

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

Weekly Announcements

November 30, 2025



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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 | 262-567-5001 | www.splco.org

Holy Baptism

During the 8am Worship Service, we welcome **Claire** into St. Paul's church family. She is the daughter of Luke & Heather (Anderson) **Schedler**. Her sponsors are Drew & Melanie Berland. We will keep Claire 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.

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Midweek Advent worship and dinner

Our midweek Advent worship services are on Wednesdays. Worship services are held at 12:15pm and 6:30pm. Prior to the evening service, there is a hymn sing at 6:15pm. Dinner is served in the fellowship hall from 5-6:15pm for a free-will offering. This week's meal is sponsored by LWML. They will be serving soup, salad, bread and desserts. Please come join us!

LWML

LWML meets on **Tuesday, December 2nd**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for our Christmas devotion and fellowship time with refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Our 160th Anniversary Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

A heartfelt thank-you to **Pat Borgman** and **Chris Dobratz** for assisting with check-ins on picture nights, and to **Pat** for contributing the 10-year history section in the directory. We are also grateful to everyone who placed advertisements and memorials. While we had hoped these would fully cover the printing costs, we did fall a bit short.

There is **no charge** for those who had pictures taken or submitted for the directory. If you feel moved to make a free-will offering, a basket will be available next to the boxes when you pick up your copy. Directories are located on a table in the **narthex**, arranged alphabetically (each box is clearly labeled). They will be available for pick-up following the Thanksgiving services and throughout the next two weekends.

Journeyman/Denny Zastrow Christmas Sing-a-Long

The Journeyman/Denny Zastrow Christmas Sing-a-Long will take place on Saturday, December 13th, starting at 7:30am. We meet at Maxim's at the Depot in downtown Oconomowoc. All men of the congregation are invited.

Sisters in Service

Sisters in Service, make sure to mark your calendars for our Christmas party being held on Thursday, December 4th, at 5:30pm. Johnny Pizzas & Pastaria is the location for the evening's festivities. Don't forget to scour your homes for that special White Elephant gift, wrapped and ready to exchange that evening. So, please join us on December 4th, to start the celebration of this year's wonderful Christmas Season.

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 – 30ish) to be together in community together and build one another up.

Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- 12/02 | Monthly Study | 6:30pm @ SPLCO (Room 219)
- 12/21 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity



Join Our
Contact List!

Lutheran Young Adults League (LYAL) Christmas Party

Young adults (ages 21–35) are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 20th, at 5:00 PM at Luther Memorial Chapel (Gymnasium), 3833 N Maryland Ave, Shorewood, WI 53211. Join us for a semi-formal evening of fellowship, a Christmas meal, and reflection on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please RSVP at: lyalchristmasparty.rsvpify.com. Questions or dietary restrictions should be emailed to LutheranYoungAdultsLeague@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Youth Group

November

- November 30 High School Youth Group 7pm-8:30pm

December

- December 7 High School Youth Group 7pm - 8:30pm
- December 10 **HOLIDAY TRAIN 3-8:30pm**
 - If you're planning to volunteer, please attend the 12:15 midweek Advent service that day.
- December 14 Deliver Christmas food bags 11:45am-1pm
ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
- December 21 **NO YOUTH GROUP**
- December 28 **NO YOUTH GROUP**

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The Lord's Cupboard is thankful, grateful and blessed!

We want to thank everyone who bought delicious food at the Chocolate Factory on November 20th. We received 25% of the sales from 4-8pm and we will be receiving a \$600 check!

And thank you to everyone who went online daily from November 5th-21st to Carew Cares and voted for Lord's Cupboard. This was a contest between 3 area food pantries-Lord's Cupboard, Jefferson Area Food Pantry and Sunshine Reach in Lake Mills that Carew Heating & A/C in Watertown did to give back to the community. Fantastic news-LC won the top prize of \$1500!

Thank you so much for your participation in either or both fundraisers.

NOW HIRING!

St. Paul's ECC – Now Hiring: Two-Year-Old Teacher

Do you have a heart for little ones and a passion for sharing God's love?

Our Early Childhood Center is seeking a joyful, patient, and nurturing teacher to guide our two-year-olds as they take their first steps in learning, faith, and the fine art of sharing toys.

We're looking for someone who:

- ✧ Loves Jesus and delights in helping children grow in His love
- ✧ Brings creativity, kindness, and a calm spirit to the classroom (especially during snack time negotiations)
- ✧ Works well with families and fellow staff in a supportive, faith-filled environment

Details:

- 📅 Full-time position
- 🏠 Faith-based setting
- 💖 Supportive staff and loving church community

We Offer:

- ✨ Paid time off and extended paid holiday breaks (yes, real time off!)
 - ✨ Comprehensive health plan — because toddlers share *everything*
 - ✨ A workplace filled with laughter, purpose, and the occasional missing sock
 - ✨ The joy of making an eternal difference in young hearts (and maybe learning a new snack-time song or two)
- If you feel called to plant seeds of faith in young lives — and don't mind a little glitter along the way — we'd love to meet you!

☎ Contact **Christine at 262-567-4881** or email **stpaulsecc@splco.org**

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The First Sunday in Advent: *Advent is for Griswolds*

November 30 – December 7, 2025

Advent is for Griswolds

It's pretty easy to get "wrapped up" in the trappings of the American "Christmas" with all its lights and presents, family pilgrimages, dysfunctions, and absurd expectations. Yet, as we begin Advent, we're reminded that Jesus came to "save us." (See Mt 21.11-11) He came to do right for us, to love us and to fulfill the Law of God (See Rom 13.8-14) by his immaculate life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection. Like our forefathers in the faith, we make our ascent past the excesses and idols of our culture to the House of The LORD (See Ps 122), to the "Mountain of The LORD," that God may "teach us His ways," (see Isa 2.1-5) forgive us, and sanctify us for the true and eternal life for which we are designed and that is every soul's true longing.

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: Christ came to restore the true and eternal life that is every soul's true longing.

Verse: 1 Peter 5:7-8 [Cast] all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Psalm: Psalm 122 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer Second and Third Petition*

<i>The Lord's Prayer (Second Petition)</i> Thy kingdom come.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.	1 st Grade +
<i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, So that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.	2 nd Grade +
<i>The Lord's Prayer (Third Petition)</i> Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.	1 st Grade +
<i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.	3 rd Grade +

The Last Sunday of the Church Year: *Jesus, Remember Me*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	God Sends the Holy Spirit: Acts 2	Psalm 24, 25, 110	Matt. 21:1-11
Mon.	Peter and John Heal the Lame Man: Acts 3	Psalm 122, 40, 67	Jer 29:1-32
Tue.	God's Servant, Stephen: Acts 6-7	Psalm 33, 85, 91	Jer 30:1-32:44
Wed.	Philip and the Ethiopian: Acts 8	Psalm 50, 14, 16	Jer 33:1-26
Thur.	The Conversion of Saul: Acts 9	Psalm 18:1-20, 126, 62	Jer 34:1-35:19
Fri.	Peter and Cornelius: Acts 10	Psalm 102, 130, 16	Jer 36:137-21
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1-12	Psalm 24, 25, 110	Jer 38:1-40:16



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Special Voters' Meeting

December 7, 2025

12:00 pm in the Church

AGENDA

Mission: Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Teacher Call Committee: Motion to Call a 4th Grade Teacher
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Vote
- E. Adjournment
- F. Closing Prayer

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, and ECC
Brief Bios for Candidates for the 2025-2026 School Year
(Alphabetical order)

Bethany Gebhardt

Education

- Concordia University Nebraska
B.S. in Elementary Education, Lutheran Teacher Diploma, Art Concentration, Spanish Minor, anticipated graduation May 2026
- Scholarships: President's Scholarship, Art Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Award
- Honors and Awards: Concordia University Honors List
- Activities: A Cappella Choir, Resident Assistant, Student Activity Counsel, President of Concordia Ambassador Students in Education
- Currently Student Teaching at Yorkville Elementary School, Yorkville

Recommendation Letter

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to recommend Bethany Gebhardt for any future academic, professional, or ministry opportunity she chooses to pursue. During her time as a Student Worker for Outreach, Relations, and Engagement at Concordia University, Nebraska, Bethany has consistently demonstrated an exceptional level of professionalism, integrity, and dedication in every aspect of her work.

Bethany approaches her responsibilities with remarkable timeliness and reliability. Whether managing tasks, assisting with events, or supporting our team's initiatives, she can always be counted on to deliver results with excellence and care. Her strong sense of responsibility sets her apart, and she continually goes above and beyond expectations to ensure the success of our office.

Equally noteworthy is Bethany's joyful spirit and Christ-centered approach to her work. She serves as a bright light, sharing her faith naturally and sincerely in her interactions with others. Her positive attitude, compassion, and willingness to help foster a welcoming and uplifting environment for everyone she encounters.

Bethany would be a tremendous asset to any school, organization, or team. She combines hard work and attention to detail with a genuine passion for serving others, making her a well-rounded and dependable individual. It has been a blessing to work alongside her and witness firsthand the joy and dedication she brings to everything she does.

I wholeheartedly recommend Bethany without reservation. Please feel free to contact me at jennifer.furr@cune.edu if you have any questions or would like additional insight into her strengths and contributions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Furr

Sr. Dir. of Outreach, Relations, and Engagement

Concordia University, Nebraska

Jennifer.Furr@cune.edu

Heidi Hahn

Education

- Concordia University Wisconsin
B.A. in Elementary Education, Lutheran Teacher Diploma, Minor: Visual Communications, Compassion Care Certificate, Anticipated Date of Graduation: December 2025
- Activities: Students for Life - Pro-life club on campus, Youth Ministry – Club on campus that would bring games; ministry to middle schoolers; Campus Ministry – Bible studies, volunteering, & events on campus; Resident Assistant – Overseeing & planning for residents on campus
- Comfort Dog Handling & Club – Lutheran K9 Comfort Dog Ministry
- Currently Student Teaching at Immanuel Lutheran School, Brookfield WI

Reference

Dear Call Committee,

I heard about the interview and have been praying for Heidi and for your call committee as you discern this decision. The students and I have absolutely loved having Heidi in our classroom. From day one—when she shared her “All About Me” presentation—I knew she was going to be amazing. She’s what we veteran teachers would call a natural.

From the start, Heidi invested in getting to know the students and building relationships. Even during her observation weeks and when she was only teaching one or two subjects, she was constantly engaging with students, offering help, and showing genuine care. She’s also made a point to show up for students outside of school—attending church services (including the Sunday our class sang) and even coming to a 5th grade girls’ volleyball game just to cheer them on. The girls swarmed her the moment they saw her! She’s already planning to attend our Christmas program, too. Heidi truly understands that showing up for kids matters, and she’s willing to put in the extra effort to build those connections.

Heidi is thorough, thoughtful, and creative when planning lessons. When she’s unsure about a concept or teaching strategy, she doesn’t hesitate to ask questions or seek advice. It’s clear she wants to give students her very best. For example, she recently taught a mini-unit on division—a topic not included in our curriculum—and she created engaging, standards-based lessons that made the concept click for students. She also led a multi-week unit on informative writing for our Wit and Wisdom curriculum, which can be quite challenging, and she nailed it! Her lessons were organized and clear, with strong outlines and scaffolds for students. The progress I saw in their writing from start to finish was remarkable.

Heidi has also taken initiative to grow professionally. She’s attended optional professional development sessions, including MAP data training and a workshop on differentiated instruction, as well as our department meetings and parent-teacher conferences. She is eager to learn, participate, and be fully involved in the school community.

Heidi’s faith shines through everything she does—both in and out of the classroom. As I am sure you are aware of, she’s active in multiple Bible studies, sings in the choir, and regularly attends church services (she told me it’s her happy place). She models God’s love daily through her words, actions, and the way she treats others with kindness and respect.

I hope I haven’t gone overboard, but Heidi truly is a remarkable student teacher. I have no doubt she will be an exceptional teacher wherever God places her. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

God's Blessings,

Laura Friedrich

5th Grade Cooperating Teacher

Immanuel Lutheran School, Brookfield WI

lfriedrich@immanuelbrookfield.org

Aidan O'Donnell

Education

- Concordia University Wisconsin, May 2022
- B.A., Lutheran Elementary Education - Broadfield Social Studies
- Currently Serving at Trinity Lutheran School, Mequon, Wisconsin
Middle School Social Studies and Theology Teacher
- Activities include: Basketball coach, Piano Lab teacher, Student Council Advisor
- Co-Director - St. Paul's Summer Camp, 2021
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
- Currently working on his Master's Degree

Reference

Dear Call Committee at St. Paul's,

It is an honor to recommend to you Mr. Aidan O'Donnell for the position of 4th grade teacher. Mr. O'Donnell has served as a 5-8th grade social studies teacher here at Trinity for the past 3+ years. He also currently leads our Student Council program. During his time at Trinity, he has supported our sports and music programs in various capacities. This year, he has expanded his leadership presence by mentoring a CUW pre-student teacher and by serving on a WELSSA accreditation team for a local school.

Over the years, I have watched Mr. O'Donnell graciously step in to help others whenever asked and often without being asked. He embodies servant leadership and excels at building relationships with students and colleagues. He has grown significantly as an educator during his time at Trinity, and I am confident he would be an outstanding addition to your faculty team. You are welcome to contact me with any additional questions.

In Christ,

Cassandra Tarr, Ph. D.

Principal

Trinity Lutheran School, Mequon WI

ctarr@trinityfreistadt.com

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

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; 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 – Art Schuck; Ed Kranick–heart attack; Bob Reddelien–congestive heart failure; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; 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: Gary Barborich–intestinal cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Lexi–undergoing double mastectomy; 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)

Other: Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke’s brother)—hospitalization; Joe Rohde (Sue Beles’ brother)—healing; Mark—heart attack; Beth Dowhen; 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—broken leg

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

Baptism: Claire Kennedy Schedler – November 30th

Birthdays: Mary Kummrow – 93rd – November 30th
Margie Hertneky – 67th – November 28th

Public Reception of New Members: Jody & Rebecca Ligrow, Caleb, Rachael & Sarah Ligrow
Elijah Ligrow
Gabrielle Ligrow
Robert Gerdes
Elizabeth Knea

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Advent **December 7, 2025**
Hymns: 354, 344 (342, 347, 337) 333

John’s No Boy (Pastor O’Donnell)

Three hundred years after the promise that a descendant of King David would establish an eternal kingdom (2 Sam 7.12-13), 250 years after Solomon wrote of the “righteousness” and “peace” that would “flourish” in His days (Ps 72.7), the LORD deepened the Promise through Isaiah of a truly holy and eternal King to come. (Isa 11.1-10) This King—and this hope—is for all people, Jews and Gentiles. (Rom 15.4-13) So that people might be prepared for His coming, The LORD sent forth John the Baptist, who didn’t mince words, calling people to repentance and speaking of the One who would Baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Mt 3.1-12) That bold ministry of repentance and eternal hope continues through the Church.



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.)

December 21, 2025

Keep Christ in Christianity

Presenter: Aaron Moldenhauer

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery

N58W38900 Industrial Rd. Suite D

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

www.brewfinitybrewing.com

**First time guests
get a free
beer or soda on us!**

Mission Education Experience **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

June 20th - 26th, 2026

This is an opportunity to be shaped by the Gospel as you learn of the good work God is doing through His Word in the DR, and consider how that same Gospel work may impact our life together here at home.

- Learning the theological approach to mission in the DR
- A chance to live and eat in close proximity to the mission team
- Working (in the AC!) to make the seminary library more functional for the students

Young Adults (18 - 30ish)

Slots: 8 maximum (4 minimum)

Cost: ~ \$1525* (\$125 per day, \$650 airfare)

Requirements: U.S. Passport, willingness to learn, and a desire to serve

Sign up deadline is December 30, 2025

Contact Sam Ewert at young.adults@splco.org with your interest or questions.

* There is some financial support available to defray costs, please talk to Pastor Schockman if dollars are the ONLY reason you're not going.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY December 1	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY December 2	LWML	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY December 3	Midweek Advent Worship Advent Supper Advent Hymn Sing Midweek Advent Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church Church	12:15 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY December 4	Sisters in Service Christmas Party Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Johnny's Pastaria Balcony Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY December 6	Women of Joy Bible Study Divine Worship	Whelan's Church	8:00 am 3:00 pm
SUNDAY December 7	Divine Worship Life Application Bible Study Public School Confirmation Sunday School Divine Worship Special Voters' Meeting High School Youth Group	Church Gym Meet in Gym Meet in Gym Church Church 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Gym
262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
November 30, 2025

A Prophet Serves

Bible Truth: God calls us to serve Him.
1 Samuel 3

Women of Joy

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

Journeyman

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

NEXT WEEKEND

	3:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Is 11.1-10	Ps 72.1-7	Rom 15.4-13
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Cindy Fredrickson	Karen Dentice
Elders	Jim Juneau	Neil Anderson	Tom Showen
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Char Binney	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Tom & Denise Showen
Live-Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Neil Anderson	Tom Showen

DECEMBER 7, 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Title: *John's No Boy*

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 First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days

that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,

and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other,
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery,

You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall

not covet," and any other commandment, are

summed up in this word: "You shall love your

neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a

neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has

come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is

nearer to us now than when we first believed. The

night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us
cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor
of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in
orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and
sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on
the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came
to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent
two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in
front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey
tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them
to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,
'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at
once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by
the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed
them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put
on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the
crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut
branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that
followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of
David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered
Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying,
"Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the
prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

November 30, 2025



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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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 – 89

Total: 353

8:00 am – 151

10:30 am – 113

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
Celebrant	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Sue Thelen	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Pat Smith	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	TBD	Duane & Sharon Peterson Bruce & Mary Bojko	Tom Miller
Live Stream	N/A	Hertnkey	N/A
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Joel Tesch	Mike Neff

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Margie Hertneky in praise to God for her 67th birthday on November 28th

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Mary Kummrow in praise to God for her 93rd birthday on November 30th

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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I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Our feet have been | standing*

within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Jerusalem—built as a | city*

that is bound firmly to- | gether,

to which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for | Israel,*

to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.

There thrones for judg- | ment were set,*

the thrones of the house of | David.

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

"May they be secure who | love you!

Peace be with- | in your walls*

and security within your | towers!"

For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*

I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*

I will | seek your good.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Advent is for Griswolds

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

The 1st Sunday in Advent
30 November, A.D. 2025
Isa 2.1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13.8-14; Mt 21.1-11

Introduction

In an early “Christmas Vacation” scene, of what does Ellen Griswold remind her husband?

Advent is for Griswolds

How are we like the Griswolds?

What do the excesses and isolations of the American “Christmas season” say about us, spiritually?

Why do we begin Advent with Palm Sunday?

Conclusion

What does God do for gluttons and isolationists?

CCT: Christ came to restore the true and eternal life that is every soul's true _____.