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Weekly Announcements

August 3, 2025



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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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Holy Baptism

During the 10:30 am Worship Service, we welcome **Cleopatra Elisa** into St. Paul's church family. She is the daughter of Kyle & Hannah (Kruk) **Christiansen**. Her sponsors are Ailee McArthur, Karissa Christiansen and Josiah Hurst. We will keep Cleopatra in our prayers.

Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking donations of water bottles for Kid's Fest

Please drop off cases of water to the office by Monday, August 4th. The School Team will be distributing bottles of water to guests from our booth at Fowler Park on Tuesday, August 5, 9am - 1pm.

Now Hiring: Lunch Program Director

St. Paul's Lutheran School is seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to lead our lunch program during the academic school year. The ideal candidate will be responsible for the preparation and distribution of daily lunch meals for both students and staff, ensuring meals are nutritious, appealing, and served in a timely manner. Questions? Contact Jill George 262/347-6557 or principal@splco.org.



Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for

coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God's purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church's business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor's body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: *Your Eternal Life*

August 3-10, 2025

Your Eternal Life

“Covetousness is idolatry.” (Col 3.5) That is to say, craving and scheming for things you have not been given is actually false worship. You are a “new man” in Christ (Col 3.10), one of “his people,” (Ps 100.3) called to “put away” such things, (Col 3.8) to repent of them as the “vanities” (Eccl 2) they are and receive the fruit of your labors with contentment, rejoicing in all God’s gifts, but knowing there is more, that a faithful and true life is “rich toward God,” (Lk 12.21) “for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:3, ESV)

Order Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ-Centered Theme: Christ calls us to repent of vanity and receive Divine life.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: John 6:51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

Psalm: Psalm 47 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB**, p. 304

Catechism: *The Sacrament of the Altar—What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

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| <p><i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</i> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p> | 1 st grade+ |
| <p><i>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?</i> These words, Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p> | 1 st grade+ |
| <p><i>How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?</i> Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.</p> | 2 nd grade+ |

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: *Your Eternal Life*

| Day | Bible Stories for Families with Young Children | Readings for Adults & Older Children | |
|-------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sun. | The Passover: Exodus 11-13 | Psalm 110, 66, 23 | Lk 12.13-21 |
| Mon. | Crossing the Red Sea: Exodus 14-15 | Psalm 62, 73, 8 | Jb 32:1-34:37 |
| Tue. | God Provides Quail and Manna: Exodus 16 | Psalm 13, 36, 5 | Jb 35:1-37:24 |
| Wed. | The Ten Commandments: Exodus 19-20 | Psalm 96, 132, 134 | Jb 38:11-41:34 |
| Thur. | The Ways of God: Exodus 33-34, 40 | Psalm 116, 26, 130 | Jb 42:1-17 |
| Fri. | The Twelve Spies in Canaan: Numbers 13-14 | Psalm 85, 25, 40 | Ps 1:1-6:10 |
| Sat. | Sunday’s Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-34 | Psalm 61, 138, 98 | Ps 7:1-11:7 |

Prayers: *Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s*
O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date

Join us in celebrating a remarkable milestone at our 160th Anniversary Fall Gala! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25, 2025, as we wrap up our year of celebrations with an unforgettable evening. Stay tuned for more details, including exciting announcements about the venue, entertainment, and how you can be involved. We can't wait to share this momentous occasion with you and make it a night to remember. Save the date and get ready to celebrate in style!

School supplies for Lord's Cupboard guests

We would like to help the families that come to Lord's Cupboard and have school supplies available for their kids. We are requesting monetary donations and/or gift cards (\$10-\$25 increments) to Dollar Tree, Target or Walmart. If you prefer to purchase the actual supplies, please drop them off prior to Monday, August 4th. A list of items to purchase is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board across from the elevator outside of the Fellowship Hall which is also where the school supplies purchased can be put. You can make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online <https://splco.org> Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check or purchased gift cards also in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. Thanks so much, it will be very appreciated!

Garden abundance and Lord's Cupboard

Donations of your surplus garden vegetables will be 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: 8/4, 8/25. Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.



To commemorate our 160th anniversary, we will be creating a new pictorial directory which will also include a history of the congregation, making this a wonderful keepsake. The dates have been set for photo sessions with Mortensen Photography as follows:

Monday, August 11th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, August 12th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 14th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Monday, September 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, September 16th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm

These will all be held at St. Paul's in Room 202.

To get your preferred time slot, book now by registering through this link:
<http://mortensenphotocart.com/booking-calendar/st-pauls-church-directory-2664/>

If you cannot register online, please contact Cheryl Tesch at 920-285-3628 to assist with scheduling.

The directory will be a full-color 8x10 (roughly), and we will also have the directory available to view on St. Paul's website.

Packages of your family pictures will be available for purchase, but you are under no obligation to buy, and there will not be any pressure to do so during your photo session.

To help offset the cost of printing, if you are a business owner and would like to place an ad in the directory, the following ad sizes are available:

Full Page - \$400 8x10"
½ Page - \$250 8x5"
¼ Page - \$175 4x5"
1/8 Page - \$125 4x2.5"

Files submitted must be in a high-resolution format:
pdf, jpeg, png, or tiff.

You may also contribute in memory of a loved one, which will be listed on a page in the directory.

Please return this form to Cheryl Tesch by August 31, 2025 along with your payment to St. Paul's Pictorial Directory.

Company/Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ad Size: _____

Memorial in memory of: _____ Amount: \$ _____

If you have any questions, please direct them to Cheryl.tesch@splco.org, or by texting or calling 920-285-3628.

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 – Sue Beles—broken kneecap; Phyllis Schuck—fractured foot; Carol Lenz; Catherine Weidler-Loney—cancer; Tammy Frazier—cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin—cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer—cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer—cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – **Those with cancer:** Janet Pelnar—lung cancer; Della—Diana Radtke's sister; Lauri; Steve Latino (Bruce & Mary Bojko's son-in-law)—pancreatic cancer; Dana—recent cancer diagnosis; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda—breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Jeff—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Karen (Alfonso Flores’ mom); Beth Dowhen; Sandra Zimmereman-Hartman (Cassie Gauerke’s aunt)–hospice; Baby Quinn, born prematurely; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger’s cousin) – blood clots; Jason Johnson–UTV accident; Jim Krueger (Lynn Pelnar’s brother); Irish Spring–eye tumor; Dorothy–Alzheimer’s; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)–Alzheimer’s; 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: Trevor Thiel–Alaska (Fort JBER); 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

Baptism: Cleopatra Elisa Christiansen – August 3rd

Birthdays: Joel Tesch – 60th – August 5th
Cheryl Tesch – 65th – August 5th

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732

Looking forward to the 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Hymns: 733, 666 (735, 720, 743) 667

August 10, 2025

Being Beloved (Pastor O’Donnell)

Widespread research appears to confirm what any long-term teacher could tell you: young people have considerably more anxiety today than even a decade ago. Anxiety is, in many respects, disordered identity exacerbated by self-destructive communication. And the Lord Jesus has a great deal of help for the anxious. Abraham’s interaction with God (Gen 15.1-6), reflection on the litany of the faithful (Hebrews 1.1-16), and Jesus’ teaching on anxiety (Lk 12.22-34) help us to better who Christ is, who we actually are in Christ, and how we may more faithfully and successfully combat anxious temptations.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| MONDAY August 4 | Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru | Parking Lot | 5:30 pm |
| WEDNESDAY August 6 | Summer Lakeside Worship | Backyard | 6:30 pm |
| THURSDAY August 7 | Praise Team Rehearsal | Church | 6:30 pm |
| SATURDAY August 9 | Journeyman Divine Worship AA Meeting | Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall | 7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm |
| SUNDAY August 10 | Divine Worship Life Application Bible Study Summer Sunday School Divine Worship | Church Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Church | 8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am |

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall

262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym

August 3, 2025

The Born-Again Truth – Jesus and Nicodemus

Bible Truth: God is love.

John 3:1-21

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 |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Readings | Gen 15.1-6 | Heb 11.1-16 | Lk 12.22-34 |
| Altar Guild | Bernita Krenzke | Jackie Smith | Karen Dentice |
| Elders | Jim Juneau | Pat Smith Matt Dinnauer | John Nelson |
| Greeters | Char Binney | Duane & Sharon Peterson Rick Zastrow | Anne Fait |
| Live-Stream | N/A | Edwards | N/A |
| Radio | N/A | Chuck Laabs | N/A |
| Ushering Team | Mark Baganz | Joel Tesch | Mike Neff |

AUGUST 10, 2025

THE 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Being Beloved*

5pm & 8am Worship

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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

Summer Office Hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Ecc. 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are

above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost

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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 – 76


8:00 am – 124

10:30 am – 92

Wed. – 40

Total: 332

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 |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------------|
| Liturgist | Ps. O’Donnell | Ps. Schockman | Ps. Schockman |
| Preacher | Ps. O’Donnell | Ps. O’Donnell | Ps. O’Donnell |
| Musicians | Allison Mackie | Allison Mackie | Praise Team |
| Altar Guild | Traci Anderson | Tina Gartzke | Marcie Nelson |
| Elders | Rick Zastrow | Neil Anderson | Erik Benes |
| Greeters | Dan Maynard | Chris & Pam Kroupa Bruce & Mary Bojko | Gary & Leah Johnson |
| Live Stream | N/A | Bill & Kathy Granzin | N/A |
| Radio | N/A | Jim Juenau | N/A |
| Ushering Team | Rick Zastrow | Neil Anderson | Erik Benes |

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Joel & Cheryl Tesch in praise to God for their birthdays on August 5th

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Janet Dahm in loving memory of her husband, John

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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Your Eternal Life

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
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Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 13)
3 August, A.D. 2025
Ecd 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-26; Ps 100; Col 3.1-11; Lk 12.13-21

Introduction

What is a “surplus”?

CCT: Christ calls us to repent of _____ and receive Divine _____.

I. Christ's Divine Generosity

Who is Jesus Christ and what has He done for us?
(See Col 3.1; Apostles' Creed)

How does God deliver this salvation to us? (See Col 2.11-12, *Small Catechism* on “Baptism”, etc.)

Faith _____ God's Word.

What is the “struggle” of every believer? (See Rom 7; Col 3.1-11)

II. The Generous Life

What is one of the “old self” areas with which every Christian struggles? (See Lk 12.13-21)

Why is “What do you do with a surplus?” *always* a spiritual question? (See Col 3.2-3; Lk 12.13-21)

What does the “new self” recognize in a surplus?
What are some examples, borrowing from Jesus’ parable, of how a wise person would respond? (See 1 Cor 9.14, *Small Catechism*, Commandments 9-10)

How is the wise farmer (“new self”) tempted by the “old self” in a surplus?

Conclusion

To what does Christ daily call us?