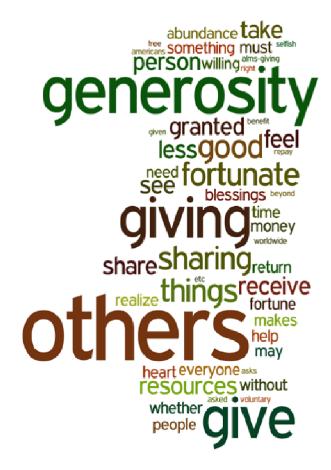
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



210 East Pleasant Street Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066

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St. Paul's Mission Statement: "Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ronald P. Krug, Serving the Church Triumphant
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus
Jonathon Pickelmann, Principal
Volume 21
Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Steven Scharnell, Vicar Ben Mueller, Youth Director Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director Kelly Kulas, Kinder Place Director Mumber 37

WELCOME to everyone, especially our guests. Your presence is important to us.

St. Paul's is an evangelical Christian congregation, embracing historic Christian teaching on all doctrines, centered on Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring the Gospel both to those who are searching for answers to the meaning of life and to those who desire a closer relationship with God. We here at St. Paul's have chosen to alian ourselves with the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation, due to the clarity with which these help us to see meaning true of God's Specifically, St. Paul's is a ministry of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, one of America's truly biblical churches!

- Members and guests: please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate to indicate your presence today. For Holy Communion, please read our confession and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.
- Those sharing our beliefs, especially from parishes in fellowship with us, are welcome to receive.
- If you desire Holy Communion but hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, please speak with a Pastor or an Elder.
- Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessina.

Please note: Half the inner circle of individual glasses in each tray contains water with **one drop** of communion wine for those hesitant to drink larger amounts of wine. Those glasses with wine are rose in color.

THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Come to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

Theme: Introducing WISDOM:
The Dumb Rich Guy

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

<u>Traditional Service</u> **Divine Service 1, pg. 151**

Contemporary Service Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

In-Depth Study of Scripture Readings
567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall
The Life and Ministry of the Messiah
567-8195 Tues. - 7:00 p.m. Muecke's Home

The **radio broadcast** this Sunday is sponsored by George & Carolyn Nagel in praise to God for their 53rd wedding anniversary on October 3rd. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM & 1540 AM). The **flowers** are sponsored by Dale and Chris Hesse in praise to God for their 35th wedding anniversary on September 30th.

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PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Ephesians 6:18

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Bernice Hoeft; Jessica Groenke (back pain); Nancy Ellsworth; Rick & Kathie Ware; Lloyd; Ed Krelwitz (pinched nerve); Ewald Baumann (VA Hospital); Andy Stenson; Quinn Bandomir; Marie Wisser (brain tumor); Frederic Marohn; Vanessa (nee Stock) Hood - Leukemia; Bill Duchow; Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS - Those with cancer: Marlene Thurs (Kelly Kulas's mom); family member of Wilbur & Barb Pieper; Jody; Brian Keller; Ray Liska; family of a member with stage 3 lung cancer; JoAnn Jonas; Glenda Worden; Sue; Jim; Roger; Rachel Mueller (friend of Scharnell's) - cancer returned; Chris Prouty - breast cancer; Logan Krivitz (Kaela Lind's boyfriend); Cheri Benz - breast cancer; Cami - healing; Tim - lung cancer; Cris Runge - breast cancer surgery; Pastor William Meyer (Don Meyer's brother) -Lymphoma; Luca - baby with brain cancer; Dan (stage 4 prostate cancer); Kathleen Converse (Jessica Groenke's sister) - breast cancer; Crystal Schultz - starting breast cancer chemo; Clarence Hesse (Dale's brother); Susie; Joann Romain - kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski - throat cancer; Nancy - breast cancer; Lisa's mom - colon & liver cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer); Marian Lippert (Les's mother) Other: Steve Raabe (Darryl & Kathy Wickersham's son-in-law); Tom (Art & Kathy Evert's son) - hip replacement surgery; Angelique - recuperating from double bypass; Mavis Layton (Bruce Bain's mother); Andy Miller (friend of Sharon Peterson) - injured in Afghanistan; Ken Groenke's sister - brain aneurysm; Travis; Mike (Michelle Schlomer's dad) - upcoming surgery; Ray (Michelle Schlomer's grandpa); Michael Thesing (Susan DeWitz's cousin) - work-related accident; Charlie (Jenny Laabs' father) - recovering from stroke; unborn baby with potential complications; Jane Ebert; Kayleigh - recurring health issues; Allanah - Scoliosis complications; Charles Tuff (Alzheimer's); Carrie Synder (Gwen & Carl Nicholson's niece) - continued healing; Jon Franke continued healing; Kim Pomeroy (Cindy Lippert's cousin) - diagnosed with MS; Laura (continued healing); Paul Fellin.

Those serving in the military-deployed: Patrick Lippert; Zach Howard, Theresa; Jim Carney; Phil Preston; Chad Kelling, Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Wayne Klamp, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Tom, Brad, Ben, Mike, Rob & Fabian Beats.

Those serving God as missionaries: Christie Nelson (China); Ray Wigdal (China); Dennis Denow (Thailand); Jeff & Julie Vigil (Kenya); Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia); Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry); Rev. Bud Palmer.

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; safety for those traveling to Jeremy Lippert & Maggie Seidel's wedding & blessings upon the wedding; Mike - starting a new company; Joy - to find a new job; James & Erica Feil; Lloyd; Jake; James Doherty for God's help finding a job or starting a business; for Norm to find a job; Camp LuWiSoMo; those suffering from addiction and their family members.

Anniversary: George & Carolyn Nagel - 53rd - October 3rd Dale & Chris Hesse - 35th - September 30th

Birthday: Harry Peterson - 93rd - September 24th Vivienne Schlomer - 15th - September 27th

Births: Anna Rae, daughter of Eric & Tracy Schneider, born September 16th

Thanksgiving: Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew) - healing from burns

The Prayer Warriors of St. Paul's are praying daily for these families and their needs.

REACHING DISCIPLES

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE.....

Next week we will be celebrating LWML Sunday and ask you to bring your loose change for a special "NOISY" collection! Help us to further our Mite goal for mission grants.

LWML

We will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7:00 pm upstairs in classroom 219.

Remember your Mites!

LWML QUILT TYING ~ LEND A HAND!

Anyone interested is invited to help tie quilts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 29th in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a scissors and a friend!

MITE BOX HELPS THIS WEEK:

Sunday Did you attend Early service today?-25¢ Late service?-50¢

Monday Ask God for generous gifts of mites to fund all mission grants-\$1

Tuesday Check out the MOST Ministries website at www.mostministries.org-30¢

Wednesday Say a prayer for missionaries throughout the world-40¢

Thursday Share a smile with a stranger today- 25ϕ

Friday Say a kind word to each member of your family today-30¢ Saturday Have a "Cup with Kay"* this morning. Freewill offering

*(Pray with our President for 9 minutes at 9:00 am with your favorite cup of the morning)

CONNECTING CULTURES THROUGH THE WORD

As the body of Christ, we are called to break down barriers that affect both our families and our community! You and your family are invited to attend "Breaking Down Barriers," a workshop led by Rev. Daniel McMiller, on **Saturday, October 5, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.** at Oklahoma Ave. Lutheran Church, 5335 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53219. A meal will follow for a free-will donation. Child care is available. Please RSVP by Wed., Oct. 2 to 414-841-7642.

LCMS PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2013

Over 12,200 students walk through the doors of our schools on a daily basis. Our District schools strive to provide a high-level Christian academic program that prepares students for this life and the life to come. These students and families come from a variety of backgrounds and beliefs, yet most are yearning to hear the Gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit works through out 1,200 teachers in proclaiming Christ to strengthen the faith life of these students and families.

TIME TO GROW DINNER ~ OCTOBER 2ND

Spaghetti Garlic bread Lettuce salad Desserts

Hosted by the families of the 6th graders for their trip to Camp LuWiSoMo.

SERVING DISCIPLES

LORD'S CUPBOARD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We were able to raise \$820 for our account at Feeding America through the Miles for Meals fundraiser this past Saturday. We were in 3rd place for the highest amount raised by a team. Thank you so much for the donations including the abundance from your gardens, food items, toiletries, the paper and plastic grocery bags, the monetary, but most of all, the prayers!

GOSPEL QUARTET TO PERFORM AT HIGHVIEW CHURCH

The popular Gospel quartet, Eternity, will bring their updated, upbeat version of four-part Gospel harmony back to Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church (S50W33042 Hwy GE, Dousman, WI) for a special fundraising concert. The performance will be held on Sunday, September 29th at 6:30pm. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be taken for the *Family Promise* Ministry to homeless families in Western Waukesha County. *Family Promise* is an organization which assists homeless children and their families by providing overnight shelter, meals and support services with the goal of achieving permanent housing and sustainable independence.

Eternity delivers a fun, energetic stage show through a powerful four-part harmony in the style of the Oak Ridge Boys, Statler Brothers, Gaither Vocal Band and Signature Sound Quartet. They perform across the state of Wisconsin, including a recent engagement at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Eternity also has been the opening act in Branson, Missouri, for The Booth Brothers, Gospel Music's Vocal Group of the Year, and the Cumberland Quartet and Spoken 4 Quartet.

Eternity has produced four CDs which will be available at the show. People from age 8 to 88 will enjoy this humorous, family friendly music show. To find out more about Eternity go to their website: www.eternitysings.com.

SEPTEMBER CARING CORNER

The September Caring Corner is sponsored by the Board of Youth and will benefit the Lake Area Free Clinic. The clinic, located on Armor Rd in Oconomowoc is staffed exclusively by volunteer doctors, nurses, and administrative people, and provides patient care to those that have no insurance and have an income of less than \$23,000 annually. The clinic averages 465 visits per month, seeing patients on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The average age of the patient is 55 years old, and the majority of patients reside in the City of Oconomowoc. The clinic serves all of Waukesha County as well as residents in Ixonia and Dousman. The items that they have the greatest need for can be found on the Caring Corner board in the narthex. Donations will be collected throughout the month and then delivered to the clinic by our youth in early October.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists; rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised in their ministry. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Duane Peterson 414-573-2708, Jeff Stache 262-567-1302, or Steve Hansen 262-646-4049.

GROWING DISCIPLES

IT'S TIME TO DO YOUR FALL HOUSE CLEANING

...and look for documents, memorabilia and anything else related to St. Paul's Congregation. The 150th Anniversary Committee's History's sub-committee is asking for your help with this project--baptismal, confirmation and marriage certificates and of course, "etceteras". Please bring your contribution(s) to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Borgman at 262-567-7131.

THRIVENT MEMBER FISH FRY

All Thrivent members are invited to the West Waukesha County Chapter's annual election and fish fry at St. Paul's on Friday, October 4th. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and costs \$5 per person. Please make reservations ASAP by calling Nancy Biersack at 262-569-9175. Join your Thrivent friends for a yummy fish fry, music, prizes, and fellowship!

COME JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR!

Parish Choir is a great choir at St. Paul's open to all public school and day school students from first through eighth grade. The choir meets Wednesday nights from 5:20 pm to 5:55 pm or Mondays from 2:40 pm to 3:10 pm. Parish Choir sings approximately once per month, and is a great way to worship our Lord and Savior, a great way to have another opportunity to sing, and a great way for instrumental students to be involved in a choir. The time involvement is small.

MARCUS TICKET SOUTH DAKOTA FUNDRAISER!

The 7th grade is selling discounted Marcus Theater vouchers to help earn money for their South Dakota trip next year. Platinum tickets sell for \$8.50 each and are valid for any movies (3D surcharges will apply). You also receive a FREE \$3 Snack Cash voucher with every two tickets purchased. Tickets are available *right now* in the church office. Contact Heather with questions or to order tickets: heather@splco.org or 262-567-5001. Thanks for supporting the 7th grade!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CDs AVAILABLE

There is a limited supply of CDs available from this past summer's Vacation Bible School: Go Fish! If you are interested in purchasing one, they are available in the school office for \$5.

ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID

It's not too early to talk about our annual Christmas Bazaar. That time is here again. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. If any of you are crafters and you would like to donate to the bazaar, we would feel very blessed. We will also need bakery items for our bake sale. On Friday, November 1st, after 1:00 pm, we will be getting ready for the bazaar. This involves decorating, baking and cooking for the bazaar. Helping hands would be greatly appreciated--please contact any of our officers if you can help in any way. They are Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262-567-7905), Judy Braatz (262-567-7787), Agnes Thurow (262-567-6693) or Sue Lindemann (262-567-8985). Thank you and God bless.

SINGERS WANTED

St. Paul's Adult Choir has started their new season. This group is open to all high school students and adults. Please join us for singing great, current Christian music, fun and fellowship. Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7:20 pm to 8:45 pm.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY

For those of you interested in receiving or having a College Care Package sent to your college student, please e-mail or call me with the students name and mailing address at school. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our college students during the school year and let them know we care. Please email Tracy Bain at bbain123@gmail.com or call 262-965-5550.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

On Monday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, there will be an Altar Guild meeting. Our membership is dropping, so we need some ideas on how to increase our numbers! Bring your ideas and if possible, a member who would consider joining this service group. All who might be interested, are very welcome to attend!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Today we hear of Michael the great warrior angel (Daniel 10:13; Revelation 12:7) and also of what we commonly call "guardian angels" (Matthew 18:10). Whether battling the devil or watching over "the little ones," their great power and devotion to the heavenly Father remains the same. No matter what we may experience in life, what a comfort to know that the angels who watch us in our weak and vulnerable spiritual condition, also behold our Father. Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your holy angels and the praise they bring to You by serving us. Amen.

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 the year **2013** (*italicized*) and **2014**. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is **\$95.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach. You may also contribute any amount to the "radio fund" at any time.

November 3, 2013	April 20 (6:00 am)	August 3
November 17, 2014	April 20 (8:00 am)	September 7
January 5	April 27	September 21
January 12	May 4	October 12
January 19	May 18	October 19
January 26	May 25	October 26
February 2	June 1	November 2
February 9	June 8	November 9
February 16	June 15	November 16
February 23	June 22	November 23
March 16	June 29	November 27
Marcy 23	July 6	November 30
March 30	July 13	December 7
April 6	July 20	December 28
April 13	July 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. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001.

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FOR PARENTS

Before the Divine Service, remind your children what giving to the Offering means. Help them to think of all the things that they have and how they are really gifts from God. Encourage them to set aside a certain amount of their yown money each week to give.

What is the "Offering"?

This is the time during the service when we offer gifts to God together with the rest of the congregation. The Offering is usually concluded with the Offertory, which is the song that we sing while these gifts are being presented at the altar.

Why do we give money to the church?

The money that we give goes to help support all the work of the church. If you really thing about it, everything we have is a gift from God (even the money we give in our offering). When we give an offering, we are simply saying "thank you" to God for all of His wonderful gifts. As Christians, we give to God in response to what He has given to us: life, food, family and most importantly, our Savior, Jesus! We don't do this because we have to. We do this because, in faith, we want to!

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ST. PAUL'S A.C.T.

Culvers of Oconomowoc will donate 10% of your purchase to St. Paul's ACT the first Tuesday of every month from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Coupons will be distributed through the church bulletin, school newsletter, church office and the youth. Please share these with family, friends and neighbors. Simply present the coupon when ordering (inside or drive-thru) and St. Paul's ACT will receive the credit. Please help St. Paul's ACT and enjoy wonderful food and a family night out!



Culver's/St. Paul's Oconomowoc A.C.T. "Family Night Out"

Present this coupon when ordering, inside or drive-thru

10% of your purchase will be donated to:

St. Paul's A.C.T.

Valid Only: Tuesday, October 1st, 2013 4pm-8pm

Oconomowoc Location, 262-567-8860

Cashier to complete: Sale Amount:

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Flavor of the day: PUMPKIN PIE



For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at splco.org.

September 30th - October 6th ADVANCE THE MISSION REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY October 1 st	Leadership Training LWML	Fellowship Hall Room 219	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY October 2 nd	Time to Grow Meal Parish Choir Time to Grow Adult Choir Practice Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Balcony Various Rooms Balcony Church	5:00 pm 5:20 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:45 pm
THURSDAY October 3 rd	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:30 pm
FRIDAY October 4 th	Thrivent Members Fish Fry	Gym	5:30 pm
SATURDAY October 5 th	Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:00 pm
SUNDAY October 6 th	Traditional Worship Public School Confirmation New Member Class Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Room 216 Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am



September 21st & 22nd

5:30 pm - 156

8:00 am - 141

10:30 am - 141

Time to Grow Attendance: 120

Church Attendance:

438 Total; 39 visitors; 399 members

ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER EPISTLE IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT SPLCO.ORG.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

We rejoice to have families with small children participating in our worship services. There are baskets available with items that might be helpful for your children behind the back pews.

THIS WEEKEND 5:30 8:00 10:30

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Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
Special Music	Parish Choir	Cheryl Tesch	
Acolytes	Tyler Flood & Nathan Blanck	Ryan & Brandon Frosch	Rachel Oelsner & Hannah Showen
Altar Guild	Martha & Emilie Blanck	Donna Andrus	Gerri Zwieg & Audrey Martens
Elders	Don Gauerke	Bruce Bain	John Melvin
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	James & Judy Braatz (church) Karen Meyer & Laura Gruen (school)	Pam Tanner
Lectors	Chad Eberhardt	Bob Klee	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Radio Host	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Bruce Bain	John Melvin

October 5/6 5:30 8:00 10:30

Readings	OT: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	NT: 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Gospel: St. Luke 17:1-10
Acolytes	Nathan Blanck & Logan Jacobosky	Erika Reiner & Savannah Steinmann	Evan Junio & Leann Wolf
Altar Guild	Martha & Emilie Blanck	Dorothy Duchow	Barb Star
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Dave Meyer	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John Melvin	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Garry & Becca Pribnow (school)	Anne Fait
Lectors	John Melvin	Dave Meyer	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Mike Papa	Scott Kalien

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 6:1-7 (ESV)

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (ESV)

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of

lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

St. Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.""

September 28th & 29th, 2013