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Weekly Announcements

September 21, 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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Come to the Dance: Following Christ's Lead in Marriage and in Life

St. Paul's annual Marriage Ministry Retreat will be held November 14-16, 2025 at The Ostoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. To register, scan the QR code, go to our website at splco.org or contact the church office (262-567-5001 or heather@splco.org). The **early** registration deadline is September 30th. The **final** registration deadline is October 14th.



Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as “sons of light,” know that

the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in church, home and society?

Financial Peace University (FPU) Class



As Christ-followers, we're called to trust the Lord with everything in our lives. Our marriages, our work . . .

and our money. St. Paul's is hosting a *Financial Peace University* (FPU) class beginning on **October 1, 2025 at 6:30 PM in room 202**, where we'll walk through God's ways of handling



money so we can become better stewards of His money for His glory. Sign up at <https://www.fpu.com/7999A9> For preparation, please join our stewardship Bible Study prior to

starting FPU on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 PM in room 202.

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Fall Gala Update

WE CHANGED THE DATE! Please mark Saturday, November 1st, on your calendar for an event you won't want to miss. All the details are coming together, and we can't wait to share them with you. Save the date and get ready to celebrate in style!

Exciting News Flash:

Sisters in Service (formerly known as Ladies Aid), *LWML* and *Women of Joy* are coming together for a **fabulous Bake Sale** the weekend of October 4th & 5th, before and after each service. Proceeds from this free-will offering Bake Sale will go to Journeys Lutheran School for their flood recovery fund. Journeys School, located in Hales Corners is dedicated to teaching students with special needs. During the weekend of August 9/10, Journeys suffered upwards of \$1,000,000 in damages due to the torrential rain and flooding. So, get ready to enjoy some gastronomical treats and in turn help a very worthy cause.

P.S. Sunday, October 5th, is our annual LWML Sunday and the door offering will also be given to Journeys School 's flood recovery fund!



Items Needed for the Lord's Cupboard

We would appreciate the following items: cereal to add to our food bags and sandwich size Ziploc bags for our monthly free meal to go. Please put these donations into the bin that is in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. You can also make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online at splco.org. Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office.

We are getting low on our supply of paper grocery bags and plastic grocery bags. Our busiest time of the year is our Thanksgiving food bag and Christmas food bag distributions which are coming up soon. When you are at a store, ask if you can take a few extra paper bags and/or plastic bags for the food pantry. Please place the bags in our donation bin that is in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. We would also appreciate egg cartons that hold a dozen eggs.

Thanks so much for donating these items which help us to spend the money we have on actual food to give to our guests!

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Upcoming funeral

Our sister in Christ, Bernice Brown's funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✝ Friday, October 3rd, at St. Paul's
 - Visitation: 10-11am, service at 11am, luncheon to follow

St. Paul's Youth Group

Students are invited to dive into God's Word, grow in faith, have fun with friends, and serve others through awesome servant events.



New faces & returning friends—ALL are welcome!



Stay connected:

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook-St. Paul's Oconomowoc Youth Group



Want email updates? Email splyouth.group@splco.org with "ADD ME TO THE EMAIL BLAST."

See you at Youth Group! 🌟

September

- September 28 Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm
High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm

October

- October 5 High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- October 10 MS and HS Half Lock-In w/ CUW team 6:00pm - 11:45pm
- October 12 Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm
High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- October 18 MS & HS Corn Maze (Schuett Farms) 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- October 19 High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- October 26 Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm
High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist: *From Zombie Existence to Eternal Life*

September 21 -28, 2025

From Zombie Existence to Eternal Life

The LORD gave Ezekiel a rock-hard resolve to speak to his own people and give life, yet most of them would not listen. Nevertheless, that same Word still gives life. (Ezek 2.8-3.11, etc.) Paul faced similar stubbornness in his God-given mission to bring Christ's reconciling work to Jews and Gentiles, but "speaking the truth in love," (Eph 4.15) God's Word continues to have its effect. And, as a man named Levi and his greedy, Roman-tax-collecting colleagues learned, God sent his Son to call sin-sick thieves like them to repentance. God would have us learn, as they learned, that there's existing in rebellion, or there's eternal life in Christ.

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.

Apostles' Creed

Christ-Centered Theme: Jesus gives eternal life to repentant sinners; all other life, regardless of outward appearance, is existence, a zombie apocalypse.

Verse: Matthew 6:33-34 Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-16 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Catechism: *Ten Commandments—Ninth and Tenth Commandments*

What is the Ninth Commandment? You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.	1 st Grade +
What is the Tenth Commandment? You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, Or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, Or anything that belongs to your neighbor.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.	2 nd Grade +

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist: *From Zombie Existence to Eternal Life*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Jehoiachin’s New Clothes: 2 Kings 24-25	Psalm 67, 46, 93	Mt 9.9-13
Mon.	Daniel in the Lions’ Den: Daniel 6	Psalm 51, 85, 47	Pr 10:1-11:31
Tue.	Daniel Sees Heaven: Daniel 7	Psalm 54, 28, 99	Pr 12:1-13:25
Wed.	A New Temple: Ezra 3, 7	Psalm 65, 125, 91	Pr 14:1-15:33
Thur.	A New Wall: Nehemiah 1-2, 4	Psalm 143, 81, 116	Pr 16:1-17:28
Fri.	Esther and the King: Esther 2-5	Psalm 86, 6, 19	Pr 18:1-19:29
Sat.	Sunday’s Gospel Reading: Luke 10.17-20	Psalm 122, 141, 90	Pr 20:1-21:31

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

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Ed Kranick—heart attack; Bob Reddelien—congestive heart failure; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz; Catherine Weidler-Loney—cancer; Tammy Frazier—cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin—cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; 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:** Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)—brain cancer; daughter of Bill & Sarah Mertens; Janice Mulvaney Krueger—lung cancer; Della—Diana Radtke's sister; Lauri; 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: Mark—heart attack; Beth Dowhen; Baby Quinn, born prematurely; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger’s cousin) – blood clots; 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: Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; 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 Bernice Brown, who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Public Reception of New Members: Logan & Krystal Moody

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: By All Your Saints in Warfare LSB 518

Looking forward St. Michael and All Angels
Hymns: 521, 522 (659, 670, 622) 525

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St. Michael and All Angels (Pastor Schockman)

We live in “a time of trouble” (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth “in great wrath,” with woeful “temptations to sin” and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8–12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11–13). By “the authority of his Christ,” His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of “the blood of the Lamb,” against all the power of the enemy, for by “the word of their testimony,” the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10–11), the old Adam and the old evil foe are “drowned in the depth of the sea” in a Baptism of repentance (Matt. 18:6). As God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1–3).

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You are invited to our
FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 16

5:00 - 6:15 pm

Infants - 4th Grade

Kids are encouraged to wear pjs while enjoying games, crafts, sensory stations, and storytime.



Christ in All Things



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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 2025 and the first six months of 2026. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost for **2025** is **\$125.00**. The cost for **2026** is **\$130.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

2025	Jan. 11	Feb. 15	Mar. 22	Apr. 19	May 31
Nov. 2	Jan. 18	Feb. 22	Mar. 29	Apr. 26	Jun. 7
Dec. 28	Jan. 25	Mar. 1	Apr. 5 6am	May 3	Jun. 14
2026	Feb. 1	Mar. 8	Apr. 5 8am	May 10	Jun. 21
Jan. 4	Feb. 8	Mar. 15	Apr. 12	May 24	Jun. 28

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.) _____



REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY

Theology and conversation
with a bit of hops.

Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. *Under the theme, "Lead Me to Christ, the Rock," the 2025-2026 Reformation Tap Society season explores the various ways in which Christ is the foundation of a holy and purposeful life.* 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 younger adults. Parents of children under high school age 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 5pm, 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.)

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The Great Flood: A Struggling Adulterer Leans on Christ

(Live radio drama)

By Lance Armstrong O'Donnell (with voice actors)

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 22	Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
TUESDAY September 23	St. Luke Small Group Bible Study	Library	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY September 24	Lord's Cupboard Meeting Lutheran Basics Reflecting Christ as God's Stewards	Fellowship Hall Room 219 Room 202	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY September 25	Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY September 27	Journeyman Divine Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 28	Divine Worship Life Application Bible Study Public School Confirmation Sunday School Divine Worship Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group	Church Gym Meet in Gym Meet in Gym Church 219Y/Gym 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
262-567-5001

Lutheran Basics

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

Women of Joy

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

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
262-567-5001

Reflecting Christ as God's Stewards

Wednesday: 6:30 pm – Room 202
262-567-5001

Journeyman

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

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Dan 10.10-14; 12.1-3	Rev 12.7-12	Matt 18.1-11
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Megan Miller	Karen Dentice
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Ryan Schneider	Erik Benes
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Chris & Pam Kroupa	Al Mueller
Live-Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan	Dan Friedrich	Erik Benes

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

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

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

St. Matthew, Evangelist and Apostle

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:8–3:11

"But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7–16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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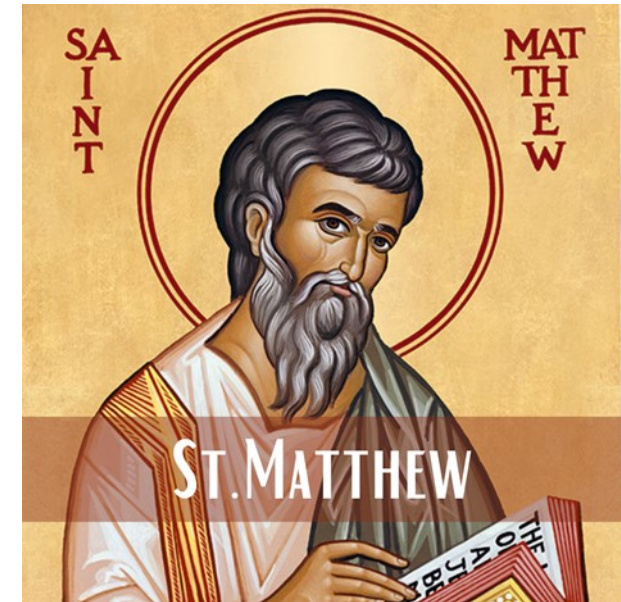


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Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,
School, & Early Childhood Center

- + 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 – 73

8:00 am – 187

10:30 am – 144

Total: 404

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. 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	Amber Butler	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Jim Juneau	Ryan Schneider	Jerad Luedtke
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Roxie Gerlach	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Gary & Leah Johnson
Live Stream	N/A	O’Donnell	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Joel Tesch	Jerad Luedtke

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by a member 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)
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by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
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Ezek 2.8-3.11; Ps 119.33-40; Eph 4.7-16; Mt 9.9-13

Pre-Service Catechesis

Luther's *Small Catechism*. Table of Duties. To Widows. 1 Tim 5.5-6 (NIV):

The widow who is really in need, who is all alone, puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

Introduction

Do you want to be *Alive*, or do you want to be living dead”?

CCT: Jesus gives _____ to repentant sinners; all other life, regardless of outward appearance, is a zombie existence.

Jesus Brings Eternal Life

A. Context Levi's Call to Eternal Life

Why was Jesus walking up to Levi (Matthew) at the tax booth a big deal? (See Mt 9.9)

After Jesus' call to Matthew to follow Him, with what powerful truth of God did He confront some religious leaders? (See Mt 9.12-13)

What life did Levi the tax-collector have? What life did Matthew the apostle have?

Was it better for Levi to live his living death . . . or was it better to follow Jesus and—even though he died—have eternal life?

Conclusion: Your Life

Are you going to live for the pleasure principle and have eternal death, or will you receive with meekness the implanted Word? Will you receive and live out a Baptismal identity as God's beloved child?

For those who want to hear a faithful LCMS-member journalist reflect on the Charlie Kirk's assassination, listen to Mollie Hemmingway's interview on Issues, Etc. (www.issuesetc.org) on Friday, September 12.

<https://issuesetc.org/2025/09/12/the-life-and-legacy-of-charlie-kirk-mollie-hemingway-9-12-25-2554/>