Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ Weekly Announcements November 10, 2024



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

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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 <u>www.thechocolatefactorywi.com</u>

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

Lord's Cupboard 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-300
- mashed potatoes qty-400
- stuffing qty-200

- cranberry (cans) qty-200
- 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!

St. Paul's Youth Group

November Events

- 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-10am)
- 30 German Language Service at 2pm (Youth help as ushers)



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 <u>no later than</u> <u>Wednesday, November 20.</u>
- 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.



What are we going to do today?" Whew....well, let me tell you!

This is a question I often hear first thing in the morning as students arrive for another great day in second grade. But the answer is really not a simple one because in the course of the school day we are very busy with various lessons and projects. The best part of the day is often our morning devotion time. Second graders take turns reading these, and it is a time blessed with sharing God's love and truth with each other. They get so excited when it is their turn to lead our devotion. Then we have Bible story time, and the class really likes to learn more about their favorite Bible characters. Often, we complete a project that helps us remember our Bible stories or gives an opportunity to witness about our faith.



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Learning About God's Promises

Thankful for All of Our Blessings

Our language arts block (called Superkids Workshop) finds us reading and writing, sorting and spelling words, practicing our phonics skills, and learning new vocabulary words. Working in small groups or with a partner makes this a fun time of learning together. We usually have more things to do than time to do it, so that is a good place to start things the next day.

We also are learning a new math curriculum this year filled with discovery and conversations about numbers and how they work and learning strategies to help us solve problems. The lesson usually ends with hands-on activities called work places which may be a game with friends or a challenge to increase our understanding of math concepts.

We round out our day with social studies or science, and right now we are working on map skills of the continents and oceans. Visits to the science lab are always a special surprise! Then spatter in an art project or music class, choir practice or gym class, STEM activities, a few recesses, snacks, and lunch, and you have a very full—and very fun—day! Everyone may be a bit tired out, but the next day we are all full of energy to do it again! ©

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: What's He Looking For? November 10-17, 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: The Lord freely feeds and provides for us with everything He has.

Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Psalm: Psalm 36 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

Catechism: Creed – Third Article

The Third Article 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	Preschool +
What does this mean? 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.	1 st Grade +
What does this mean? (continued) 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.	2 nd Grade +

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: What's He Looking For?

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mark 12:38-44
Mon.	The Visit of the Wise Men: Matthew 2	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Gn 23.1-24.67
Tue.	The Boy Jesus in the Temple: Luke 2	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Gn 25.1-26.35
Wed.	John Prepares the Way of the Lord: Mt 3; Lk 3	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Gn 27.1-28.22
Thur.	The Baptism of Jesus: John 1; Matthew 3	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Gn 29.1-30-43
Fri.	The Temptation of Jesus: Mt 4; Mk 1; Lk 4	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Gn 31.1-33.20
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-13	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Gn 34.1-35.29

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Themes for Prayer

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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**: Patricia Eberhardt (Chad's mom); 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

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism Hymn of the Week: Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

November 17, 2024

Looking forward to Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost Hymns: 793, 508 (563, 515, 741) 575

Be on Your Guard (Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador)

As we look at the situation in our nation and in the world it is really easy to become anxious. There are wars and rumors of wars. There is social unrest, political unrest, financial unrest, and even theological unrest. And yet we are called to not be anxious. Our trust does not come in buildings, or princes, or military might, but rather comes from Jesus alone!

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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



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!**

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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:

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY November 11	Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
TUESDAY November 12Board of Operations Meeting		Room 201	5:30 pm
WEDNESDAYCaring Through SharingNovember 13Lutheran Basics		TBD Room 219	11:00 am 6:30 pm
THURSDAY November 14Board of Elders' Meeting Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal		Room 202 Balcony Church	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAYWomen of JoySATURDAYPacking Thanksgiving Food BagsNovember 16Divine WorshipAA Meeting		Maxim's Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY Divine Worship SUNDAY Public School Confirmation Class November 17 Divine Worship Youth Deliver Thanksgiving Food Bags Reformation Tap Society High School Youth Group High School Youth Group		Church Meet in Gym Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church Meet in Lobby BrewFinity Room 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall 262-567-5001 <u>Lutheran Basics</u> Wednesday: 6:30 pm – Room 219 262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym November 10, 2024 A Confident Confession

Bible Truth: Jesus is the Christ. Matthew 16:13-23

<u>Women of Joy</u> Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am Whelan's

<u>Journeymen</u> Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Daniel 12.1-3	Hebrews 10.11-25	Mark 13.1-13
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Nolan Petri
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache	Megan Miller Cindy Fredrickson	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Jim Juneau	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Dave & Bonnie Schliewe Jim & Jody Arndt	Tom Miller
Live-Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Bob Bratz	Lennington

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador

Theme: Be on Your Guard

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 2, pg. 167

10:30am Worship

Special Order

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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8–16

Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth." And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24–28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."





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

- card and place it in the offering plate.
- + Please fill out an attendance + 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.

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DIVINE SERVICE

Lutheran Service Book Setting 2, pg. 167 Greeting Hymn of Invocation 782 **Confession & Absolution** 167 + SERVICE OF THE WORD + 168 Kyrie This is the Feast 171 1 Kings 17:8-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Alleluia and Verse 173 Mark 12:38-44 Hymn of the Day 738 Sermon Nicene Creed 174 **Prayer of the Church** Offering Offertory 176 + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + **Distribution Hymns** + 641, 732, 726 Thank the Lord 181 Post-Communion Collect 183 Benediction 183 **Closing Hymn** 728 Announcements

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
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

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: Tom & Bernita Krenzke in praise to God for blessings received

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

What's He Looking For?

by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor St. Paul's Lutheran Church Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10 November, A.D. 2024 1 Kings 17.8-16; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44

As Jesus stares intently at the steady stream of givers, what is He looking for?

What does it mean for the widow's future that she gave those two mites?

Where has she thrown everything she does, and doesn't have?

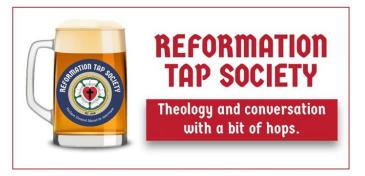
What do we usually mean when we talk about dying to self?

"Faith is throwing all that and every other hope you've had to live into God's lap." What does that faith leave us with?

What does the world see when it looks at the Church?

What's the real point of the temple?

What has Jesus given us to look for?



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 <u>https://splco.org/church/reformation-tap-society/</u>.

November 17

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

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!



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 12**th. 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 9**th.



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 9**th.

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