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Weekly Announcements

September 7, 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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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 21 MS & HS Youth Group Kick-Off 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- 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

Looking for paid help

Looking for two or three individuals who would be interested in a painting and cleaning. We are getting a house (within a few miles of St. Paul's) ready for sale and it needs help. This is a 2-day job that is paid. Please call Christine Groth at 262-468-1022.

Ladies Aid DATE CHANGE

Can you feel it? Something is happening! Something tremendous is happening to Ladies Aid! It's so exciting that we have to move our September meeting to a week later than normal. So please join us on Thursday, **September 11th**, at 5:30pm to find out just what we have in store for you this coming year. And it would be great if you brought a friend to join in on all the excitement we have planned for you. Hope to see you on **September 11th**!

Join Church Choir!

Every Thursday, 6:30pm
Begins September 18

Open to all church
members confirmation
age and up



Contact Allison Mackie with questions at
allison.mackie@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:

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.

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“Lead Me to Christ the Rock”

(Psalm 61:2 and 1 Corinthians 10:4)

We pray that God would guide each student and staff member to lean on Christ, our firm foundation, as students meet new teachers, reconnect with friends, and work towards their spiritual, academic, and physical goals. We ask His blessing on our teachers and staff, that their work may be filled with joy, patience, and strength.

Please join us in praying:

- For our teachers and staff, that God would equip them for another year of service as they Teach the Truth of Jesus Christ.
- For students to mature not only in knowledge, but also in faith as we Grow as a Family.
- For parents to be encouraged as they guide and support their children.
- For our entire St. Paul’s family, that Christ our Rock may be our refuge and strength each day as we Serve Mind, Body, and Soul.



Together, let us trust in the Lord’s promise: *“From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I”* (Psalm 61:2).

Lunch Lady or Lunch Man Extraordinaire

St. Paul’s Lutheran School is searching for a **Lunch Lady or Lunch Man Extraordinaire** to join our team. **Job Perks:** Front row seat to the latest trends in what 8-year-olds will *definitely* eat today and absolutely refuse tomorrow. Daily workout carrying trays, opening juice boxes, and sampling tater tots. Flexible hours that don’t include nights, weekends, or even afternoons.

Qualifications: Must enjoy smiling faces and occasional spills. Ability to say "try a tasting bite" with a smile. If you’re ready to make lunch the best part of the school day, apply now and become the hero our cafeteria needs! Contact the school office.

“Caring Through Sharing” Widows Group

We will meet on Wednesday, September 10th, at 11am in room 219. We hope to see you there!

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *A Radical Mercy*

September 6 – 13, 2025

A Radical Mercy (Pastor O'Donnell)

The call of Christ is absolute. He is God. He is worshipped as God by the magi (Mt 2.11). He is worshipped as God after His resurrection, by the disciples (Mt 28.17) Thus, the First Commandment applies in our worship toward him: "You shall have no other Gods." Nowhere does this hit more powerfully than with family ties. If family "responsibilities" call for unfaithful worship or life, then one must abandon family and follow Christ. (See Lk 14.25-35) There is no half-way here. Jesus, as with Moses before Him, "sets before us life and good, death and evil." (Dt 30.15) Part of that call is always to receive in mercy those who are repentant, even if history and hurt and justice seem otherwise. Through Paul, God called Philemon to practice this towards Onesimus. Who is it in your life, who needs mercy from you?

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 gives a radical mercy to us, and calls from us—in His Name—the same.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Mark 10:6-8a From the beginning of the creation, God "*made them male and female.*" "*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh*"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Psalm: Psalm 146 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule
LSB, p. 304

Catechism: *Ten Commandments—Fifth and Sixth Commandments*

What is the Fifth Commandment? You shall not murder.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.	1 st Grade +
What is the Sixth Commandment? You shall not commit adultery.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.	2 nd Grade +

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *A Radical Mercy*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Jonah: Jonah 1-4	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Lk 14:25-35
Mon.	Israel Goes Away: 2 Kings 17	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Ps 119:1-176
Tue.	Isaiah Sees the Lord: Isaiah 6, 52-53	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Ps 120:1-125:5
Wed.	King Hezekiah Prays: 2 Kings 18-19	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Ps 126:1-134:3
Thur.	King Josiah's New Book: 2 Kings 22	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Ps 135:1-137:9
Fri.	God Calls Jeremiah: Jeremiah 1, 23, 31	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Ps 138:1-143:12
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Ps 144:1-150:6

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

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Daily Themes for Prayer

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

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Bob Reddelien—congestive heart failure; Alexandra Blindauer—kidney donation surgery; John Wickersham; 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; 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; 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; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Anniversary: Chris & Pam Kroupa – 7th – September 7th

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

Looking forward Holy Cross Day
Hymns: 837, 454 (571, 425, 453) 578

Look to the Cross and Lift It High (The Rev. Dr. Richard Thompson)

The observance of Holy Cross Day occurs every year on September 14th. Holy Cross Day has stood as a monument and touchstone for nearly eighteen centuries encouraging believers to confess “**Christ Crucified.**” (1 Cor. 1:23) In our Old Testament lesson we see an excellent precursor of God’s redemption through the cross. Those who look with faith upon the bronze serpent lifted up on the pole are rescued. (Num. 21:4-9) And in the Gospel lesson in response to the request, “**Sir, we wish to see Jesus.**” Our Lord responds with, “**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**” And he further states “**And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.**” (Jn 12:21, 23, 32).

September 14, 2025

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★ ★ Now Hiring: Lead Teacher ★ ★ 🔑 *St Paul's ECC* | 🕒 *Full-Time*

We are a faith-based daycare and preschool center seeking a passionate and experienced Lead Teacher to join our nurturing and spiritually grounded team.

About Us:

Our center provides a loving, safe, and faith-centered environment where children can grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We serve families who value both early education and the integration of Christian values into everyday learning.

Responsibilities:

- Plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum aligned with Christian principles
 - Foster a warm and inclusive classroom environment
 - Provide guidance and support to assistant teachers and staff
- Build strong, respectful relationships with children, parents, and colleagues
 - Maintain records and assessments of student development
- Incorporate prayer, Bible stories, and values-based teaching into the daily routine

✉️ **To apply or learn more, contact** ✉️

Christine Flores - Center Director

stpaulsecc@splco.org

We look forward to welcoming a new teacher who feels called to shape young hearts and minds with love and faith.

SWD LWML Fall Retreat

This fall's retreat is September 26-27 at Embassy Suites by Hilton MKE/Brookfield. Donna Snow is the presenter. Her topic for the weekend is *Armor of God- Your Strong Suit*. Join your fellow sisters in Christ for an inspiring weekend of strengthening to proclaim the ultimate victory in Christ.

Registration forms can be found online at www.lwmlswd.org or on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Registration deadline is September 13th.



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.)

September 21, 2025

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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Oconomowoc, WI 53066

www.brewfinitybrewing.com

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 8	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Parking Lot Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 6:00 pm
TUESDAY September 9	Board of Operations Meeting Board of Elders Meeting	Room 201 Room 202	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY September 10	Caring through Sharing Widows' Group Lutheran Basics	Room 202 Room 219	11:00 am 6:30 pm
THURSDAY September 11	Ladies Aid Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
SATURDAY September 13	Journeyman Divine Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 14	Divine Worship Church Pictorial Pictures Life Application Bible Study Public School Confirmation Sunday School Divine Worship	Church Room 202 Gym Meet in Gym Meet in Gym Church	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

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

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym
262-567-5001

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	Num 21.4-9	1 Cor 1.18-25	Jn 12.20-33
Altar Guild	Michelle Wilson	Pam Kroupa	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	Tom Showen
Greeters	Char Binney	Rick Zastrow Judy Braatz	Al & Kathy Mueller
Live-Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	Tom Miller

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

HOLY CROSS DAY

Guest Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Richard Thompson

Title: *Look to the Cross and Lift It High*

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 3, pg. 184

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Epistle: Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him

back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25–35

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

September 7, 2025



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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 – 69

8:00 am – 153

10:30 am – 101

Total: 323

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	Rev. Dr. Thompson	Rev. Dr. Thompson
Preacher	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Musicians	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Jackie Meyer	Cindy Fredrickson	Karen Dentice
Elders	Jim Juneau	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Dan Maynard	Bruce & Mary Bojko Duane & Sharon Peterson	Tom Miller
Live Stream	N/A	Scheuer	N/A
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Gary Flanagan	Mike Neff

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Chris & Pam Kroupa in praise to God for their 7th wedding anniversary on September 7th

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Bill & Sarah Mertens in loving memory of Frannie and Jane

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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Announcements

A Radical Mercy

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

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 18)
7 September, A.D. 2025
Dt 30.15-20; Ps 1; Phil 1-21; Lk 14.25-35

Introduction

Why is “professional distance” between pastors and parishioners a “stretch” Biblically? (See Philemon, 1 Thes 2.7-8)

“But we [i.e., Paul and his missionary companions] were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:7–8, ESV)

What is one of the most troubling issues for almost every family? Why is this especially troubling for Christian families?

A Radical Mercy at God's Table

What is the 1st Commandment? How does it apply to Jesus?

Through the New Testament Jesus teaches honor of parents and family, so what's He getting at when He uses "hate" of family in the context of teaching the cost of discipleship in Luke 14? How does this relate to His teaching on the "sin against the Holy Spirit"? (See Mt 12.31)

Even as Jesus called people to worship God alone, how did He display God's radical mercy? (See Lk 22.34, Mt 26.35, 69-75; Jn 21.15-19)

How does this apply to you?

CCT: Christ gives a radical _____ to us and calls from us—in His Name—the same.

Conclusion

Think about *your* family. *Pray* about *your* family. To what radical mercy is the Lord calling you?

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:18-21, ESV)