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THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

CHRIST ALONE

November 5, 2017

Five hundred years after the Reformation, the challenge still lies before us... in the face of trouble and death to put our hope in Christ alone!

BELLS AND WELCOME

M In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (*Psalms 46:1*)

C **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.** (*Psalms 46:2*)

M "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (*Psalms 46:10*)

C **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.** (*Psalms 46:11*)

Soloist

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Festival Choir

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Refrain (Congregation):

Christ a - lone. Cor - ner - stone. Weak made
strong in the Sav - ior's love. Through the
storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

Festival Choir

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

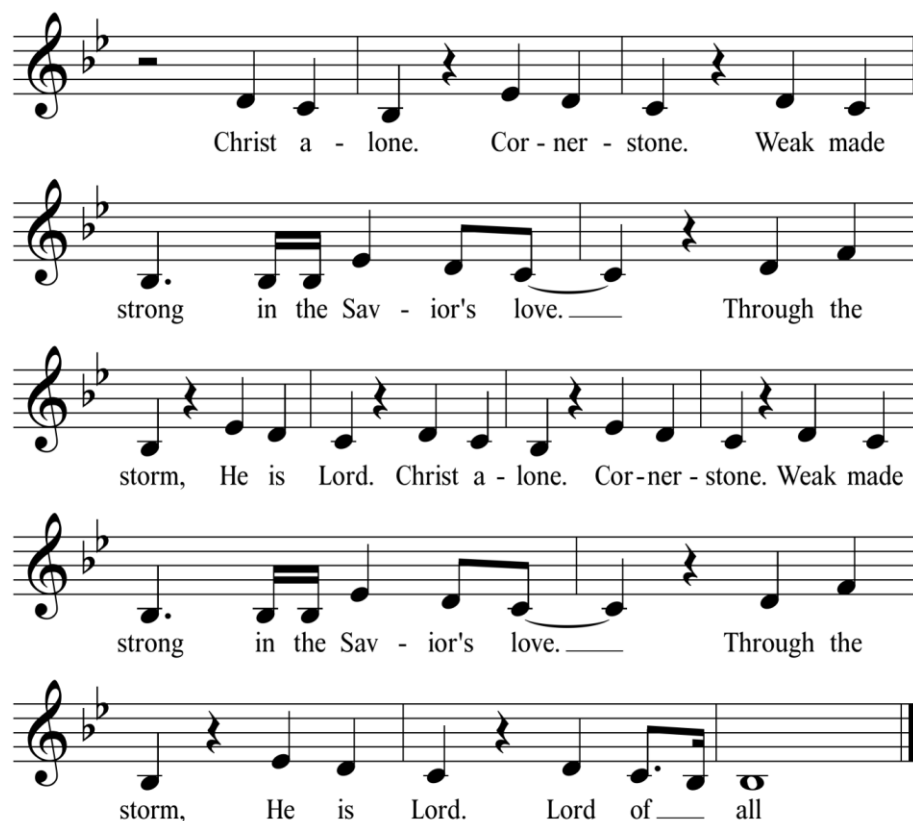
Refrain sung twice (Congregation)

Christ a - lone. Cor - ner - stone. Weak made
strong in the Sav - ior's love. Through the
storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

Festival Choir

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Final Refrain (Congregation)



Festival Choir

Lord of all! Lord of all!

M Without your Word, O God, our lives are built upon sand.

C **The sinking sand of selfishness, the foolishness of pride.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we confess our sin.

All **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

M Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." (*John 20:23*) Because of the promise of our Savior, Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

BAPTISMS (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Joel Joseph Bauman

Son of Nicholas and Rebecca (nee Fritz) Bauman, born October 27, 2017

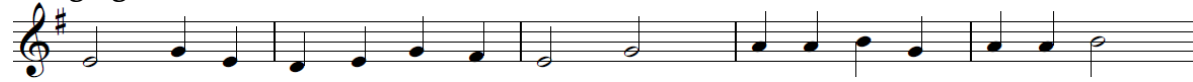
Markas Albert Schmit

Son of Corey Christopher and Natalie (nee Shields) Schmit, born August 14, 2017

Festival Choir

Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame.
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Congregation

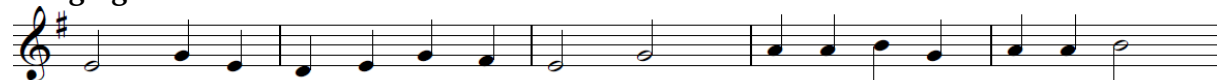


1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who by de - ceit or sword
Would seek to o - ver-throw Your Son And to de - stroy what He has done.

Festival Choir

And Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word,
You are truly my disciples."
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Congregation

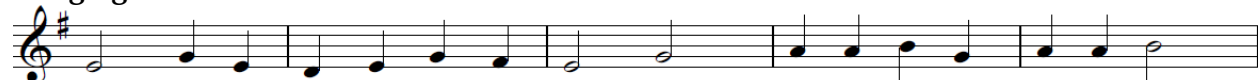


2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords a - lone;
De - fend Your Chris-ten - dom that we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Festival Choir

There is one body, there is one Spirit,
There is one hope for which we live
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Congregation



3. O Com-fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and u - ni - ty on earth;
Sup - port us in our fi - nal strife And lead us out of death to life.

Festival Choir

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in your undeserved love for us you sent us your Son, Jesus, to be the only Savior this world will ever know or need.

C **He who had no sin became sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** (2 Corinthians 5:21)

M Help us to daily live in repentance and to cherish his saving work for us,

C **so that we no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us and was raised again.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with the you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen**

ANTHEM

In Freedom Stand Fast, Festival Choir
by Jon Eiche

FIRST LESSON

Romans 3:19-24, Bible page 1129

Paul says that the law of God silences us. It will not allow us to say, "But I'm better than...at least I haven't..." The law forces us to be conscious of how sinful we are. We are freely declared righteous in God's sight through the redeeming work of Jesus.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 46

The Lord is with us; he is our rock and fortress.

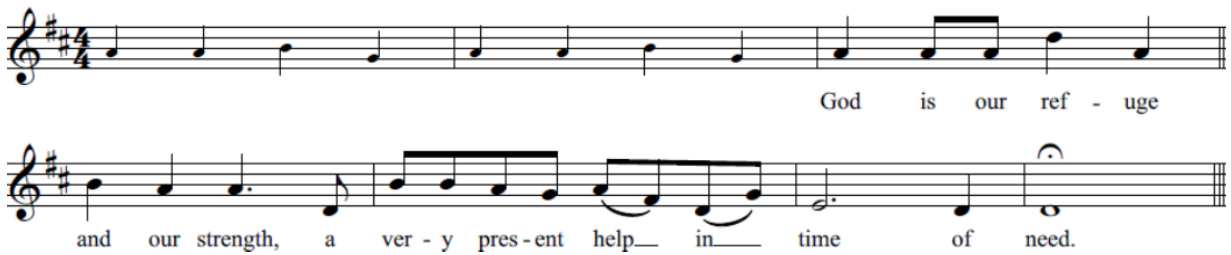
Festival Choir



Festival Choir

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of need. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

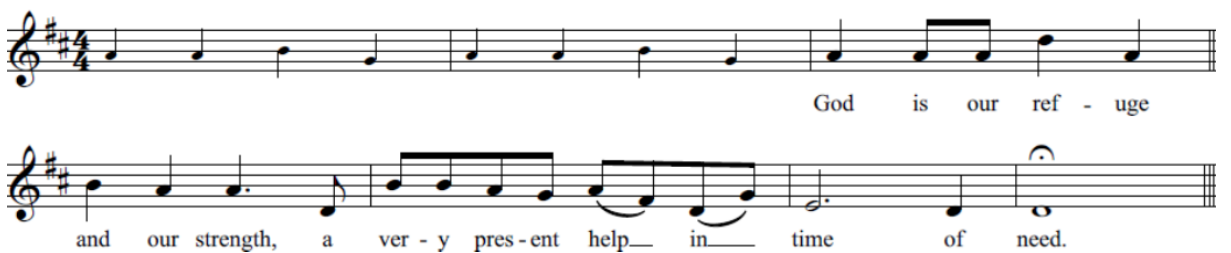
Congregation and Festival Choir



Festival Choir

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at the break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

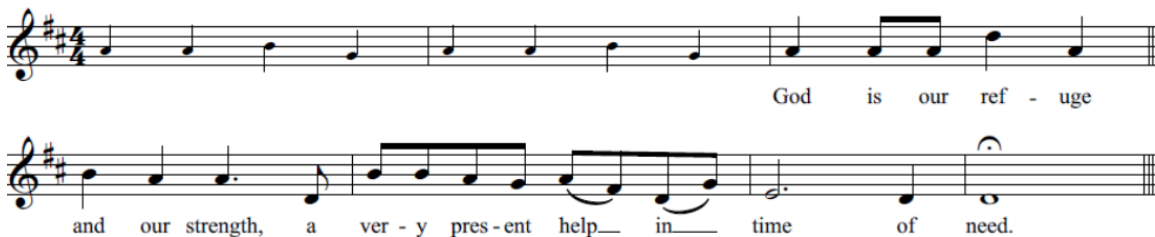
Congregation and Festival Choir



Festival Choir

Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Congregation and Festival Choir

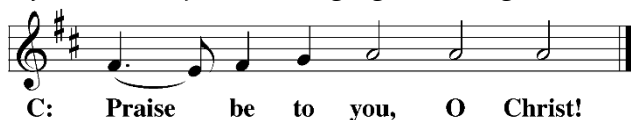


GOSPEL

John 14:1-6, Bible page 1081

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going away and that he will come back and take them to his Father's house. He makes it very clear that he is the only way to heaven.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed with Luther's Explanation

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY 200

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SERMON

Acts 4:1-12, Bible page 1093

Pastor Peter Panitzke

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, *Festival Orchestra*
arr. by Jeff Cranfil

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant, Martin Luther, to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Lord Jesus, we thank you for the victory that you have won for us.

C **Empower us to go forth into the world with your great victory embedded in our hearts and flowing from our lips. 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 752

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

PRESIDING MINISTER *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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 6, 2017

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Through the Bible in a Year (Grace Room)
TUE	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) Volleyball League (Trinity Gym) <i>Following the Promise</i> Membership Bible Study (Faith Room) Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
WED	1:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year (Grace Room) Public School Confirmation Classes Traditional Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	8:15 am 6:30 am 10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Main Church) Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Stoney Creek Bible Study: <i>The Bible, Luther, and Baptism</i> (Stoney Creek) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
FRI	5:00 pm	Czerniak/Mattek Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	8:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Jennifer Czerniak and Alex Mattek Wedding Ceremony (Main Church) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion 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 Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

NEW SERMON SERIES - THE DOMINO EFFECT

One thing leads to another. A generous God creates generous people with a generous vision. In the next several weeks, we want to celebrate each of these truths.

- We have a generous God who provides all we need for soul and body.
- He has made us a generous people whose generosity has made an eternal difference in the lives of thousands.
- He has given us a generous vision of greater work to be done.

Join us November 12 – 26 as we celebrate this miracle of generosity among us and ask that this miracle see continued growth.



WEDDINGS

Tanya Lightcap and Dustin Dragotta, as well as Caitlin Rick and Tom Schultz were joined in marriage on Saturday, November 4. May God bless these couples in their marriages joined together in Christ.

HOSPITALIZED

Rebecca Bauman and baby Joel Joseph, Robert Dahlke, and Bill Holtz were released from the hospital.

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, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Sergeant Christopher Verhein (protecting our country).

ATTENDANCE

1020 were in attendance two weeks ago. 961 attended last week.

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

Pastor Nathan Strobel has accepted our call to serve as our fourth pastor in the role of Resident Missionary. He will begin his duties after the first of the year. We rejoice that the Lord has led him to accept our call and join with the entire Wisconsin Lutheran College family in asking God to bless them as they seek Pastor Strobel's replacement.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. They are second only to the Holy Spirit when it comes to a child's spiritual development. In recognition of this reality and as a way to improve the partnership with and strengthen the skills of parents, St. Paul's invites parents of 6th through 8th graders to attend the 2017 Parent Partnership Sessions on Saturday, November 18, 8:30-11:00 am. All sessions will be held in our school classrooms. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson to reserve your place.

For Grade 6 Parents...Classroom 10 ***What Makes Teens Tick?*** - with Dr. Joel Nelson

Take a look at what's going on in adolescent children physiologically, psychologically, and spiritually. The three big questions all youth want answered will be revealed and parents will be given three simple rules that can make a huge difference in their relationship with their adolescent children.

For Grade 7 Parents...Classroom 9 ***Christian Identity: The Key to Navigating Life*** - with Pastor Bonack

Explore a Christian perspective in managing the pressures parents and children face: anxiety, withdrawal, shame, depression, guilt, rejection, aggression, stress-induced illness, at risk behaviors, and suicidal thoughts.

For Grade 8 Parents...Classroom 8 ***Why Study the Bible, Pray, and Live for Christ?*** - with Pastor Kuehl

Focus on the vital importance of striving to grow in our faith, our prayer life, and our walk with the Lord Jesus. It will also offer practical application on ways to incorporate the truths of God's Word into our hurried and hectic lives. The world is filled with a cacophony of voices, each calling in different directions.

PUERTO RICO MISSION PROJECT

HURRICANE MARIA DEVASTATES PUERTO RICO – PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



A Puerto Rico home, now sagging from the wrath of Hurricane Maria

Nestled in the mountains of central Puerto Rico is the city of Barranquitas (population 31,000). Just outside the city is Barrancas Sector Matadero, a neighborhood of about 200 people. St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig (nee Colon-Rodriguez) and her sister, Iris Colon-Rodriguez, are related to many of the people who live in that neighborhood.

At 6:15 on the morning of September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria slammed into the island dumping two feet of rain and winds of 150 miles per hour. As a result, many people were killed and severely injured. The electric power grid for the entire island was destroyed and all communication ceased.

Diane and Iris were concerned, particularly when they were unable to contact anyone from the Barrancas community for almost two weeks.

away and the crops and banana trees on his farm wiped out. But he also reported that miraculously no one in the neighborhood had been killed or seriously injured.

Diane and Iris began mailing packages to the people of Barrancas containing canned and dry food, as well as first aid kits, batteries, and other medical supplies --- 28 packages so far. On October 23, Miguel excitedly reported that the first three packages had arrived. Miguel also said he, his family members, and his neighbors were grateful that Diane and Iris had shown their great concern and love for them by sending the packages.

The boxes that have been sent have been done so at great personal expense to Diane and Iris. As we approach Thanksgiving in Muskego, a small planning group is considering ways in which additional assistance can be provided. We give thanks for offerings of over \$1000 that have already been given through special gifts at St. Paul's to provide relief for our extended family in Puerto Rico.

More next week!



The paint of this house is no more. It was literally sucked off the house by the hurricane winds.



A sink hole emerges in the aftermath of Maria.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The October edition of the newsletter from our brothers and sisters in Malawi is available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your generous gifts given to this important mission work in Africa, served by Pastor John Holtz, a former member of our congregation.

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, 9:15 – 10:15 am, in the Grace Room through November 19.

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." You will 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.

HOUSE OR HOME: GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR BIBLICAL PARENTING

House or Home? God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting is the current Parents Club offering facilitated by School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons. It is an 8-week DVD-based series, continuing through Sunday, December 17 in school classroom 9.

MOMMY AND ME

If you are interested in a "Mommy and Me / Moms and Tots" group and/or helping to organize it, contact Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!



St. Paul's 2017 *Christmas for Kids* is Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Trinity Café and Gym. Register online at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of the Connection Card, sign the Welcome Center sheet, or contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. *Christmas for Kids* is for children ages 3-12. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their "ticket" for the morning. Contact Dr. Nelson at (414)-422-0320, ext. 145 with questions.

BOYS CHURCH BASKETBALL

Teen boys, not on their high school's team, interested in playing in the high school church league should contact Dr. Nelson, by December 1, at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

STONEY CREEK PRESENTS HIS NEIGHBOR PHIL

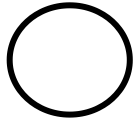
His Neighbor Phil will be shown at Stoney Creek on Tuesday, November 14. Discussion and lunch will follow. Call and reserve your spot with Charlene Schacht at (414) 422-4686 by Tuesday, November 7.

DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Dorcas Society bake sale is Sunday, November 19. Proceeds will go to the St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and the Malawi African mission. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 18, from 7:00 until 11:00 am, or prior to the 5:00 pm worship service. Contact Marilyn Lesser at (262) 613-4144 with questions.

PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING MEAL

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to needy families within our congregation and community on November 21. If you know of a family in need or if your family would benefit from a Thanksgiving food basket, please contact Coordinator Steve Graham at steve0828@hotmail.com or 262-232-0928 or Pastor Kuehl at dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 121.

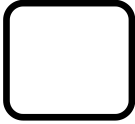


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share highs and lows with your group and open your time together in prayer.
2. Pastor Pete reminded us that we have a Savior who is not only strong enough to help us conquer the enemies on the outside, but he is also strong enough to conquer the demons within us. Which do you feel more challenged by most days?
3. Read Acts 3 for the background to this week's message. How was the message of "Christ alone" revealed in the miracle recorded here?
4. Read Acts 4:1-12
 - What stands out to you the most in this account?
 - Compare this account to the time in Luther's life that he was also considered an outlaw. What common threads do you see?
5. Read Acts 4:13-22. Their accusers noted that Peter and John "had been with Jesus." What change would others see in you that they might also be moved to notice that you have "been with Jesus"?
6. Salvation by Christ alone became a very personal issue for Luther as he struggled with the demons within. Share, as you feel comfortable, when faith in Jesus became a very personal issue for you.
7. What was your biggest "A-ha!" from our Reformation 500 message series?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Reformation 500

Here I Stand! Christ Alone!

Acts 4:1-12, page 1093

1. **Christ alone against the enemies without**
 - a. In prison
 - b. In Wartburg, in Wittenberg, in Coburg
 - c. Always add one

2. **Christ alone against the demons within**
 - a. In the light of 5000
 - b. In the darkness of one
 - c. Always add one

3. **Christ alone at the moment of death**
 - a. “Do you want to stand firm on Christ and the doctrine you have taught?”
 - b. Always add one

Christ alone... our Reformation Mission

*“By every possible means
we bring every person within our area of influence
closer to Christ.”*

Dig Deeper

- Read a biography of Martin Luther (see our church library or your local public library).
- Purchase the DVD *A Return to Grace – Luther’s Life and Legacy* at Northwestern Publishing House or order online.
- Read the Gospel of John this week, just 3 chapters per day, to prepare yourself in every situation to “always add one” – Christ Alone!