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AHA!

UNDERSTANDING A JOY THAT NOTHING CAN DESTROY

January 29, 2017

Welcome

Opening Praise

Glory

Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Communion Greeting and Blessing

See communion note on page 2.

Distribution Song

**In Christ Alone
Come As You Are**

First Lesson

Daniel 3:13-27, Bible page 884

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found joy in serving the Lord despite the persecution and the trials their faithful service brought to their lives.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Bible page 1143

God chose the weak and the foolish things of this world to shame the wise so that no one can boast before him.

Offering

Message Song

Lord I Need You

Message

Matthew 5:1-12, Bible page 968

Pastor Peter Panitzke

Baptisms

Kevin Michael McSwain

Trevor Michael McSwain

Connor James McSwain

Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song

How Great Thou Art

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Our membership course, *Following the Promise*, is held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Please contact Pastor Peter Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org to register.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of *Christian Worship* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the right center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 30, 2017

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	12:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Faith Room) Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Church) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) <i>I Am Built Workshop</i> (Trinity Cafe) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 1:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service Pre-K and Elementary School Open House

Multimedia Ministry



- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPTV, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
 - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
 - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Garrett Gary Rieth, son of Gary and Bari Rieth, born December 6, 2016, will be baptized at The Bridge, Sunday, January 29, 2017.

We rejoice with Garrett in his saving faith!

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Georgette Meyer at Layton Terrace. Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Golden Living, Richard Kamnetz at Tudor Oaks, and Joanne Moths at Village at Manor Park. Norman Miller is at Oconomowoc and Payson Vahovick at Children's. Ethel Lyman and Tom O'Laughlin have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Monica Gawlik, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

ATTENDANCE

1089 attended last week's worship services.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

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PERSONAL OFFERING STATEMENT

Please pick up your personal offering statement in the church lobby today. Even if you don't use offering envelopes, there is a letter for you. Thank you for saving the congregation postage costs!

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Our annual congregational Chicken Dinner is Sunday, February 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Centennial Gym. This is a great opportunity for members and guests to enjoy serving together and eating a meal together. Volunteer to help out by using the sign-up sheets in the church lobby.

LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 29

Are you interested in learning more about our school for your child or someone you know? Whether this be for 3K, 4K, Kindergarten or transferring into a 1st- 8th grade, come to our Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. You may also contact School Administrator Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit. He would love to talk you about our schools. At St. Paul's we offer the following:

- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Exemplary Accredited Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Before and after school extended care
- Year-round care for 3K through 4th grade
- Generous tuition assistance
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin School Choice programs
- Online application process: www.stpaulmuskego.org

LEARN ABOUT AND LIKE OUR SCHOOL



www.stpmuskego.org



St. Paul's Lutheran School – Muskego, WI

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

This course is both a Bible introduction study and prepares an individual for membership in the congregation. Join the class Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Register by contacting Pastor Panitzke at (414) 350-1436 or ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

This 9-week DVD-based study can help you climb out of debt and put you on a firm financial footing. It is not too late to join. Attend on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God is the current study on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. Join Seminary President Paul Wendland as he leads you through the letter of 1 Peter with a message of living hope.

TEENS UNDER GOD

What's next for TUG? February 12 – movies and games at the MUG; February 26 – service project to help WELS Prison Ministry. Stay tuned - get excited!

BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS

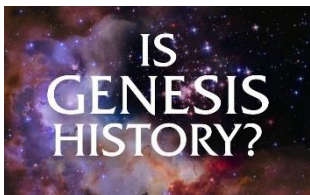
The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home

In this age of stress and crazy schedules, you can never have enough help and hope amidst the hurry. This Parents Club, DVD-based study, led by Randy Fink, Director of Operations at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and his wife, Lori, will empower you and your family with confidence and practical, biblical, stress-saving skills as you take the off-ramp to sanity, peace, and family harmony. Join us in the school Computer Lab, Sundays at 9:15 am, February 5-March 26.

THE POINT OF GRACE – MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Point of Grace meets Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 pm at the MSOE Campus Center - 3rd floor multipurpose room. Pizza and snacks will be served at 7:00 pm and the talk will begin around 7:20 pm. All are welcome. For more information go to www.tpog.net.

IS GENESIS HISTORY?



Is Genesis History? is coming to The Ridge Cinema for a one-night event on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 pm. Dr. Del Tacket, creator of *The Truth Project*, brings together scientists and scholars to look at the creation of the world as it intersects with the history recorded in Genesis. Challenge the way you see the world and shine new light on the origins of the world as you explore two competing views that lead to one compelling positive ical

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You Are Invited!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



**Saturday, February 25, 6:30-9:00 pm.
Trinity Gym and Café.**

PLEASE NOTE: Children not allowed! ☺

If you are one of the hundreds of teen and adult volunteers that have assisted in any of St. Paul's on-or-off-campus ministry or outreach activities, in any capacity and length of time, **YOU ARE INVITED** (along with your spouse/another guest whether or not he/she is also a volunteer).

- Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres
- Soft and not-so-soft beverages
- Delicious desserts
- Door prizes
- Special thank-you presentation by the called and hired staff
- Performance by **COMEDY SPORTZ**



Please come, relax, have a great time, and walk away feeling truly appreciated by St. Paul's for all you have done to help our ministry.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY FEBRUARY 15. Complete the short online registration form on the St. Paul's website homepage, fill out a Connection Card, sign up on the sheets at the church/Bridge welcome areas, or contact Dr. Nelson (jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org, 414-422-0320, ext. 145).



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WELS DEBT-FREE TO REACH MORE

In 2009 the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod was carrying a debt load of \$22.4 million. Through the generous gifts of God's people, that debt has now been erased. That means the annual payment of \$1.6 million that was budgeted for debt reduction can now be used to support the mission and ministry of the synod. More people reached for Christ. To God be the glory and praise!

TESS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION – OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, February 27, the Tess Corners Fire Department will be using our Trinity Gym for a group photo. We'd like to show a little love to these men and women who serve our community by providing goody bags with homemade cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help assemble the goody bags, contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.



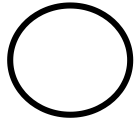
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Our church body is hosting two marriage enrichment weekends in the area. The first retreat is February 10-12 in Green Lake, Wisconsin, and the second is March 17-19 in Zion, Illinois. For more information and to register go to wels.net/adult-discipleship. Registration deadlines are approaching soon so don't delay.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

The *Christian Woman Today* Retreat will be held March 17- 19 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Retreat brochures with registration forms are available at ChristianWomanToday.org. Registration deadline is March 3.

The 8th annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

AHA! PLEASURE, HAPPINESS, AND JOY THROUGH JESUS

1. REACT: "Happiness is an inside job."

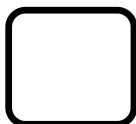
2. Would you say you are truly happy? If so, why? If not, why not?
Would others say you are truly happy? Explain.

3. Matthew 5:1-12 lists the well-known Beatitudes. Read them as printed first, then reread them replacing the word "Blessed" with the word "Happy" (some Bible translations actually do this).
 - How is it that happiness can result from all the life situations Jesus mentions?
 - How do Matthew 5:12, John 16:33, and Revelation 2:10b help to answer the previous question?

4. In the video about St. Paul's member Kevin McSwain (<https://vimeo.com/200877389>), Kevin describes how he came to faith and says, "God works through people to reach other people...God wants to work through you to get to someone else...You talk about your story and His story."
REACT: The Beatitude statements are really descriptions of real-life things that happen to people followed by the good God brings from them. Could it be that some of the blessing/happiness that is described in these Beatitudes, results from sharing the real-life story of them with others and then connecting these stories to HIS story?

5. The musical refrain from Psalm 34 in *Christian Worship* says, "Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."
 - How do the words of this refrain give answer to the question, "What makes you happy?"
 - How could your life better demonstrate the happiness you feel about being chosen?
 - How could the story of God choosing you help someone who does not feel all that chosen?

PRAY Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the Sun above, Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,—all who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the Joy Divine. (Henry van Dyke)



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

AHA! A Joy that Nothing Can Destroy

Matthew 5:1-12

Underline those words or phrases that describe you:

I am humble and see my failings. I have lost things and people most dear to me. I don't stand up for my rights and am often taken advantage of. I am never satisfied with my level of Christian obedience. I am kind and caring to those less fortunate. I am often considered a prude. I try to help everyone get along. I am sometimes mistreated because of my faith. People put me down because I'm "too Christian."

The temptation: _____ **it up!**

The encouragement: _____ **it up!**

- You who are humble have God as your King.
- You who have lost things and people have God as your Comforter.
- You who are taken advantage of own the entire world.
- You who want to live a more Christian life have the Spirit who can make your dreams come true.
- You who care for the less fortunate will be cared for by the Merciful One.
- You who are prudes will see God himself.
- You who try to help people get along look just like your Father.
- You who are mistreated for your faith have God as your King.
- You who are put down for being "too Christian" are in good company with Jesus.

The result: _____ **it up!**

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

My Next Steps

- **Recognize the enemy:** Read Daniel 3. The enemy really wasn't Nebuchadnezzar, but the fear that God wasn't able to save them. What tempts you to "hang up" the Christian faith?
- **Boast in the Lord:** Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. The stronger the temptation to "hang it up," the more we can appreciate that in Christ Jesus we have all we need.
- **Light it up!** Read again Matthew 5:1-16 to be encouraged that God can use you to bring the light of Christ to those around you.