

## 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 Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

### Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

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

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



St. Paul's  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

262-567-5001

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December 21, 2025

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 – 72

8:00 am – 132

10:30 am – 118

Total: 322

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
Anthem	N/A	N/A	Sunday School Students
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Amber Butler	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Pat Smith	Arno Kirchenwitz	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Duane & Sharon Peterson Rick Zastrow	Tom Miller
Live Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan	Dan Friedrich	Erik Benes

**Radio Broadcast:** Sponsored by Lyle & Kim Stoflet in loving memory of Bill & Pat Kuebler, “Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!”

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](http://www.splco.org) or YouTube

DIVINE SERVICE

Lutheran Service Book  
Setting 3, pg. 184

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## Reading: Psalm 24



The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
the world and those who | dwell therein,  
for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*  
and established it upon the | rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?\***

**And who shall stand in his | holy place?**

**He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,\*  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear de- | ceitfully.**

He will receive blessing | from the LORD\*  
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.  
Such is the generation of those who | seek him,\*  
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

**Lift up your heads, O gates!**

**And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.**

**Who is this King of | glory?\***

**The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in | battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of | glory!

**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.**

# **The Carpenters, Part 1**

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

The 4th Sunday in Advent  
21 December, A.D. 2025  
Isa 7.10-17; Ps 24; Rm 1.1-7; Mt 1.18-25

## **Introduction**

CCT: Jesus, the Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_ His  
ministry of repairing and restoring the creation. . .

We've only just \_\_\_\_\_ live under the glory of God.

## **The Carpenters**

### **A. Joseph**

How was Psalm 24 fulfilled in the life—and home—of  
Joseph of Nazareth? (See Ps 24, Mt 1.18-25; Isa  
7.10-14)

What does the name "Jesus" mean?

As a "just man," what did Joseph know (See Heb  
9.22, etc.)

What do we know about Joseph's occupation and of  
his relationship with Jesus? (See Mt 13.55; Lk 2.41-  
52)

## **B. Jesus**

What does the story of the boy Jesus in Luke 2 likely tell us about Jesus' self-awareness as He learned carpentry from His step-father?

Knowing the above, how does imagining a workshop conversation between Joseph and Jesus give you an appreciation for Joseph? An encouragement to have important conversations with others?

## **Conclusion**

Why wasn't Jesus "just the carpenters' sons"? (See Rom 1.3-4)

What is a carpenter's work? How does that help us see the related and greater work of Jesus?

How is Jesus continuing that work, right now, for you?

# 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 2026. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost for **2026** has increased to **\$135.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

Feb. 1	May 24	Aug. 2	Oct. 11	Nov. 26
Feb. 15	Jun. 7	Aug. 9	Oct. 18	Dec. 6
Feb. 22	Jun. 14	Aug. 23	Oct. 25	Dec. 13
Mar. 15	Jun. 21	Sept. 6	Nov. 1	Dec. 20
Apr. 19	Jun. 28	Sept. 13	Nov. 15	Dec. 27
May 3	Jul. 12	Sept. 20	Nov. 22	

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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.)

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# Weekly Announcements

December 21, 2025



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# *Christmas Eve & Day*

## **Worship Services**

### **Christmas Eve**

3pm: Songs of Christmas Service

5pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight

8pm: Christmas Midnight (obs.)

### **Christmas Day**

10am: The Nativity of Our Lord



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Office Hours

Monday, December 22	8am-1pm
Tuesday, December 23	10am-3pm
December 24-25	Closed
Friday, December 26	8am-3pm
December 29-January 1	Closed
Friday, January 2	8am-3pm

### New Teacher for 2025-2026

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church congregation voted to call Heidi Hahn to be a teacher beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. Heidi has already accepted the call and will officially begin in her role as classroom teacher July 1, 2026. In the interim, Heidi will be serving as a classroom aide and substitute teacher two days each week for the remainder of the second quarter and half of the third quarter. We give thanks to God for providing St. Paul's with another called teacher.

### Lord's Cupboard thanks you!

The generosity of our members is amazing! We are extremely grateful for all the donations (food, gifts, gift cards, money) to help our neighbors in need have a nice Christmas. We were able to give 28 Shorehaven residents with no family a gift card for the nurses to purchase what they need and to have something to open on Christmas Day. There were 118 children given gifts/gift cards to make their Christmas special. We served 208 meals to go during our distribution on Monday, 12/15. We were blessed to help over 266 households with food or gift cards which is 700+ people. *Thank you so very much!* Please continue to pray for our guests who come to Lord's Cupboard and for our dedicated volunteers who share the love of Jesus with their caring ways. God's richest blessings to you and your family this Christmas and in the New Year!



**Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”** Life was no easier for the Philippians than it is for us. They had the same sorrows, sicknesses, and disappointments as we have. And yet St. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord. We have an

abiding joy, a peace which passes all understanding, because we know our Lord Jesus and His love for us. This gives us confidence in the face of every hardship; it gives us strength to lead lives in imitation of Jesus’ own generous love.

## 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

- 12/21 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 01/06 | Monthly Study | 6:30pm @ SPLCO (Room 219)



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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://lyalchristmasparty.rsvpify.com). Questions or dietary restrictions should be emailed to [LutheranYoungAdultsLeague@gmail.com](mailto:LutheranYoungAdultsLeague@gmail.com).

### St. Paul's Youth Group

#### December

- December 21      **NO YOUTH GROUP**
- December 28      **NO YOUTH GROUP**

#### January

- January 4      High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- January 11      High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- January 18      High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- January 25      NERF CLASSIC

## **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fourth Sunday in Advent: *The Carpenters, Part 1*

December 21 – 28, 2025

### ***The Carpenters, Part 1 (Pastor O'Donnell)***

Joseph of Nazareth was a humble and faithful man whose vocation was to make and repair things to improve peoples' lives. By the Spirit of God, he became the protector and provider for the Virgin Mary and her Spirit-conceived Son, (Isa 7.14) the "King of glory," (Ps 24.9) the supreme gift and repairer and restorer of souls and of all creation, Jesus, the Christ. (Mt 1.18-25) He is "Immanuel"—God with us," (Isa 7.14) and we ". . . are called to belong to Jesus Christ," (Rm 1.6) the One who is risen from the dead (Rm 1.4) called to participate in His ministry of repairing and restoring weary souls and our broken world.

### ***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, the Son of God, continues His ministry of repairing and restoring the creation.

**Verse:** John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Psalm:** Psalm 98 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

## Catechism: *The Creed – The Second Article*

<p><i>The Second Article</i>  <b>And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate  Was crucified, died and was buried.  He descended into hell.  The third day He rose again from the dead.  He ascended into heaven  and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.  From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,  begotten of the Father from eternity,  and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,  is my Lord.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i>  Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,  purchased and won me from all sins,  from death, and from the power of the devil;  not with gold or silver,  but with His holy, precious blood  and with His innocent suffering and death.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

## The Fourth Sunday in Advent: *The Carpenters, Part 1*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	God's Promise to Noah – Genesis 8-9	Psalm 24, 25, 110	Matt 1.18-25
<b>Mon.</b>	God Calls Abram – Genesis 12	Psalm 122, 40, 67	Ezk 10:1-11:25
<b>Tue.</b>	Abram Rescues Lot – Genesis 13-14	Psalm 33, 85, 91	Ezk 12:1-13:23
<b>Wed.</b>	God's Covenant with Abram – Genesis 15; 17	Psalm 19, 132, 114	Ezk 14:1-15:8
<b>Thur.</b>	Abraham's Visitors from Heaven – Genesis 18	Psalm 2, 98, 96	Ezk 16:1-17:24
<b>Fri.</b>	The Birth of Isaac: Genesis 18, 21	Psalm 116, 119.1-24; 27	Ezk 18:1-19:14
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23	Psalm 34, 19, 121	Ezk 20:1-21:32

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

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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**—Delaney Heffern; Art Schuck; Ed Kranick—heart attack; 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:** Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarokis—breast cancer; Layla Pelnar (Lynn's granddaughter)—thyroid 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:** Gary Barborich; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke’s brother); 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); Paul; Bob; George; Paul; 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

**Public Reception of New Members:** Dean & Amber Konley, Ernie, Titus, AJ, Levi, Haven

*Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*  
*Hymn of the Week: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* LSB 357

<p><b>Looking forward to the First Sunday after Christmas</b> <b>Hymns: 367, 389 (374, 624, 352) 387</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>December 28, 2025</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>What About the Baby? (Pastor Schockman)</i></b></p> <p>Herod’s efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod’s edict, Joseph must “take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt” (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He “had spoken by the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I called my son’” (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing “his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses” (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. “He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them” (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God’s might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we “receive adoption as sons” in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus’ name: “Abba! Father!” (Gal. 4:4–6).</p>
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# Mission Education Experience **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

June 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 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)

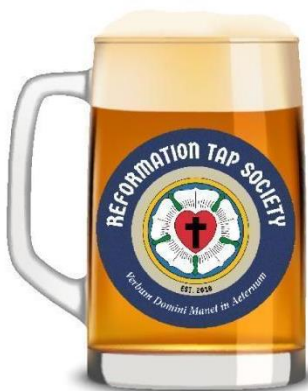
Requirements: U.S. Passport, willingness to learn, and a desire to serve

Sign up deadline is December 30, 2025

Contact Sam Ewert at [young.adults@splco.org](mailto: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.





# 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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**December 21, 2025**

*Keep Christ in Christianity*

Presenter: Aaron Moldenhauer

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**5-7p.m.**

**BrewFinity Brewery**

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**First time guests  
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beer or soda on us!**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> December 22	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS (8am-1pm)</b> Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b> December 23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS (10am-3pm)</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 24	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b> Songs of Christmas Divine Service Christmas Candlelight Divine Service Christmas Midnight (obs.) Divine Service	Church Church Church	3:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> December 25	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b> The Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service	Church	10:00 am
<b>FRIDAY</b> December 26	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> December 27	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 pm 5:00 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> December 28	Divine Worship Divine Worship	Church Church	8:00 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 - Gym**  
December 21, 2025  
**A Divided Kingdom**

**Bible Truth:** God is faithful, even when we are not.  
1 Kings 11:9-13, 26-40; 12:1-24

### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**  
Whelan's

### Journeymen

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**  
Maxim's

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Is 63.7-14	Gal 4.4-7	Matt 2.13-23
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Barb Hentz	Stacey Balistreri
<b>Elders</b>	Chuck Laabs	Dave Meyer	Jerad Luedtke
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan Maynard	Dave & Bonnie Schliewe Dutch & Lynda Holland	Pam & Wyatt Tanner
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Edwards	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Joel Tesch	Neil Anderson	Mike Neff

**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**The FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Pastor:** Jason Schockman

**Title:** *What About the Baby?*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

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**10:30am Worship**

Special Order