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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith

Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and vet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

August 10, 2025



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

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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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm - 70

Wed. - 49

8:00 am - 126 10:30 am - 149

Total: 394

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Jackie Smith	Karen Dentice
Elders	Ryan Schneider	Pat Smith Matt Dinnauer	John Nelson
Greeters	Char Binney	Duane & Sharon Peterson Rick Zastrow	Anne Fait
Live Stream	N/A	Scheuer	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Joel Tesch	Mike Neff

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Spencer & Gail Frosch 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

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Being Beloved

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

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10 August, A.D. 2025 Gen 15.1-6; Ps 33.12-22; Heb 11.1-16; Lk 12.22-34

Introduction

"... Therefore I tell you, do not be **anxious** about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on." (Luke 12:22, ESV)
"And which of you by being **anxious** can add a single hour to his span of life?" (Luke 12:25, ESV)

"Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you." (Luke 12:31, ESV)

I. What is Anxiety?

(See Gen 15.1-3; Lk 12.22-30)

Everybody meditates . . . Like speaking, imagining, and hearing music, meditation is a natural human ability. In fact, we all meditate quite frequently, though we are mostly unaware of it because it happens spontaneously. . . A common form of spontaneous meditation is daydreaming. This usually happens when we are physically and mentally relaxed . . . In our daydreams we do not think thoughts; they come to us and occupy our minds. (John Kleinig, *Grace Upon Grace*, 90)

Another common form of spontaneous mediation is worrying. No one that I know decides to worry. Like daydreaming, worrying is something that happens to us. When we worry, we imagine the worst things that could happen to us and to those whom we love. Scenarios of trouble and disaster run through our minds repeatedly and obsessively, like a video loop. Like a bad dream, they take us on a trip through an imaginary experience of horror. (Kleinig, *Grace Upon Grace*, 91)

What is anxiety in terms of spiritual practice?
How did Abram have anxiety? You?
II. Seek First the Kingdom of God
(See Gen 15.4-6; Heb 11.8-12; Rom 6.3-6, etc.)
How did The LORD address Abram's anxiety?
How does The LORD address your anxiety?
Conclusion
CCT: Jesus Christ gives you forgiveness and identity.

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Weekly Announcements

August 10, 2025



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SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Calling ALL Children 4K-6th Grade

Sunday School starts on September 7th. Join us every Sunday for friends and fun (and sometimes food!) while learning how God loves you and is a part of your everyday life.

We encourage ALL St. Paul families (regardless of what school kids attend) to participate in Sunday School.

Sunday School begins September 7th, 2025 4K (must be potty-trained) – 6th Grade 9:15 – 10:15 am Starts in school gym

Ends in the classroom (parents will be given classroom assignments)

Online registration:



or by placing it in the of	fering plate.
CHILD'S NAME:	
AGE:	GRADE:
PARENTS' NAMES:	
EMAIL:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
ALLERGIES:	
ANYTHING ELSE WE NEI	ED TO KNOW:

You can also register by filling out this form and turning it in to the church office

(Please place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.)

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: *Being Beloved*August 10 – 17, 2025

Being Beloved

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.

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: Jesus Christ gives us forgiveness and eternal identity.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: John 14:23b Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

Psalm: Psalm 48 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB**, **p. 304**

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—Seventh Petition and Explanation

The Lord's Prayer (Seventh Petition) But deliver us from evil	Preschool +
What does this mean?	2 nd Grade +
We pray in this petition, in summary,	
that our Father in heaven would rescue us	
from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation,	
and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end,	
and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow	
to Himself in heaven.	

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Being Beloved

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	ng Children Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Bronze Serpent: Numbers 21, 33	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Lk 12.22-34
Mon.	Good-bye Moses: Deuteronomy 18, 34	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Ps 12:1-17:15
Tue.	Rahab Believes: Joshua 2	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Ps 18:1-22:31
Wed.	Entering the Promised Land: Joshua 3-4	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Ps 23:1-28:9
Thur.	The Fall of Jericho: Joshua 6	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Ps 29:1-34:22
Fri.	Deborah the Prophetess: Judges 2, 4	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Ps 35:1-41:13
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Ps 42:1-47:9

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

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

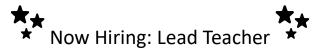
LWML Mission Minute Update - SWD Grant # 5

Teaching God's Children with Special needs-Journeys Lutheran School - \$50,000

Journeys Lutheran School provides schooling for special needs children grades 3-12. This grant will be used to purchase 2 vans for field trips and to supplement what they currently do as well as transportation for the school to work program. Please remember to fill your Mite boxes this summer so this grant can be funded.

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: 8/25, 9/6 (Senior Food Bags) and 9/8. Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.



St Paul's ECC is seeking a faith-filled, enthusiastic Lead Teacher to join our team.

Responsibilities include:

- Leading Bible-based lessons and activities
- · Creating a safe, nurturing, and fun environment
- Partnering with parents to support spiritual growth

Ideal Candidate:

- Has experience working with children (ministry or teaching)
 - Is passionate about sharing God's Word
- Demonstrates strong leadership and communication skills

™ To apply or learn more, contact:

Christine Flores - Center Director

262-567-4881

stpaulsecc@splco.org



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 11^{th} from 4:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, August 12^{th} from 4:00-8:00 pm Sunday, September 14^{th} from 9:00 am -1:00 pm Monday, September 15^{th} from 4:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, September 16^{th} 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 – Joyce Anderson; 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: Janice Mulvaney Krueger–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; Baby Quinn, born prematurely; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger's cousin) – blood clots; Jim Krueger (Lynn Pelnar's brother); 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 and 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; the family of Sandra Zimmerman-Hartman (Cassie Gauerke's aunt), who passed away; 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: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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Looking forward to the 10th Sunday after Pentecost + Back to School Services
August 17, 2025

Hymns: 685, 575 (722, 861, 587) 918

Lead Me to Christ, the Rock (Pastor O'Donnell)

In their wandering toward the promised land, the people of Israel were thirsty, lost faith, and quarreled with Moses and with The LORD, who showed them his mighty and creative power by sending water from a rock (Num 20.1-13). As with all things in the Old Testament, this pointed to something to come. Centuries later, David penned Psalm 61, by which he and Israel were reminded who their rock really was. St. Paul knew it, too (1 Cor 10.1-4), as did the "little stone" among the Apostles, who made the good confession that Jesus is ". . . the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Mt 16.16) Since Jesus is risen from the dead, the author of salvation, the living water and cornerstone of faith, the Church's mission is to lead people to Christ, the Rock.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY August 11	Church Pictorial Pictures Lord's Lambs Giveaway	4-8pm 5:30 pm	
TUESDAY August 12	Church Pictorial Pictures Room 202 Board of Operations' Meeting Room 201 Board of Elders' Meeting Room 219		4-8pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY August 13	Summer Lakeside Worship	keside Worship Backyard 6:30	
THURSDAY August 14	Praise Team Rehearsal	Praise Team Rehearsal Church	
SATURDAY August 16	Women of Joy Whelan's Divine Worship Church AA Meeting Fellowship Ha		8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY August 17	Divine Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Life Application Bible Study Summer Sunday School Divine Worship	Church Lobby/Outside Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Church	8:00 am 9:15 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 10, 2025 Creation 1 & 2 10th Commandment and Meaning

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

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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5.00 DM

	5:00 PIVI		8:00 AIVI			10:30 AW	
Readings	Num 20.1-13		Ps 61.2	1 Cor 10.1-	4	Mt 16.13-19	
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache		Barb Hentz		ŀ	Karen Gotthardt	
Elders	Arno Kirchenwit	Z	Dan Eifert			Tom Showen	
Greeters	Margie Hertnek Roxie Gerlach	У	Chris & Pam Kroupa Rick Zastrow			Al Mueller	
Live-Stream	N/A		Scheuer			N/A	
Radio	N/A		Chuck Muecke			N/A	
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan		Dan Friedrich Tom		Tom Showen		

AUGUST 17, 2025

THE 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICES

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: Lead Me to Christ, the Rock

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

10.30 VM