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## SOUL SEARCHING

### MORALITY: WHAT IS GOOD?

September 30, October 1 and 4, 2017

*Who determines what's right and wrong? Shouldn't the individual have the right to determine that for himself or herself? Is morality subjective or objective?*

#### PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 226, vv. 1-5

#### To Your Temple I Draw Near

#### BAPTISM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

*Amelia Grace Hauf*

*Daughter of Jeffrey and Kelsey (nee Zajichek) Hauf, born July 20, 2017*

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the book of Romans Paul talks of the wrath of God being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of the people of this world. Paul, speaking of the depravity of fallen humankind, says:

C **They have become filled with envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents, they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.**

M Paul says that, even though they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. In our heart of hearts we know that this sinful nature lives inside each of us and that all too often it takes control of our hearts and lives. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before God and in Jesus' name ask for his forgiveness.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

All **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### SONG OF PRAISE

### O Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have given us your Word which is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

C **Guide our footsteps by the light of that Word,**

M that we may remain steadfast in faith,

C **loving you with all our heart, soul, and mind, while loving others as ourselves.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score for 'Amen' is written on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody with lyrics 'A - men.' printed below.

### FIRST LESSON

**Romans 1:18-25, Bible page 1126**

*We put our hope in the Lord and in his unailing love.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1, Hymnal page 64

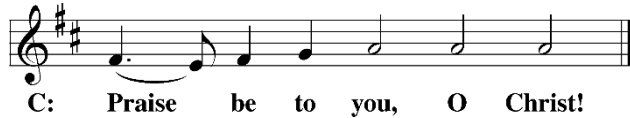
*Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord.*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27, Bible page 1013

*Jesus teaches us that pleasing God is about more than just doing the right things.  
It's doing the right things with the right heart.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



HYMN OF THE DAY 378

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

SERMON

Genesis 3:1-15, Bible page 3

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

APOSTLES' CREED

*Chapel Choir sings the Apostles' Creed on Saturday and Wednesday*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**When Peace Like a River, Bruce and Betty Marggraf**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state and local governments.

C **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C **Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN 287

#### The Law of God Is Good and Wise

#### CLOSING PRAYER

M Lord Jesus, through your death and resurrection you have opened the way for sinners to approach you with freedom and confidence.

C **We rejoice that this blessing is not for us alone. This salvation is for all whom you will call.**

M May your grace fill our hearts as we go out into the world

C **that we may give witness to your love through all we do and say.**

M We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



WELS CONNECTION *Conventions*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (*Sunday*) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*



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.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 2, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	5:45 pm	Grief Share (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> Bible Study (Grace Room)
<b>TUE</b>	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study
<b>WED</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Faith Room)
	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible In a Year</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:30 pm	Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	6:30 pm	Creation/Evolution - Tough Questions with Joel Seegert (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study: <i>Luther and Grace Defended</i> (Stoney Creek)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Gardner/Kwasinski Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Kristine Gardner and David Kwasinski Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Parents Club (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)



## 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](http://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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
- **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## GOD OPENED THE DOOR OF HOPE – TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

A month ago we faced an insurmountable challenge—a projected shortfall of over \$108,000 in anticipated receipts! The Ministry Board was prepared to make difficult staffing decisions to live within the means God provided St. Paul's. We informed the congregation of our "Valley of Achor" or "Valley of Trouble." We had no idea that God would "open a door of hope" (Hosea 2:15).

This week, we surpassed \$111,000 in special gifts for the Door of Hope! Our thanks to all who were able to respond to this need!

As a result of this generosity, the Ministry Board made no additional changes to this year's ministry plan. Please remember that we will still need an increase in offerings (General Fund, Missions, Wisconsin Lutheran High School) of 2.5% over last year for the remainder of the year. May God grant our congregation the spiritual strength to achieve this goal also.

## CALLING FOR RESIDENT MISSIONARY POSITION ON OCTOBER 11

There will be a special voters meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 6 pm in the Grace Room to resume calling for a pastor for the position of Resident Missionary. The generous Door of Hope offerings have placed us on a firm financial footing so that we can resume calling for this position. If you have a pastor you would like to suggest to be considered for this call list, please forward his name and your reason for recommending him to Pastor Pete at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org).

## OUR SERMON SERIES CONCLUDES

**October 8**      **Destiny: Where Are We Going When We Die?**      **Genesis 3:16-24**

Is there life after death? If there is, what will that life be like? From a completely human perspective it would appear as though this life is all there is. When you die, you're dead.

## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives by participating in the programs listed below. Our 3K to grade 8 ministries begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the school. Enter the school through the Trinity Cafe. Clearly marked signage will direct you to your child's check-in and room location. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-1711, ext. 145.



### Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)

Kids Club features a large group opening followed by small group discussion to help your child apply God's word to their lives.



### Boost (Grades 7 & 8)

Boost features an engaging, multi-media, but more traditional classroom format. Boost participants experience a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word.

## TEENS UNDER GOD



TUG is a unique ministry for teens – members of St. Paul's and their friends. TUG provides teens with worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service opportunities, as well as time to develop Christian relationships with each other and adult mentors within a safe, caring, supportive, and fun environment. Join the next TUG is held in the Trinity Café, from 6:30 til 8:00 pm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The next scheduled TUG is Sunday, October 8.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, and June Fickau at Linden Grove in Mukwonago. Les Constantineau and Cathy Moll are at Waukesha Memorial.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Marvin Pellmann.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

939 attended worship services last week.

## FLU CLINIC – STOP IN AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – OCTOBER 8

We are offering a flu vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 8, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Faith Room. There is no cost for Medicare and Medicaid plan holders. Please have your card available. We are unable to run private insurance. However, we will have shots available for \$34. Cash or check accepted. We are able to vaccinate ages 7 and up.

## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Express your heartfelt appreciation and honor our pastors for their commitment and dedication. Help us acknowledge their compassion, hard work, leadership, and faithful service given the whole year through. A simple thank-you in person or via email, voice message, card, or other personal way will mean so much to our beloved pastors and their families.

## 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION OBSERVANCES

- *The Hymns of Martin Luther* Joint Choir Concert – Sunday, October 1, at 7:30 pm at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.
- District-wide celebration service on Sunday, November 5, at 3:30 pm at the Miller High Life Theatre in Milwaukee.
- St. Paul's festival service on Sunday, November 5. Join a special choir – mark interest on Connection Card. Rehearsals are Sundays, from 8:00 til 9:00 am, in the church basement and/or Tuesdays, from 7:45 til 8:45 pm, in the balcony.

## A RETURN TO GRACE – LUTHER'S LIFE AND LEGACY

*A Return to Grace – Luther's Life and Legacy* is a movie produced in connection with our church body's celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It is a valuable resource about Luther and his rediscovery of the gospel in the pages of the Scriptures. Its emphasis is on the centrality of grace and the message of the gospel. The movie will be shown at The Ridge Cinema in New Berlin at the following times:

Monday, October 23, at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00 pm  
Monday, October 30, at 10 am and 7:00 pm



# GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

## **LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO START IN BIBLE STUDY? – TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

*Following the Promise* is a 15-week study led by Pastor Panitzke. Follow God's promises layed out for you in the Bible and see the impact they have on your life. This is a great study to have your questions answered and also serves as preparation for membership at St. Paul's. Mark the Connection Card or contact Pastor Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) to register for these classes.

## **THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR – MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM OR WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM**

Know your God better than ever before! About a dozen chapters per week are assigned for reading. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit use this experience to increase our faith in Christ, our joy in every situation in life, our desire to know our God better, and our commitment to serve him with our entire lives. Mark the Connection Card or contact Pastor Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) to register for these classes.

## **LET'S GET TO KNOW GOD AND OURSELVES A LITTLE BETTER – NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

St. Augustine said that all of theology can be found either directly or indirectly in the first three chapters of the Bible. He was right! Find out more on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. The class is taught by retired Martin Luther College Professor, Pastor Daniel Deutschlander.

## **OUR WORLD - GOD'S WAY – BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

In a world, culture, and educational system that is so linked to evolution to explain the world's and man's origins, it's hard sometimes to know what to say to express your faith and champion a Biblical, creation-science perspective. Come to this two-Sunday session with St. Paul's member, Mr. Joel Weaver, to learn more about creation science and the helpful answers it provides. Creation-science and its defense is a passion of Joel's. Come to these sessions to learn why. Sundays, October 15 and 22, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

## **PARENTS' CLUB – NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Facilitated by St. Paul's Pre-K Teacher Anne Meyer and her husband Chris, the course *Parenting: The Early Years* explores ten biblical traits your kids will remember you for. This excellent DVD-assisted course is held Sundays at 9:15 am in school classroom 8.

## **CREATION/EVOLUTION TOUGH QUESTIONS WITH CREATION SCIENCE EXPERT JAY SEEGERT**

Our small group Bible studies are currently focusing on Jay Seegert's 4-week creation science curriculum. Jay is a well-known author and international speaker who has been lecturing on the authority of Scripture and science for 31 years. You will have the opportunity to hear Jay speak and ask your toughest questions on Wednesday, October 4, from 6:30 pm til 8:00 pm, in the Grace Room. Jay has a passion for helping Christians strengthen their faith, while also offering a gracious challenge to the sincere skeptic.

## **LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study meets in the Faith Room at 9:30. All ladies are welcome. For more information contact Group Leader Michele Eiche at (414) 202-7522.

## **LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP**

Ladies, you all are invited to join in fellowship in the Faith Room at noon on Wednesday, October 4. Please bring a bag lunch. After a short meeting we will travel to see the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry and the synod archives in Waukesha. Contact Group Leader May Neubauer at (414) 422-4789 for more information.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 21**

Celebrate Oktoberfest by joining us for our annual Sheepshead Tournament on Saturday, October 21 from 6:00 til 9:00pm. Please provide a \$5.00 entry fee to offset the cost of food and prizes. RSVP to Cindy Proeber at (414) 801-2845 or [cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com](mailto:cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com); or Neal Wallner at (414) 419-2168. See our church website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) for more details.

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR NEW STUDENTS**

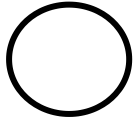
Do you have a child who will be entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year? WLHS admissions is now open for all new students in the 2018-19 school year. Visit [wlhs.org/admissions](http://wlhs.org/admissions) today to complete your application. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Admissions Brad Wetzel at 414-453-4567, ext. 1322, or [brad.wetzel@wlhs.org](mailto:brad.wetzel@wlhs.org).

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE**

Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 15. Registration begins at 5:30 pm with the official welcome at 6:00 pm. Grade school parents and students will meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING**

Wisconsin Lutheran High School is currently seeking candidates for the open position of Guidance Department Administrative Assistant. Please send resume and cover letter by October 14 to Human Resource Specialist Jodi Lunow at [jodi.lunow@wlhs.org](mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org) or 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213. This is a full-time position with benefits including staff tuition discount. More information can be found on the Grace Room bulletin board.



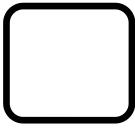
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Share highs and lows and pray for each other.
2. This weekend's message unpacks the question: *What is "good"?* Give examples you see that our world doesn't really know what is morally good.
3. Many secular people are very moral. That too fits with the Biblical worldview. Read Romans 2:14-15 and explain.
4. Christians can misuse the Biblical worldview of absolute morality and as a result are often considered "evil" by the world. Read Romans 2:17-24. How do we Christians often misuse God's law?
5. Mark 10:17-27. What goes through your head – as a Christian – when you remember that even your best days on this earth are still not good enough to get you into heaven?
6. Read Genesis 3:1-15. In his message, Pastor Pete mentioned one more worldview – the Savior's worldview: *Only one is good.* He comes to the evil, rescues us from it and creates saints out of sinners. What does that change about our daily focus as Christians?
7. What can you do this week to help you remember that the absolute authority on good and bad calls you a saint?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## Understanding Worldview – Yours and Others

1. **Where did I come from? (Sept 17)**
2. **Why am I here? (Sept 24)**
3. **What is “good”? (Oct 1)**
4. **Where am I going when I die? (Oct 8)**

### Today: What is “good”? (Genesis 3:1-15, page 3)

#### The Secular Worldview Produces

- Good people (Romans 2:13,14.)
- Evil people
- “While there can be moral feelings and convictions without God, it doesn’t appear that there can be moral obligation—objective, moral ‘facts’ that exist whether you feel them or not” (*Making Sense of God*, page 178).

#### The Christian Worldview Produces

- Good people
- Evil people (Romans 2:24)

#### The Savior’s Worldview

- Only One is Good, who comes to the evil
- Only One is Good, who promises to rescue the evil (Romans 5:8,10)
- Only One is Good, who produces saints

#### My Next Steps

- Review the previous “Soul Searching” messages at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org).
- To go deeper into an understanding of worldview, read *Making Sense of God: An Invitation to the Skeptical* by Timothy Keller. Your Ministerial Team is reading it together now.
- Attend *Tough Questions* with Creation Science Expert Jay Seegert on Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 pm in the Grace Room.