

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

Weekly Announcements

January 18, 2026



St. Paul's

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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Lambs is joining with Lord's Cupboard (effective January 6th)

Lord's Lambs has done a wonderful job helping the moms and the littles in our community over the years to get them the needed items as the new little one grows. Thank you, Kelly P and Kelly E, and your families!

We have discussed redirecting resources and restructuring the Lord's Lambs to find the best direction to help our moms and little ones going forward.

As of now, Lord's Cupboard will continue to offer diapers and wipes to our community during the food pantry distributions on the first and third Mondays, as these items are the biggest need. We will also offer resources to the families to find other help in getting formula, trading in car seats, etc.

If you would like to donate for the purchase of diapers and wipes, please go online: splco.org and scroll down on the donation page to Lord's Cupboard.

Or you can put a check made out to "Lord's Cupboard-St. Paul's" in an envelope marked for Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate, or drop it off at the church office. Please memo "Diapers".

If you or anyone you know needs diapers, please contact the church office 262.567.5001 or email us at lordscupboard@splco.org.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our neighbors in need in our community, and for the prayers for our volunteers who serve with childlike faith.

Pew pencils and attendance cards

We are looking for some individuals to sharpen pencils and replenish the attendance cards in the pews every couple of weeks. It is a quiet task in a beautiful setting. Sometimes you even get the bonus of hearing Allison Mackie's beautiful organ music. ☺ Contact Heather (heather@splco.org) if you're interested in helping.

Seasonal Handbell Choir Returns!

We are holding another seasonal handbell choir for fall! Rehearsals will be February 10th and 17th from 5:30 to 6:30 in the music room, and we will play for the 8:00 service on February 22nd. Open to all, whether experienced or new ringers. Music reading ability is preferred but not required. If interested, contact Allison Mackie at allison.mackie@splco.org to register. Please register by February 1st.

St. Paul's Lutheran School Spring Open House

On Wednesday, February 11th, we will be having our Spring Open House. There will be History Fair displays throughout the building. The open house is geared towards 4K-8th graders and their families. Come and see what a Christ-centered education is all about. More details to follow.

VOTERS' MEETING AGENDA



St. Paul's Mission:

"Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ"

Voters' Meeting February 1, 2026 Noon in the Sanctuary

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Devotion
3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes from Previous Voters' Meeting
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a. Presentation of the Slate of 2026 Synodical Candidates for Approval
 - b. Presentation of the Lay Voter for 2026 LCMS Presidential Election
6. Reports
 - a. Pastor's Parish Report
 - b. Board of Elders Report
 - i. Mission Outreach Committees
 1. Lord's Cupboard & Lord's Lambs
 - c. Board of Education Report
 - d. Board of Operations Report
 - e. Treasurer's Report
7. Adjournment – Next Regularly Scheduled Voters' Meeting – May 17, 2026
8. Closing Prayer

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

- The young adults are encouraged to attend the **Biblical Finance for Young Adults**, on Wednesdays, led by Dale Stratil.



Join Our
Contact List!

St. Paul's Youth Group

- January 18 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- January 25 NERF CLASSIC
- February 1 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- February 8 ALL YOUTH BOWLING
- February 15 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- February 22 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm

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 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. 9	Sept. 27	Nov. 29
Feb. 22	Jun. 7	Aug. 23	Oct. 18	Dec. 6
Mar. 15	Jun. 14	Sept. 6	Oct. 25	Dec. 13
Apr. 19	Jun. 28	Sept. 13	Nov. 22	Dec. 20
May 3	Aug. 2	Sept. 20	Nov. 26	Dec. 27

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.)

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Confession of St. Peter: *Disney, Death and the Cross of Christ*

January 18 – 25, 2026

Disney, Death and the Cross of Christ

St. Peter speaks for all disciples when he confesses, “You are the Christ” (Mark 8:29). This confession is the bedrock of the Church, which Christ Himself builds (Matt. 16:18), for “this Jesus,” the stone rejected by earthly builders, “has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11). The Christ must suffer, be rejected, be killed “and after three days rise again, and he said this plainly” (Mark 8:31-32a). This was a scandal even to Peter. Through this work of salvation received by faith, God’s “precious and very great promises” are granted, “so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). Wherever Jesus is the Christ, His disciples deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow Him (Mark 8:34). In the midst of all our suffering, sickness, and sorrow we have the Christ, who is God with us. The Christ is FOR US. We have been cleansed from former sins and increased in faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love, effective and fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-9). All who trust in Jesus, the Christ of Peter’s confession, will save their life, though for His sake they lose it (Mark 8:35). “For there is no other name ... by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

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

Verse: 1 Peter 3:18 Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

Catechism: *Sacrament of Holy Baptism: How can water do such great things?*

<p><i>How can water do such great things?</i></p> <p>Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the Water. for without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism.</p> <p>But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:</p>	<p>3rd Grade +</p>
<p>He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.</p> <p>This is a trustworthy saying.</p>	<p>Kindergarten + 1st grade + 2nd grade +</p>

Titus 3:5-8

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Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Ten Commandments – Exodus 19-20	Psalm 19, 18, 113	Mk 9:27-35
Mon.	The Ways of God – Exodus 33-34; 40	Psalm 136, 97, 112	Dn 7:1-8:27
Tue.	The Twelve Spies in Canaan – Numbers 13-14	Psalm 123, 30, 86	Dn 9:1-27
Wed.	The Bronze Serpent – Numbers 21; 33	Psalm 15, 48, 4	Dn 10:1-12-13
Thur.	Good-by Moses – Deuteronomy 18; 34	Psalm 36, 80, 27	Hos 1:1-2:23
Fri.	Rahab Believes – Joshua 2	Psalm 130, 32, 139	Hos 3:1-4:19
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35	Psalm 56, 100, 62	Hos 5:1-6:11

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's
 Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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** – Roger Fisher; Barb Star; Dorothy Duchow–rehab; Kathy Mueller; Delaney Heffern; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; 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); 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: Dennis & Sue Duffy (Erin Eberhardt's parents)–health issues; Kandy Heckendorf; 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

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 Jean Fisher, who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Reception of New Members: Andy & Sheri Helwig

Ryan & Deb Selner

Dustin & Ashley Westphal, Harper & Theodore

Luke & Heather Schedler, Nathan & Claire

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517

Looking forward to the Conversion of St. Paul

Hymns: 517, 611 (839, 685, 560) 834

January 25, 2026

Can I Really Make a Difference? (Pastor O'Donnell)

We read and study the stories of great people, in the Bible and elsewhere, but—for many of us—those are “other people.” Most of us look at ourselves and see insignificance. Can I really make a difference? The conversion of St. Paul (Acts 9.1-12) and his ministry (see Gal 1.11-24) and the clear teaching of Jesus (see Mt 19.27-30) beg us to reconsider what is truly important and transformative for us and for the whole world. (see Ps 67).

4th GRADE IS A BUSY YEAR!

Fourth grade is a busy year. We learn about our state of Wisconsin. Each student gathers different information about our state and keeps a binder to document their findings. Every fall, FFA (Future Farmers of America) invites our 4th graders to learn about agriculture and farm animals. Through the Discover Dairy Program (Dairy Excellence Foundation), our fourth graders have adopted a COW! Tropicana was born on September 21, 2025, at the McFarland Dairy Farm near Watertown, Wisconsin. The owners send monthly updates on how quickly Tropicana grows. The students complete mini-lessons associated with agriculture, diet, housing, and vaccinations.



We also participated in the Great Apple Crunch. The apples were donated by a local grower as part of the FFA program.

Currently, the students are studying weather and keeping a daily weather log. They have

drawn the water cycle, learned about weather instruments used for measuring air and water pressure, wind speed, and various other tools. We are experimenting with ice and melting snow in a jar.



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Learning cursive is a highlight for some. By the end of the school year, all written work is done in cursive.



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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Don't Let the Rocks Cry Out

Presenter: Jason Schockman

5-7p.m.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY January 19	Lord's Cupboard & Lord's Lambs Drive-Thru & Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY January 20	Church Leadership Team Meeting St. Luke Small Group Bible Study	Room 202 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY January 21	Biblical Finance for Young Adults Learning Christian Meditation	Room 135 Room 219	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY January 22	New Member Sponsor Committee Meeting Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Room 202 Balcony Church	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY January 24	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY January 25	Divine Worship Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship Youth Group NERF CLASSIC	Church Meet in F.H. Meet in F.H. Fellowship Hall Church Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30am 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall

262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym

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Homecoming Hopes

Bible Truth: God keeps His Word in Jesus.

Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28; Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43

Women of Joy

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

Whelan's

Journeymen

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

Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Acts 9:1-22	Gal. 1:11-24	Mt. 19:27-30
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Addison Etzel
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Amber Butler	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Neil Anderson	Rick Zastrow	Jerad Luedtke
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Rick Zastrow Dave & Bonnie Schliewe	John & Marcie Nelson
Live-Stream	N/A	Prockl	N/A
Radio	N/A	Aaron DeWitt	N/A
Ushering Team	Neil Anderson	Rick Zastrow	Jerad Luedtke

JANUARY 25, 2025

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Title: *Can I Really Make a Difference?*

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

10:30am Worship

Special Order

PRAY FOR Daniel and Marie Lowitz

ESL Teachers and Outreach Specialists
Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic



Daniel and Marie Lowitz serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in the Dominican Republic. They both serve as English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) teachers and outreach specialists. In this role, Daniel and Marie teach English to non-native English speakers, thus providing practical assistance while also serving as a vehicle for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition, they find and create opportunities to bring members of the community together in the mercy of Christ.

Daniel is from West Bend, Wis., and the family's home congregation is Living Word Lutheran Church in Jackson, Wis. Daniel has a bachelor's degree in business entrepreneurship from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis. From 2021 to 2024, he served as a camp counselor at Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, Wis. In 2024, he went on a mission trip to Puerto Rico. In his free time, Daniel enjoys playing guitar, longboarding and hiking.

Marie is from Oconomowoc, Wis. She has a director of church ministries degree with a minor in theater from Concordia University Wisconsin. She previously worked as a writing consultant at Concordia and as a camp counselor at Camp LuWiSoMo. She has served on a number of short-term mission trips, including to Thailand, Turkey, Nicaragua, the Czech Republic and Puerto Rico. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, cooking and running.

Pray for Daniel and Marie as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Ask God to give them comfort, strength and guidance as they transition to a new location, language and culture. In addition, pray that God will open the hearts of everyone they meet to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give thanks to God that Daniel and Marie are serving His people in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Daniel — Jan. 6, Marie — April 21

ANNIVERSARY: May 10

HOME DISTRICT: South Wisconsin



Pray daily
for Daniel and
Marie Lowitz

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ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music
Jill George, Principal

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

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor
Christine Flores, ECC Director

The Confession of St. Peter

First Reading: Acts 4:8-13

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:1-15

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For

whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

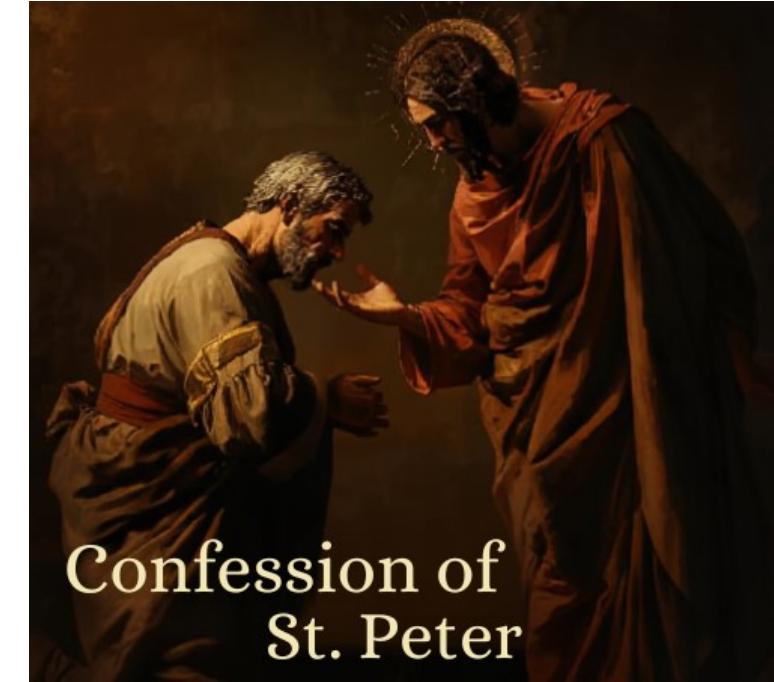
And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save it."



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



Confession of
St. Peter

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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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 – 79 Total: 390
8:00 am – 167
10:30 am – 144

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	Addison Etzel	TBD
Altar Guild	Jackie Smith	Pam Kroupa	Karen Dentice
Elders	Pat Smith	Ryan Schneider	Tom Showen
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Matt & Leah Wawrzyn Jim & Jody Arndt	Mike & Sarah Neff
Live Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
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Disney, Death and the Cross of Christ

by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor
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The Confession of St. Peter
18 January, A.D. 2026
Ac 4.8-13; Ps 118.19-29; 2 Pt 1.1-15; Mk 8.27-35

How are we all like Disney World when it comes to suffering?

Peter makes the great confession "You are the Christ". How does Jesus explain what that means?

What way must the Christ go?

Peter pulls Jesus aside to _____ him. We aren't so different, none of us _____ to
_____, why would the Christ?

What is the difficult truth of this sinful world?

What does the cross mean?

Why did Jesus choose the way of the Cross? For who?

Because Jesus went the way of the cross, what does that mean for you in the midst of suffering?

The world says deny sin and avoid suffering. Because of the cross of Christ, we have _____ and can even _____ in our suffering. WHY?