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Weekly Announcements

October 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

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

Holy Baptism

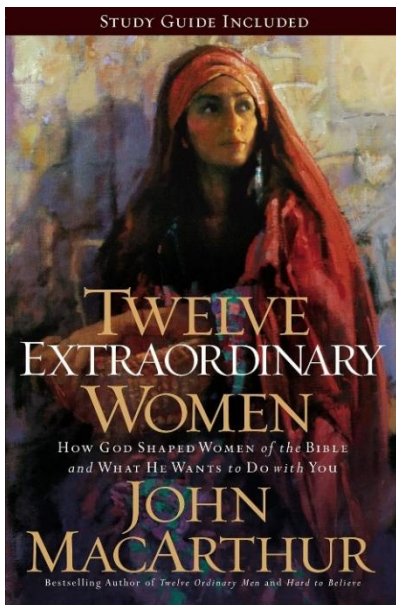
During the 8am Worship Service, we welcome **Oscar Wolfram** into St. Paul's church family. He is the son of Nessie & Laura Van Loan. His sponsor is Laura Van Loan. We will keep Oscar in our prayers.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE!

Saturday, October 31st, our worship service will be at 2pm, due to the Halloween parade in downtown Oconomowoc. That is also the weekend we turn back our clocks one hour, as Daylight Savings Time ends.



Women of Joy will begin a new study, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, on November 7th. The group meets on the **1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 AM** in the upper-level private room at Whelan's Coffee & Ice Cream Shop in downtown Oconomowoc.

We know life gets busy, so please don't let a full schedule keep you from joining us. If you can't make it every time, that's completely okay! Women of Joy is a wonderful group of women of all ages who come together to laugh, encourage one another, grow in faith, and support each other through the joys and challenges of everyday life.

We hope you'll join us! The book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, is available for purchase on Amazon. And don't forget to bring your Bible.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Tesch at 920-285-3628 or Cheryl.tesch@splco.org



Awww....the month of November makes you think of Thanksgiving and getting ready for your Thanksgiving gathering. But then after Thanksgiving comes Advent and the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas! In preparation for one of the children's favorite Christmas activities here at St. Paul's, Sisters in Service will be putting on their Christmas elves hats to help get items ready for the "Children's Christmas Shop" at our next meeting on Thursday, November 5th, at 5:30pm. So please join us that day

for a fun evening of being Christmas elves! And as always, we'd love it if you would bring a friend.

Oh, and we don't want to forget our veterans and active duty military members in November. We will be collecting items from the "Support our Troops Wish List". So, don't forget to bring any items you have to donate to the meeting. We look forward to seeing all of you on November 5th!

STEWARDSHIP



Matthew 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set

aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

LORD’S CUPBOARD

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Lord's Cupboard food pantry will be packing our Thanksgiving food bags on Saturday, November 14th, at 9am. Please join us! Plan for 1½ hours. Families are welcome! We will be packing 175 food bags. We are requesting donations of the food and/or money to purchase the food needed for these bags and for the gift cards for our guests to purchase their own turkey. Approximate cost needed is \$8,300. Monetary donations can be done online <https://splco.org/> to the Lord's Cupboard (scroll down on the donation page to Lord's Cupboard) or put a check in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard, including donations of gift cards (\$15 to Kroger or ALDI) and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office.

Food donations needed for TFB:

- cranberry (cans) qty-175
- green beans (cans) qty-350
- Jell-O-any flavor qty-175
- mashed potatoes-bags or boxes-350
- fruit cocktail (cans) qty-175
- gravy packets-350
- mushroom soup (cans) qty-175
- stuffing (boxes)-175

And we always need paper grocery bags!

Please put these food items and paper bags in the container across from the elevator, outside of the Fellowship Hall by November 9th. Contact Mary with any questions at mary@splco.org or 414.333.3421

Also, please let your family, friends and neighbors know if they need a little extra help, Lord's Cupboard is here. We do not have any residency or income requirements.

There are forms on the bulletin board for anyone needing a Thanksgiving food bag and/or Christmas gifts for children under 18.

Thank you so much for your donations and your prayers for our neighbors in need and our hard working, faithful volunteers!



Fundraiser for Lord's Cupboard food pantry to purchase food for Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags for our neighbors in need

When: Thursday, November 12th, 4pm-8pm

Where: The Chocolate Factory Subs and Ice Cream (2 locations)

1077 Summit Avenue, Oconomowoc 262.567.0625

3230 Golf Road, Delafield 262.337.9479

Website: <https://thechocolatefactorywi.com>

3 ways to contribute:

You can come in and place your order,
or place your order online for pickup,
or order Door Dash delivery
and we will receive 25% of all sales

paid for during the 4pm-8pm time period.

(online preorders paid for prior to 4pm will not count)

**The Lord's Cupboard food pantry helps all our neighbors
in the surrounding communities who are food insecure.**

(No proof of residency or income requirements)

Please share this with your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Thank you!

St. Paul's Oconomowoc Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry 262.567.5001 ext. 308

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

St. Luke, Evangelist

October 18-25, 2026

St. Luke, Evangelist

The Lord bids us to “*pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest*” (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out “*as lambs in the midst of wolves.*” But Christ’s Word of “*peace*” heals the sick and brings the very “*kingdom of God ... near*” to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did “*the work of an evangelist*” (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ’s work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for “*all who have loved his appearing*” (2 Tim. 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, “*two by two*” (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul’s missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul).

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 is the Kingdom of God, come to us.

Verse: Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-13 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule
LSB, p. 304

How Firm a Foundation

Story/Topic	Joshua & the Promised Land; Gideon; Ruth
Primary Scripture	Joshua 1, 3, 6; Judges 6-7; Ruth 1-4 (sel.)
Catechism by Heart: Verse	John 1:14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Catechism by Heart: Section	<i>The Creed: Second Article (Part 1)</i> 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.
	<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, 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.

St. Luke, Evangelist

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Peter and Cornelius: Acts 10	Psalm 19, 81, 113	Lk 10.1-9
Mon.	Peter's Escape from Prison: Acts 12	Psalm 136, 97, 112	Gn 1.1-2.25
Tue.	Paul's First Missionary Journey: Acts 13-14	Psalm 123, 30, 86	Gn 3.1-24
Wed.	Paul and Timothy: Acts 15-16, 1 Tim. 1; 2 Tim. 4	Psalm 15, 48, 4	Gn 4.1-6.8
Thur.	Lydia: Acts 16, Philippians 1	Psalm 36, 80, 27	Gn 6.9-8.22
Fri.	Paul and Silas in Prison: Acts 16	Psalm 130, 32, 139	Gn 9.1-10.32
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 8.31-36	Psalm 56, 100, 62	Gn 11.1-12.9

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

Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 – Virginia Meintz–broken femur; Sue Zastrow; Dorothy Duchow; Kathy Mueller; Ronna Pagenkopf; Andy Helwig; George Menden; Roger Fisher; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – **Those with cancer:** Robert–open heart surgery (October 21st); Rick (Tim Krause's dad)–lung cancer; Dave Hansen–lung cancer; Birdy–5 year-old with neuroblastoma; Gina–brain cancer; Paige (Bill Merten's daughter); Dan (Bill Merten's brother); Sandi Oechsner (Tricia Burlage's mom)–stage 4 lung cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarokis–breast cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

Other: Patrick Knebel & Danielle—motorcycle accident; Kathleen O'Donnell (Pastor's mom); Scott Kleist; Connie Roth—stroke; Priti—spinal surgery; Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie—mental and physical health issues; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Dorothy—Alzheimer's; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); Joe; 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; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Anniversary: Dave & Jackie Meyer – 23rd – October 18th

Baptism: Oscar Van Loan – October 18th

Public Reception of New Members: Mark Goetzke
Makayla Mueller

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

Hymn of the Week: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

LSB 656

Looking forward to Reformation Day (obs.)

October 25, 2026

Hymns: 834, 645 (655, 578, 561) 656

What is Spiritual Freedom? (Pastor O'Donnell)

We are not to worship the creation, but the Creator. His is the glory. (Rev 14.6–7) But we like being our own gods. We humans like our powers as the height of creation. We, by nature, like our “freedom” to displace The LORD and put ourselves in his place. That leaves God no choice—because He actually loves us—but to discipline us, for “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Rom 3.23) God's Word—and the habit of hearing it—is the antidote to our self-destruction, for in Christ's faithfully-taught Word we receive “eternal Good News,” (Rev 14.6) God's forgiveness, and something our creaturely striving can never achieve. (Jn 8.31-36)

St. Paul's Women of Joy

presents

Advent by Candlelight

FAVORED:
Mary, My Friends,
and Me

*Nothing to
bring -
simply enjoy
the beauty of
Advent*

The Unforgettable
Story of God's Favor
for Us

by
Schawn
Starfeldt

Register by calling the
church office
(262-567-5001) or
using the QR code



Saturday, December 5, 2026

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ages 3rd grade and up

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS

St. Paul's Youth Group

October

- October 18 High School Youth Group 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- October 25 **LUTHER MOVIE NIGHT** 5:30pm-8:00pm

Young Adults

St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

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

Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- 10/18 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 11/03 | Bible Study on Joel | 6:30pm @ SPLCO
 - Please read the prophet before the study
- 11/15 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity



The poster is framed with a dark blue border. On the left, there is a detailed illustration of a Gothic-style church tower. On the right, an angel is depicted in flight. At the bottom left, an angel stands next to a lit candle on a stand. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of musical instruments, including a lute and a harp. The central text is arranged as follows:


Evening Prayer Service
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
1049 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233
Friday, November 6th at 6:30 pm


Featuring Children's Choirs
from Milwaukee area
Lutheran schools

As part of the *Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative*
Guest Conductor: Dr. Sam Eatherton Presiding Minister: Rev. M.D. Peters

Preacher:
Rev. Peter C. Bender

All are welcome!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY October 19	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru and Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY October 20	Church Leadership Team Meeting Daniel LifeLight Small Group Bible Study	Conference Room Library	6:00 pm 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY October 21	Lutheran Basics The Entrusted Life Bible Study	Room 219 Room 202	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY October 22	Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY October 24	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 pm 5:00 pm
SUNDAY October 25	Divine Worship Life Application Bible Study Christ's Kids Class (Birth-3 years) 7/8 Public School Confirmation Sunday School Divine Worship Luther Movie Night for Youth Group	Church Gym 4K Room Meet in Gym Meet in Gym Church Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall
Life Application Bible Study

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
Joshua & the Promised Land; Gideon; Ruth
Joshua 1, 3, 6; Judges 6-7; Ruth 1-4 (sel.)
Meet in the gym at 9:15am

Women of Joy

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

Journeymen

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

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Rev 14.6-7	Rom 3.19-28	Jn 8.31-36
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Megan Miller Sue Thelen	Barb Star
Elders	Neil Anderson	Dave Meyer	John Nelson
Greeters	Larry & Bonnie Vasatko	Dona Thurow Judy Mueller Chris & Pam Kroupa	Gary & Leah Johnson
Live-Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Neil Anderson	Dave Meyer	Mike Neff
LABS Set-Up	Neil Anderson & Levi Benes		

OCTOBER 25, 2026

THE DAY OF REFORMATION, OBSERVED

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *What is Spiritual Freedom?*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

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PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Prayer of Azariah 1:4, 7, 20, 19; Psalm 48:1, 9-11

The Lord is righteous in all His / works toward us,*
 for we have not obeyed His com- / mandments.
 Glorify Your / Name, O Lord:*
 and deal with us according to Your great / mercy.
 Great is the Lord, and greatly / to be praised*
 in the city of our God, in His holy / mountain.
 We have thought, O God, on Your loving- / kindness,*
 in the midst of Your / temple.
 According to Your / name, O God,*
 so is Your praise to the ends / of the earth;
 Your right hand is full of / righteousness.*
 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Because of Your / judgments.

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SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 57:1

“Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.”

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READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

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PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant, we implore You, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

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SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness

TLH 305, LSB 636

Johann Franck



Around the Word Devotions + the week of October 13-19, 2024

THEME OF THE WEEK: Resisting the Flesh At Home in the World

The flesh is frighteningly powerful in its urges, fixations, and obsessions. It desires men's praise. It desires our neighbor's wildly successful career, spouse, and vacation home. Most often, the flesh wants to indulge itself in sloth because of its bored indifference with all things good and sacred. When our passions run wild through our hearts, our desires become chains that enslave our every waking moment. The flesh is never sated. It always demands more. How can we be set free? The Lord contends against the flesh with His Holy Spirit. He creates new hearts within us. He crucifies our flesh and teaches us to resist with prayer in Jesus' name.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1-14 A Necessary Garment

What a roller coaster. There's a wedding but the guests refuse to come. The servants are murdered and the Lord judges against those who were invited. Then the wedding is full, but there is the guest without his garment thrown into outer darkness. It's a lot to take in. Israel is the invited guest. The servants are the prophets, rejected and abused. The church is the strange guests. We only fit in at this feast because of the wedding garments provided by the king. This garment is the robe of Christ's righteousness made white by the Lamb's blood (Revelation 7:14) given to us in baptism (Galatians 3:26). Clothed in these robes we are not ashamed to stand before the LORD. *O Lord, wrap us tightly in the robe of Christ's righteousness. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119, twentieth part (RESH v153-160) The Entirety of Your Word

The Lord's Word is our treasure, our joy, our wisdom, our light. And each word of the Scriptures is a gift. This is what David prays in the last verse of our reading. "The entirety of Your Word is true." We don't have to hunt and peck around God's Word to find the parts that are true. We don't have to sort out which chapters to believe and which promises to trust. We don't believe that the Bible is a mixture of God's Words and man's words. No. The entirety of His Word is true, and even more, the entirety of His word is *truth*. Our faith rests on the trustworthiness of God Who has spoken to us of His kindness and love through His word. *Consider how I love Your precepts; revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:15-21 Walking in Wisdom: Giving Thanks

By the power of the Spirit the Christian "gives thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." More than gratitude, when sees the goodness of the gift, the Christian is thankful. We recognize the goodness of the gift. We know that no matter what comes our way, God is our friend, Jesus is our Savior, and all things are working together for the good of those who love God. Thankfulness is a vital part of our Spiritual wisdom. We know that the most important things in life are the things the Lord has already accomplished for us, and our hearts sing with joy for His lovingkindness. *O Lord, fill us with Your Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with thanks. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:1, 2 The LORD Has Stretched Out His Hand

There was always a danger in Jerusalem that the people there thought the LORD only loved them. "No," the LORD preaches. I'm seeking people who didn't ask for Me. I say "Here I am" to a nation not called by My name. The Maker of this world is the Redeemer of the world. He is after all people, even you. And for you: I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people." Because we fail, the Lord stretches out His hand to help us up. Because we're being attacked, He stretches out His hands to fight and defend us. Most importantly, because we are dying sinners, He stretches out His hands to the nails of the cross, and saves us. *Thank You, O LORD, for seeking and finding me. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:28-44 Of Love for the Pharisees

We often hear how Jesus loved the sinners and distained the Pharisees. This is wrong. Jesus loves the Pharisees. He sees the danger they face, the danger of their pride and their impending judgment. He comes after them with these parables, with this severe preaching of the law to try to win their hearts and rescue them. "Look at the tenants," Jesus says, "their foolishness, the insanity that murdering the son would gain the inheritance." Jesus is calling them to their senses, calling them to repentance. "If the Stone falls on you you will be crushed. The broken and contrite spirit the Lord will not despise." This is also for us. The Lord casts down the haughty, but rescues those of humble faith. *Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Romans 11: 25-32

Salvation is a matter of God's mercy. It is a gift, completely unearned. This was a problem for the Pharisees, and for all of us who have a little Pharisee living in our hearts. We think we are good enough, that our works are deserving of God's gifts, that we have earned something from God. The Lord won't have it. Salvation is not, will not, and cannot be earned. The Lord has committed all to disobedience (that's what verse 32 says), consigned all to guilt, declared all as law-breakers, to make sure that no one has a claim on salvation. Why? The Lord wants grace alone to save. "God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all." His mercy is on you. *I thank You, My heavenly Father, for Your gift of life and salvation. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 57 For in You My Soul Takes Refuge

Using your Bible's cross reference, you'll discover the context is from David's flight to escape Saul in the cave of Adullam in 1 Samuel 22. The Holy Spirit has recorded David's prayer as a model for your own prayers in times of distress. See how quickly David casts himself on the Lord's mercy! Isn't he worried that the Lord holds some sin against him? Isn't he worried that the Lord won't hear him? Not at all. He is certain of the Lord's kindness. The Lord has promised him great things. The Lord doesn't lie. You also should trust in what the Lord has spoken to you. Jesus died for you. You are God's own child. God will bless you in this world and give you eternal life in the world to come. *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Amen.*

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ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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

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

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

St. Luke, The Evangelist

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:5–8

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5–18

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and

above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

October 18, 2026



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

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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. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

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 – 75

Total: 376

8:00 am – 189

10:30 am – 112

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison DeWitt	Allison DeWitt	Praise Team
Anthem	N/A	N/A	SPLS Elementary Choir
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Pam Kroupa Rachelle Eifert	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Ryan Schneider	Erik Benes
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Dave & Bonnie Schlieve Dutch & Lynda Holland	Dustin & Ashley Westphal
Live Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Joel Tesch	Gary Flanagan	Erik Benes
LABS Set-Up	Ryan Schneider & Neil Anderson		

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Dave & Jackie Meyer in praise to God for their 23rd wedding anniversary on October 18th

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by a member in praise to God for blessings received

ST. PAUL’S MEDIA

- + Radio: *LIVE* Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)
- + YouTube: *LIVE* Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)
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by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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St. Luke, Evangelist
18 October, A.D. 2026
Is 35.5-8, 2 Tim 4.5-18, Lk 10.1-9

The Gospel opens with "After these things." Name two or three of the "things" that happened just before Jesus sent out the Seventy. Why does it matter that the sending comes right after them?

Why are these laborers called the seventy "others"? What do they share with the Twelve, and which Evangelist does Church tradition place among them?

Jesus says, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." What does Jesus tell us to do about it?

Jesus sends His laborers "as lambs among wolves" with no money bag, knapsack, sandals or weapons. How are they to live, and how does this mark them as ambassadors of Christ?

To those who reject them, the seventy say, "The Kingdom of God has come near to you." To those who receive them, they say it has come to them. What is the difference?

How does the peace pronounced on the house and the table fellowship that follows foreshadow Holy Communion?

Jesus says, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Where does the sermon say the war of Revelation 12 actually takes place, and by what means is Satan cast out?

We are both the harvest and those who are sent. What do we need from our pastors, and what is each of us at St. Paul's sent to do?

Why do we rejoice that our names are written in heaven? When were they written, and what does Holy Communion do to us, beyond Christ being received into our bodies?