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## REFORMATION 500

### FAITH ALONE

October 21, 22, and 25, 2017

*"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a person would stake his life on it a thousand times... It is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith; and so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly" (Dr. Martin Luther in the preface to his commentary on Romans).*

**PRESERVICE** (*Sunday*)

**Amazing Grace**  
**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**  
*String Ensemble*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**HYMN 402**

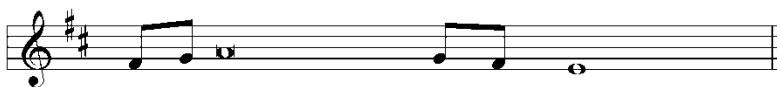
**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

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

*Jasmine Rose Lay*  
*Daughter of Adam and Kristine (nee Wachter) Lay, born September 7, 2017*



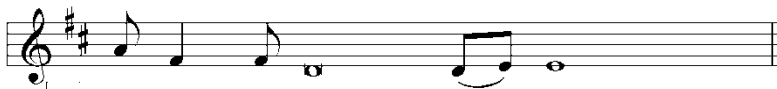
**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



**L** Hasten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

*Verses*

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,

*to Refrain*

you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, by the power of the gospel you created faith in our hearts—faith in Jesus as our only Savior and faith to live as his disciples.

C **Remove our doubts and strengthen our faith as we read your Word.**

M And, finally, lead us by faith to the eternal Promised Land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Romans 4:13-25**, Bible page 1129

*The Apostle Paul uses the account of Abraham to teach us that righteousness... a right standing in God's sight... is ours by faith in the promises of God in Christ.*

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*Saturday, Sunday 7:45 am, and Wednesday*)

**Psalm 118**, Bible page 108

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**ANTHEM** (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**By Faith**, Junior Choir

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16:13-19**, Bible page 983

*The faith in Christ that the Apostle Peter confessed was a gift from God. So is ours!*

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY 403**

**I Know My Faith Is Founded**

**SERMON**

**John 5:24-29**, Bible page 1068

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*



# CONFESSION OF FAITH

## Te Deum



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



**praise you, we praise you!** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;



**praise you, we praise you!** With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,  
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*  
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*



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To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Saturday)*  
*(Sunday)*

**Take You at Your Word, David Weise**  
**Jerusalem the Golden, String Ensemble**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C **We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.

C **Enable us to seize the mission opportunities that you give us in our daily lives to invite people into this fellowship with you that will last forever.**

M You have led us to call Pastor Nathan Strobel as our Resident Missionary to lead us in our mission work.

C **Guide him to know where he can serve you most effectively, here or in his present call at Wisconsin Lutheran College.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring our private prayers of thanks for the saints who have gone before us who helped us know the righteousness that is ours by faith.

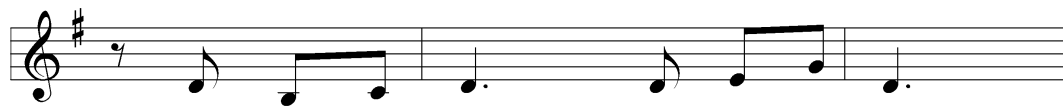
*Silent prayer.*

M Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

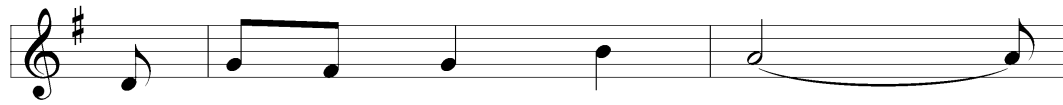
C **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## 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.**



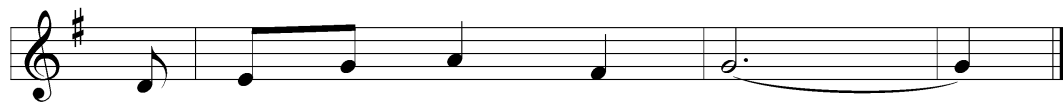
1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
 2 We may not touch his hands and side  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,  
 4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,  
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear  
 Nor fol - low where he trod,  
 And may our faith a - bound  
 Are found in means di - vine:  
 In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
 But in his prom - ise we re - jice  
 To call on you when you are near  
 Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,  
 We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.  
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 And seek where you are found.  
 Be - neath the bread and wine.  
 With full and end - less sight.

### CLOSING PRAYER

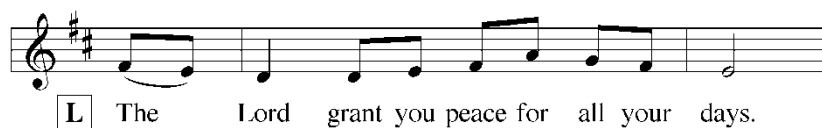
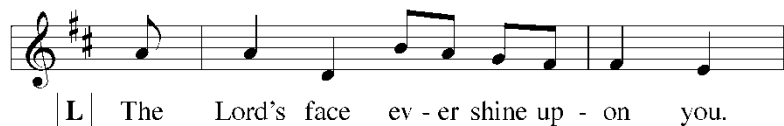
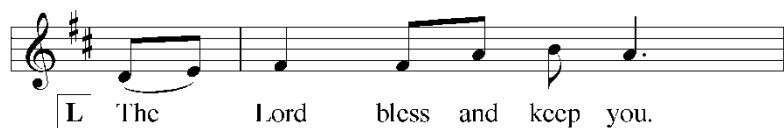
M Lord, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

C **When Satan accuses us, when doubts and fears fill our hearts, keep the eyes of our faith focused on you, our Savior and Redeemer.**

M You are the Lord forevermore.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

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



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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	<i>Birth</i>	<i>Death</i>
<i>Kaaren Smale</i>	<i>September 26, 1942</i>	<i>November 16, 2016</i>
<i>Wallace Hereau</i>	<i>September 8, 1931</i>	<i>November 16, 2016</i>
<i>Dorothy Horn</i>	<i>November 27, 1924</i>	<i>November 18, 2016</i>
<i>James Boldt</i>	<i>September 27, 1943</i>	<i>December 6, 2016</i>
<i>Donald Hanke</i>	<i>March 3, 1938</i>	<i>January 5, 2017</i>
<i>John Lesser</i>	<i>September 4, 1933</i>	<i>January 6, 2017</i>
<i>Wayne Wardin</i>	<i>November 18, 1936</i>	<i>January 15, 2017</i>
<i>Karen Guhr</i>	<i>August 9, 1972</i>	<i>February 13, 2017</i>
<i>Georgette Meyer</i>	<i>August 14, 1921</i>	<i>February 13, 2017</i>
<i>Margery Pohle</i>	<i>December 2, 1921</i>	<i>February 20, 2017</i>
<i>Donald Storm</i>	<i>July 24, 1928</i>	<i>February 22, 2017</i>
<i>Ruth Kurth</i>	<i>March 1, 1923</i>	<i>February 26, 2017</i>
<i>Joy Verhein</i>	<i>January 11, 1981</i>	<i>March 15, 2017</i>
<i>Sheri Goetsch</i>	<i>September 4, 1964</i>	<i>March 27, 2017</i>
<i>Kazue Sandvick</i>	<i>August 27, 1930</i>	<i>April 12, 2017</i>
<i>Merle Johnson</i>	<i>June 28, 1927</i>	<i>April 24, 2017</i>
<i>Betty Worachek</i>	<i>August 8, 1927</i>	<i>May 12, 2017</i>
<i>Norman Miller</i>	<i>November 18, 1939</i>	<i>May 12, 2017</i>
<i>Karen Helm</i>	<i>October 9, 1952</i>	<i>June 18, 2017</i>
<i>Glenn Shorey</i>	<i>July 17, 1935</i>	<i>July 23, 2017</i>
<i>Mary Ann Boldt</i>	<i>April 2, 1943</i>	<i>August 2, 2017</i>
<i>Donald Schreiber</i>	<i>August 2, 1928</i>	<i>August 11, 2017</i>
<i>Marilyn Schwartz</i>	<i>January 8, 1927</i>	<i>August 18, 2017</i>
<i>Dorothy Bucholtz</i>	<i>December 6, 1923</i>	<i>October 7, 2017</i>
<i>Margaret Holtz</i>	<i>March 15, 1920</i>	<i>October 10, 2017</i>



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 23, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Grief Share (Church Library) <i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> Bible Study (Grace Room)
<b>TUE</b>	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:45 pm	Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) Volleyball League (Trinity Gym) Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony) Reformation Choir Practice (Church Balcony)
<b>WED</b>	4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes Festival Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal (Main Church) Traditional Worship Service (Grace Room) Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>No Lutheran Elementary School – Teacher Conference</b> Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Stoney Creek Bible Study – <i>Luther and Grace Enduring</i> The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
<b>FRI</b>		<b>No Lutheran Elementary School – Teacher Conference</b>
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am 8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Reformation Choir Practice (Faith Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Parents Club (School Classroom 8) Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

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## 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)
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# REFORMATION 500

## LUTHERANS STAND ON SCRIPTURE ALONE

During the Middle Ages, the church had developed a “three-legged stool” upon which to base doctrine:

- The Bible,
- Tradition (church councils and teachers of the past), and
- The teaching authority of the church (the teachings of current bishops and the pope).

After studying the Bible and church history for a decade, Dr. Martin Luther was forced to take a stand. Was this three-legged stool a firm foundation for his faith?

On April 18, 1521, Dr. Martin Luther stood before the assembly of German princes called the Diet in the city of Worms, Germany. He was commanded by Charles V, the Emperor who ruled much of Europe, to recant what he had written. Luther responded: “Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason—for I do not trust either in the pope or councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves—I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not retract anything since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience” (*Luther’s Works*, Volume 32, page 112).

Today, Christians are still challenged to base their faith on a three-legged stool of sources:

- The Bible,
- Science, and
- Society’s opinions.

But what do we do when those sources contradict each other? Will we have the strength of conviction to say with Luther, “Here I stand” on Scripture alone?

That is our next Reformation 500 challenge and prayer.

**October 29**

**Scripture Alone**

**2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3**

Luther lived in a time when the grip of human tradition on the church (along with all its errors) was so tight it seemed nothing could turn the tide. Risking his life in the process, Luther held tight to the Word and its truth, and the power of the Word literally changed the world.

**November 5**

**Christ Alone**

**Acts 4:1-12**

We are naturally prone to put our hope and faith in the things and the people of this world. Yet there is only One who can help and save us from any and every calamity of body and soul.



# REFORMATION 500

## **WELS SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN JOINT REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION**

Just two weeks until the special joint congregational festival service observing the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation! The service will be held Sunday, November 5, at 3:30 pm at the Miller High Life Theatre on Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee. Go to Twitter at MKE\_Reform500 or Facebook at Reformation500/events for more information.

## **A RETURN TO GRACE – LUTHER’S LIFE AND LEGACY**

*A Return to Grace – Luther’s Life and Legacy* will be shown this week and next 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 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. Check your local listings for additional showings.

## **MARTIN LUTHER – A RETURN TO GRACE - GRACE ROOM STUDY**

Join St. Paul’s member, Mel Rindfleisch, as he facilitates the WELS-produced Bible study, based on the movie *A Return to Grace*, that will help learners explore how God used Martin Luther to bring the church back to God’s grace in Christ: Sundays, October 29-November 19, 9:15 – 10:15 am in the Grace Room.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED

There are no known hospitalized.

## 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, Keith Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Marvin Pellmann, and Christopher Verhein (protecting our country).

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

1143 attended worship services last week.

## RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL EXTENDED

Pastor Nathan Strobel has been called to serve as our fourth pastor in the roll of Resident Missionary. Pastor Strobel currently serves as Vice President of Student Life at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Please keep Pastor Strobel in your prayers as he deliberates where his gifts might best be utilized in service to our Savior.

## LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CALL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ's family at St. Paul's,

It is with great humility before our Savior God that I acknowledge your call to me to be Resident Missionary, sharing Jesus with your community and the world. What a privilege it would be to fill your call and to build relationships with people for time and for eternity through the gospel of Jesus Christ! Your ministry by God's grace appears dynamic and filled with love for others, and is obviously growing in its reach. I am intrigued and honored that through the Spirit you would ask me to share your work!

That said, I now have two calls from God and his people that I want you to know I take very seriously. Please pray for me for godly wisdom and vision!

I also ask you to keep in your prayers the ministry of Wisconsin Lutheran College where I have been privileged to serve as campus pastor and Dean of Students for 19+ years. I am intrigued by the Lord's timing and his opportunity, while also very cognizant of the needs of God's people here. It will be my goal to come to a decision within a few weeks.

Thank you for your call to ministry. May God bless us all as we do his work together.

Pastor Nathan J. Strobel

## DISCOVER YOUR GOD GIVEN STRENGTHS

How often do you wonder what God built *YOU* to do? Are you confident that your unique strengths, skills, and passions are all being used to their fullest? Sign up today for the *I Am Built* Workshop. This small group will spend one Saturday morning unpacking exactly how each of us uniquely reflects our Creator and shaping a user-friendly mission statement. Work will be done in small groups and pairs, so sign up with your spouse, best friend, or favorite neighbor!

The workshop will be held in the Trinity Cafe on Saturday, November 4, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Space is limited. Register on the Connection Card or contact Certified Christian Life Coach Emily Krill at [ekrill@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ekrill@stpaulmuskego.org).

# MISSION PARTNER NEWS

## **ANOTHER MISSION PARTNER: COSTA MAYA MINISTRIES**

A Wisconsin couple has a summer home on the Yucatan Peninsula, about four hours south of Cancun. About ten years ago, they started sharing their faith others and a mission began. Two years ago, the mission called Pastor Martin Valleskey, formerly of St. Peters in Milwaukee, to serve as their missionary. God has blessed their efforts and they hope to add a second staff person. While this mission is part of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, it is supported solely by mission partner congregations and individuals. Because of its proximity to Cancun and the inexpensive flights to that resort area, it is relatively easy to participate in short-term mission trips to Costa Maya. It is our prayer that St. Paul's can develop a mission partner relationship with this new mission, providing financial and manpower support. We will welcome any gift you would like to give for this effort. Mark it Mexican Mission Partner. More information will be coming soon!

## **HELPING A SISTER CITY IN PUERTO RICO**

Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, is a city in the center of the island that was ravaged by Hurricane Maria. This is the hometown of St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig. She still has many relatives living in this community. Pastor Pete has formed a team of Diane and Jay and Joan Oswald to coordinate our efforts to show Christian love to this area in need. In the shortterm we will be sending supplies that are needed. Diane's family owns a home in Barranquitas that we can use to house volunteers who go to help clean up and rebuild. That is our long-term prayer... that some of us can give of our time and travel to the island. Who knows how our Christian love might make a difference, not only in helping rebuild, but also to draw someone to see the love of Jesus in our love for them. That is our ultimate long-term prayer... to make a difference for eternity. If you would like to support this effort, mark your gift "Puerto Rico."

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITY - TEACH ENGLISH THROUGH BIBLE STORIES**

Joy-Filled Children of the World (JCW) is an exciting and blooming ministry to Asian children.

JCW is looking for American volunteers to teach conversational English *from their own homes* to small groups of children. They have almost 50 small groups starting this week but desperately need more American volunteers.

The children have had at least 3 years of academic English, and this program engages them in conversation through Bible stories to help them develop their English speaking skills. Volunteers teach small classes (2-4 students, ages 9-16) which are hosted by a "local assistant teacher." American volunteers teach via the internet one hour per week, with a total of 24 lessons between October and June. You don't have to be a certified teacher or a master of English... just friendly, patient and mentoring.

More information is available at the Welcome Center or you may also contact Beth Radloff-Gove at [bethgove@gmail.com](mailto:bethgove@gmail.com) or (512) 762-3762.

# GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY – MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Be more than a participant. Be a partner in our ministries! Join us in this “Bible boot camp” that help you track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life. The study is led by Pastor Pete on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Register on the Connection Card.

## **OUR WORLD - GOD’S WAY – CURRENT GRACE ROOM STUDY**

A better understanding of Creation Science can assist us when we engage in conversations with those who believe in evolution. Join St. Paul’s member, Joel Weaver, a creation-science enthusiast, for *Our World, God’s Way* in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am.

## **HOUSE OR HOME: GOD’S BLUEPRINT FOR BIBLICAL PARENTING**

Raising children is a high-stakes adventure. But there is great hope. God has given us some clear and timeless truths to follow. *House or Home? God’s Blueprint for Biblical Parenting* is the next Parents Club offering facilitated by St. Paul’s Lutheran School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons. It is an 8-week DVD-based series, beginning October 29 in school classroom 9.

## **TUG TALK: STOP THE VIOLENCE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

The next TUG Talk will discuss the recent violence that has struck our nation under the title *Stop the Violence!* on Sunday, October 22, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Trinity Café.

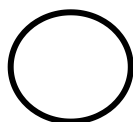
## **NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019**

Next year’s income limits for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) will increase by 35%. If you or someone you know might qualify for the WPCP given the income limits listed to the right, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for more information at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would LOVE to have your family take a tour of our school!

Household Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$44,352	\$51,352
4	\$53,460	\$60,460
5	\$62,568	\$69,568
6	\$71,676	\$78,676
***Add \$7,500 for each additional family member		

## **STONE CREEK PRESENTS HIS NEIGHBOR PHIL**

*His Neighbor Phil* is a film about hope, love, devotion, and Alzheimer's disease. It focuses mostly on the tireless work of family caregivers. This emotional family drama will be shown at Stoney Creek on Tuesday, November 14. Doors open at 10:00 am with showing at 10:30 am. Discussion and lunch will follow. Call and reserve your spot with Charlene Schacht at (414) 422-4686. The deadline to register is Tuesday, November 7.



## 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 how you enjoyed the beautiful weather last week.
  
2. Recall Pastor Pete's illustration at the beginning of the message about how to "move" God with our righteousness.
  - a. Why isn't God moved to save us simply by us doing what is right? See Galatians 3:10.
  - b. What is wrong with the "try" solution?
  - c. How does faith allow you to simply say, "I am righteous"?
  - d. Which of these theologies do you feel is the most common among people today?
  
3. Read Romans 4:4-8
  - a. What are the different word pictures that Paul uses for forgiveness?
  - b. Which is the most meaningful to you?
  
4. Luther once said this of the relief he felt once he truly understood the righteousness of God: *"The righteous one lives by faith.' Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates. There a totally other face of all Scripture showed itself to me. And whereas before 'the righteousness of God' had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love."* Did you ever have a moment of understanding like this in your spiritual growth and development? If so, describe it to your group.
  
5. Read John 5:24-29.
  - . In what way have you already crossed over from death to life (verses 24 & 25)?
    - a. Verses 28 and 29 speak of the resurrection of the body at the last day. How do you understand this statement that "those who have done good will rise to live" after hearing a "faith alone" message?
  
6. We celebrated "Saints Triumphant" Sunday this weekend. Share a story of a saint triumphant who was most influential in your faith life.
  
7. What might look different in your life this week as a result of this week's message?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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### 1. Righteousness by Do, Try, or Be... Which is it?

- a. Do: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).
- b. Try: "Do what is within you!" (Pre-Reformation Theology)
- c. Be: "In the gospel, the righteousness of God is revealed... 'The righteous will live by faith'" (Romans 1:17).

### 2. Righteousness by Faith Alone Changes Everything.

- a. It gives me a new view of "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" (John 5:24-25).
- b. It gives me a new view of "\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 10:17).
- c. It gives me a new view of "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_" (John 5:28-29).

### Dig Deeper

- Go back to your spiritual roots. Read a biography of Martin Luther (see our church library or your local public library).
- Watch *A Return to Grace – Luther's Life and Legacy* at The Ridge on Mon, Oct 23 @ 7 pm, Wed, Oct 25 @ 7 pm, or Mon, Oct 30 @ 10 am or 7 pm.
- Reread each day this week the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, chapters 3 – 8 to learn more fully the truth... that you are righteous in God's sight by faith alone.