senior, you'll want to attend this meeting. We hope to see you on the 7th and we'd love it if you brought a friend!

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

All Saints' Day (obs.): *Hope Lives*

November 3 – 10, 2024

Hope Lives

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. . .” (1 John 3:1, ESV) Indeed, by the grace of God, we who believe are counted among the “blessed,” (See Mt 5.1-12) “born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet 1.3) As such, we become part of the mystical Body of Christ, the great assembly of men and angels in heaven and earth gathered in eternal worship and service. Even as we struggle on this earth, may God grant us faith to remember this and—with them—in worship and life proclaim the truth that “. . . Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 7:10, ESV)

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: In Jesus Christ we are children of God, born again to a living hope.

Verse: Romans 10:17 Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Psalm: Psalm 31 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Catechism: Creed – Third Article

<p><i>The Third Article</i> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</p>	2 nd Grade +

Reformation Day (obs.): *The Day of Reformation*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Waiting for God's Messenger: Malachi 2-4	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Matthew 5:1-12
Mon.	The Birth of John Foretold: Luke 1	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Gn 12.10-13.18
Tue.	The Birth of Jesus Foretold: Luke 1	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Gn 14.1-15.21
Wed.	Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Gn 16.1-17.27
Thur.	The Birth of John: Luke 1	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Gn 18.1-19.38
Fri.	An Angel Visits Joseph: Matthew 1	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Gn 20.1-21.34
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Gn 22.1-24

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

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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 – John Lindemann; Barb Star—hand surgery; Amber Butler; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Romback; Bobby Edwards; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer—cancer; Ann Duggan; Mary Hlavenka; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer—cancer; 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: Bruce Bojko; 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); 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; 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: Garnet Krueger (Lynn Pelnar’s mom)—hospice; Bob (Sheila Rams’ brother-in-law)—broken arm and pelvis; Jonathan Cooper Gartkze (Glenn & Tina’s grandson)—born prematurely; 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 Bueltmann; 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

Anniversary: Kurt & Amy Ahrens – 16th – November 1st

Thanksgiving: Bernice Brown for all of the lovely birthday wishes

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

Hymn of the Week: Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

LSB 676

Looking forward to Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024

Hymns: 670, 676 (510, 671, 680) 677

What’s He Looking For? (Pastor Schockman)

Those who contribute “*large sums*” from “*out of their abundance*” have done very little. They cannot purchase God’s favor with their money. But the “*poor widow*” with her two small coins, who “*out of her poverty has put in everything she had,*” entrusts herself, her very life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah “*for many days,*” as well as herself and her household, “*according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah*” (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but with His body and blood unto life everlasting. “*By the sacrifice of himself,*” by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered “*into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf*” (Heb. 9:24–26). Faith clings to Christ who put in all He had that we may live.)

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St. Paul's will be a collection/drop-off site for the Operation Christmas Child boxes

- Please have your box dropped off to the school/church office no later than Wednesday, November 20.
- OCC boxes will be available at the reception desk in the school lobby
- A representative from Ebert's will pick up the boxes at the end of the school day. St. Paul's Lutheran has a goal of submitting 50 boxes.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Almighty God has given us solemn privilege and responsibility to instruct children about their Heavenly Father (Deuteronomy 6:7). This absolutely includes recognizing Him alone as Lord over life-and-death decisions as well as receiving every neighbor as a blessing (Mark 12:29-31). They need to know the power and presence and compassion of Christ Jesus is sufficient (Hebrews 9:14), even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.



“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ...”

When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His house, we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered

their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away — everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.



**DEER HUNTERS'
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20TH @ 7:30 PM**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**HUNTING ATTIRE
(BLAZE ORANGE OR CAMOUFLAGE)
IS WELCOME**

100 envelope challenge

How it Works

1. **Pick an envelope off the board** to make a donation by cash or check!
2. Whichever one you pick, **include that number in your donation** (ex: Envelope #4's donation can be \$4, \$14, or even \$1840!)
3. **Place sealed envelope in box**

Our goal is to get every envelope filled by the end of the challenge!

November
1st-30th

The envelope board can be found at either the ECC entrance or the church/school lobby

All Proceeds go to ECC renovation projects such as playground updates & classroom flooring replacement

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY November 4	NO SCHOOL Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY November 5	NO SCHOOL LWML	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY November 6	Lutheran Basics	Room 219	6:30 pm
THURSDAY November 7	Ladies Aid Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Balcony Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY November 9	Journeymen Acolyte Training Divine Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY November 10	Divine Worship Sunday School Public School Confirmation Class Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship Parent Partnership Workshop Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group	Church Meet in Gym Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall Room 219Y/Gym Room 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 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
November 3, 2024

A Water Wonder

Bible Truth: Jesus shows power over His creation
Matthew 14:22-33

Women of Joy

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

Journeymen

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

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	1 Kings 17.8-16	Hebrews 9.24-28	Mark 12.38-44
Acolytes	Caleb Meyer	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Jackie Meyer	Wendy Tesch	Karen Dentice
Elders	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Roxie Gerlach	Jim & Jody Arndt Chris & Pam Kroupa	Gary & Leah Johnson
Live-Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	Tom Showen

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Theme: *What's He Looking For?*

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 2, pg. 167

10:30am Worship

Special Order

ALL SAINTS 2024

“Blessed are they...”

Jennifer Laabs

James Melvin

Gregory Rupnow

Kevin Watterson

Caroline Bartel

Kathy Melvin

Richard Stolz

All saints are gifts from God whose witness inspires us and whose example encourages us to greater faith and service to the Lord. More than merely remembering those who have gone on before us, we give thanks to God for their lives and faithful witness. We remember that saints are not people who live “perfect” lives but the redeemed of the Lord who responded to the Lord’s invitation with faith and trust. As the Church Militant, still struggling, we pledge to continue the struggle and fight the good fight of faith until we join the Church Triumphant—the Church in heaven.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

~ Revelation 14:13 (ESV)



St. Paul's ECC Silent Auction



We invite you to support the St. Paul's Early Childhood Center Silent Auction, which will be held December 11-18, 2024. Our auction runs for one week in our early childhood center and is supported by auction items from St. Paul's families, staff, and the surrounding community. We aim to make improvements to our center including ECC playground renovations and classroom flooring replacement. The total funds needed to complete these projects is \$28,000. You can help us attain our goal of raising \$7,000 for our center renovations by donating an auction item or making a financial contribution.

In past years, funds raised at this event have allowed us to make many positive changes in our center, including replacing flooring in 2 of our classrooms, replacing lockers, adding shade equipment to our playground, and repainting classrooms. Please help ensure the continued success of this fundraiser by becoming a sponsor or financial donor. In appreciation for your support, you will receive recognition on our website, social media, and printed publications.

*Please fill out the information below and return it to the church or ECC office.
For questions, email Christine Flores at christine@splco.org.*

Thank you for your support!



Silent Auction Item In-Kind Donation Financial Donation

Please list item & cash value: _____

Company/Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

How you would like your name listed: _____



REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY

Theology and conversation
with a bit of hops.

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/>.

November 17

How to Love Your Neighbor when You Disagree: Politics, Theology, and Family in Community

Presenter: Todd Peperkorn

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery
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Rd. Suite D

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www.brewfinitybrewing.com

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for 2024 and 2025. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is **\$120.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

2024	Feb. 16	Jun. 1	Oct. 12
Nov. 17	Feb. 23	Jun. 8	Oct. 19
Nov. 24	Mar. 2	Jun. 15	Oct. 26
Nov. 28	Mar. 9	Jun. 22	Nov. 2
Dec. 1	Mar. 16	Jun. 29	Nov. 16
Dec. 8	Mar. 23	Jul. 13	Nov. 23
Dec. 29	Mar. 30	Jul. 20	Nov. 27
2025	Apr. 6	Jul. 27	Nov. 30
Jan. 5	Apr. 20 (6am)	Aug. 3	Dec. 28
Jan. 12	Apr. 20 (8am)	Aug. 10	
Jan. 26	Apr. 27	Aug. 24	
Feb. 2	May 4	Sept. 7	
Feb. 9	May 18	Sept. 21	

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001.

NAME _____

DATE- 1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

Please dedicate to (i.e. in memory of, wedding anniversary, to the Glory of God, in honor of...etc.)

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)

All Saints' Day (obs.)

First Reading: Revelation 7:2–17

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said

to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

November 3, 2024



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Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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

- † 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 – 52 **Total: 365**
8:00 am – 176
10:30 am – 137

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	Augie Meyer	TBD	TBD
Anthem	N/A	Church Choir	N/A
Altar Guild	Jackie Smith Michelle Wilson	Ingrid Kowieski Tina Gartzke	Marcie Nelson Delaney Heffern
Elders	Chuck Laabs	Pat Smith	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Jim & Judy Braatz Dave & Bonnie Schlieue	Al & Kathy Mueller
Live Stream	N/A	Scheuer	N/A
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan	Dan Friedrich	Mike Neff

Altar Flowers: Kurt & Amy Ahrens in praise to God for their 16th wedding anniversary on November 1st

Radio Broadcast: John & Sue Lindemann in praise to God for the Veterans

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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Hope Lives

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All Saints' Day (obs.)
3 November, A.D. 2024
Rev 7.(2-8) 9-17; Ps 149; 1 Jn 3.1-3; Mt 5.1-12

Introduction

"Blessed are those," Jesus says, "who _____
mourning." (Mt 5.4)

Mourning and Comfort

How do the "beatitudes" and all the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) function in the ministry of Jesus?

A. Jesus Mourns

What do the passages quoted (Mt 23.37, Jn 11.33-35, Isa 53.4, Lk 22.42-44, and Mk 15.34) teach about Jesus and "mourning"?

B. Jesus Transforms Mourning

Why wasn't Jesus' beatitude about "mourning" (Mt 5.4) not a lie?

Jesus redeems mourning and grief:

- a) because He _____ in it; and
b) because He _____ it and _____ it.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:3–7, ESV)

CCT: In Jesus Christ we are children of God, born again to a _____ hope.

B. We Mourn

Why do some not have this "living hope"?

For what are we designed?

Conclusion

How can grief be "complicated"?

How does "hope live" among us?

8am Church Choir Offering Anthem: ***Blessed Are the Dead***

Music by Matthew Machermer

Text adapted from

Rev 14:13; Lk 10:20; 2 Tim 4:7-8a; Mt 25:21

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.

Do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to them,
But rejoice that their names are written in heaven.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.

They have fought the good fight, they have finished the race,
They have fought the good fight, they have kept the faith.
There is laid up for them the crown of righteousness,
Which the Lord will award them on that day.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.

Well done, good and faithful servant
Enter into the joy, enter into the joy,
Enter into the joy of your master.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.



Lord's Cupboard

This holiday season, the Lord's Cupboard will be providing a Thanksgiving meal food bag and a Christmas meal food bag to those in need in our community. We will be requesting Christmas gifts for our pantry families' children and to Shorehaven residents who may not have something under their tree on Christmas morning. We anticipate that we will be helping more people than ever before, with the current economy.

THANKSGIVING MEAL FOOD BAGS and CHRISTMAS MEAL FOOD BAGS

Please support Thanksgiving and Christmas meal food bags with a \$15 gift card to Metro Market/Pick 'n Save or ALDI. Please put your gift card or a cash/check donation in an envelope marked "**Lord's Cupboard**" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office **by November 12th**. You can also give a monetary donation online by going to www.splco.org, click on "**Donate**" button, scroll down to Lord's Cupboard. We appreciate your consideration of the donation of those items.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Christmas Caring Trees will be located in the Narthex and in the school entryway starting November 16th. This is where you will find the ornaments with the gift requests and this is also the place to return the wrapped gifts.



Green Ornaments— Gift cards (\$25 increments) to Walmart, Target, or Amazon will help 30+ seniors at Shorehaven and the families from our pantry who are most in need. Please put your gift card in an envelope marked "**Lord's Cupboard**" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office **by December 9th**.



Red Ornaments— support the gifts asked for by families with children under the age of 18. Please put your wrapped gift under one of the **Christmas Caring Trees by December 9th**.

Your generosity helps us serve the people in our community, and we truly appreciate ALL your help in celebrating our Lord this holiday season.