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**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
**CHANGE THE WORLD: LIVE THE REVOLUTION**  
**LOOK FOR HOPE**  
January 6, 7, and 10, 2018

*How do we change the world? It begins by changing ourselves. The Wise Men traveled a thousand miles to find and display hope. Are we that committed? If not, can we hope to change the world?*

**PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING**

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 80**

**Angels from the Realms of Glory**

**M** In the name of the Father, who is the Father of the heavenly lights, and of the Son, who is the Light of the world, and of the Holy Spirit, who reveals that light to us through the gospel.

**C** **Amen.**

**M** Without the light of Jesus our hearts are dark.

**C** **In this darkness sin finds a welcome home.**

**M** But we don't live in darkness anymore. Jesus' light shines into our hearts. We not only see the ugliness of our sin, we hate sin. For this reason we choose not to hide our sin, but to confess it freely:

**All** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

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

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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, as you once led the Magi to worship, so you have led us to this place. We have come to offer you our gifts of worship and praise,

C **as well as hearts and minds that are eager to grow in spiritual understanding and wisdom.**

M We long to hear your voice. Speak to us of your love, your grace, and your salvation. 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.

## FIRST LESSON

**Ephesians 2:12, 13**, Bible page 1174

*Apart from Christ, we were without hope.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

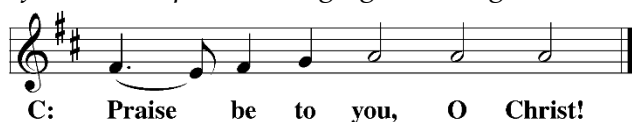
**Psalms 72**, Hymnal page 93

*Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 2:1-12**, Bible page 966  
*The Magi visit the Messiah.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## HYMN OF THE DAY 79, vv. 1, 2, 5

**How Lovely Shines the Morning Star**

## SERMON

**Matthew 2:1-12**; Bible page 966  
*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C** You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Bless the ministry of Resident Missionary Pastor Nathan Strobel. May we work with him to speak your name to those around us who live without faith or hope.

C **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M Lord of the church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

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 87

#### Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

#### CLOSING PRAYER

M Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world.

C **Thank you for shining your light into our hearts today.**

M May your light continue to change and shape us

C **that we may serve as beacons of your hope to the world around us.**

M We bless you now and always.



## 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

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

**ORGANIST** *Carol Nelson*



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 January 7, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year Bible Study (Grace Room)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	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	Worship Service with Holy Communion

## FREE WIRELESS ON CAMPUS AT ST. PAUL'S

Free wireless access is available on the campus of St. Paul's. The password is: SPLWirelessInternet!



### 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

## HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Dycorn Transitional Living, and Roger Rasmussen is at St. Luke's.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, John Hansen, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

834 attended worship services last week.

## COME AND WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!

A reception will immediately follow the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, January 7, in the Grace Room. Greet and welcome Pastor Nate Strobel while you enjoy cake and coffee!

## WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY THIS SUMMER

St. Paul's would like to send a group to this summer's WELS International Youth Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio (June 26-29). St. Paul's teens interested in receiving more information about this summer's rally should contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). He will add you to the information list and send you updates as they come out. You can also go to [wels.net/2018youthrally](http://wels.net/2018youthrally) for up to date details from WELS.

## STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

Stoney Creek will be seeing *Phantom* at the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson on Wednesday, February 7. Cost is \$98. The bus will leave at 8:30 am from Stoney Creek. Please call Charlene or Cindy at (414) 422-4686 to reserve your seat today.

## ORGANIZATION OF WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SENIORS MEETS TUESDAY

The OWLS meeting will be held in the Grace Room on Tuesday, January 9, at 12:00 pm. The meal will be a "chili dump." Please bring a portion of your favorite chili (already warm) to add to the pot and enjoy the provided entertainment. All seniors 55 and older are welcome.

## STATE OF THE SCHOOL MINISTRY REPORT

In December our school principal, Mr. Fitzsimmons, prepared a State of the School Report which was emailed to the congregation. If you were not able to read that, please take the time to pick up a copy available at the Welcome Center in the lobby. It is an enjoyable read.

## THANK YOU FROM OUR K-8 TEACHERS

On behalf of our kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, thank you for the generous door collection following the children's Christmas service on December 22. It is a great joy to serve our kids, families, and congregation here at St. Paul's in the name of our Savior! ~ Principal Fitzsimmons

## LEARN ABOUT AND LIKE ST. PAUL'S



[www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) (church)



[www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)



[www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org) (school)



St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Muskego, WI



The Bridge at St. Paul's

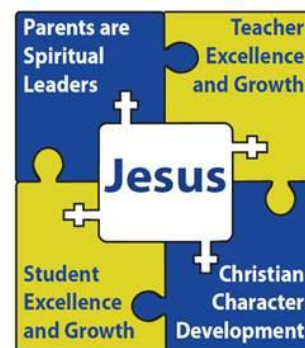


St. Paul's Lutheran School – Muskego, WI

# OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 3K-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun for our 3K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lutheran school. St. Paul's participates in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs. Income eligibility information is listed below. Our congregation also provides \$860,000 in tuition assistance each year. Don't let financial concerns keep you from exploring this opportunity to help your child grow in faith. Schedule a tour with our School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118 or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) as soon as possible or attend the open house on January 28. See below for more details.



## NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (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! Please note – these 2018-19 income limits for the WPCP have increased by 35% compared to last year.

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		

## LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 28

Can you invite someone? Can you tell someone about our schools? January and February are the months where many families are interested in learning more information about a school for their child. Whether this is for 3K, 4K, Kindergarten or transferring into a 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, all are welcome. Do you know someone like this? If so, invite them to our open house on Sunday, January 28, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. I would love to talk to them about our schools. You may also have them contact me at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit. At St. Paul's we offer:

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

Sincerely in Christ,  
Mr. Fitzsimmons



## MEET PASTOR STROBEL

Nathan Strobel is a 1990 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He comes to St. Paul's from Wisconsin Lutheran College where he served as campus pastor and then as Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students. Prior to WLC, he served as a home missionary at Faith Lutheran Church in Tallahassee, FL, and as associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bay City, MI. Nathan was born in Bismarck, ND, and has lived in the Canadian province of Alberta, in Rapid City, SD, and in Watertown, WI, as his father was a pastor. His parents were from Watertown and Baraboo, WI.



In 1985, Nathan married Jean Hathaway, then of West Bend, WI. Their marriage has been blessed with two daughters—Jessica and her husband, Stephen (children, Matt and Hannah) of Dover, DE, and Melissa and her husband, Robert (son, Daniel) of Madison, WI. Jean is a registered nurse employed at Froedtert Hospital in the Eye Institute. The Strobels are in the process of moving to Muskego from Cedarburg. For the next several months they will live near Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This summer, after Pastor Bonack and his family move to the house they have purchased, the Strobels will move into the Janesville Road parsonage.

Nathan and Jean enjoy camping and hiking and walking marathons. Jean enjoys cooking and “growing in the gift of hospitality.” Nathan is a fan of the outdoors enjoying hunting, fishing, and traditional archery. He is a runner, though NOT focused on running the Boston Marathon anytime soon! Nathan especially enjoys landscaping and tree planting—“I will ask God if I can work in the forests of heaven one day.”

Pastor Strobel joins our Ministerial Team as “Resident Missionary.” He will work closely with Community Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner to strengthen our ministry to the community around us. He will also serve as the host pastor for The Bridge service. Nathan writes, “My task and joy will be to reach out to all with the life-changing good news of our *relevant and real* Savior, Jesus—especially giving attention to those visiting St. Paul's or ‘rubbing shoulders with us’ on our congregation's journey this side of heaven. I am honored and privileged to serve with St. Paul's in Christ's kingdom. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we grow to know and to love God's people here in this place.”

# DIVINE CALL DECISIONS

## **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SETH FITZSIMMONS DECLINES CALL TO LUTHER PREP**

Dear Friends in Christ at St. Paul's,

It has been an honor holding this call to my alma mater, Luther Prep (LPS), in Watertown. After prayer time with the Lord, and after many conversations with people here in Muskego and there in Watertown, I have decided to decline the divine call to serve as LPS biology professor and coach.

Through this Call process, the Lord gave me a chance to consider a short or long-term change in ministry direction – from principal...to teacher, coach, and encourager of potential future called workers at LPS. Hearing so many excellent things about LPS's ministry and how I could have had an impact there was very good.

However, I greatly enjoy serving the Lord and families as a principal. I am blessed to lead and serve alongside so many wonderful and talented teachers and staff here at St. Paul's. I'm blessed to be a part of a congregation that's "got it going on" as I tell prospect families who tour our school. What a blessing it is to be here! Let's keep the many good things going, and let's keep getting better and better every year, through the Lord's blessing.

I pray and know full well that God will continue to keep His guiding hand over Luther Prep until the right man is found for their Call.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mr. Fitzsimmons

## **PASTOR KUERTH ACCEPTS CALL TO FLORIDA**

Pastor Ben Kuerth, the lead pastor of our daughter congregation, Victory of the Lamb in Franklin, has accepted a call to serve Divine Savior Lutheran Church and School in Doral, Florida. Please keep Pastor Ben, his family, both congregations, and Victory of the Lamb's associate pastor, Bill Limmer, in your prayers as they experience major changes in their lives.

# START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE: A STUDY OF MAJOR BIBLE THEMES**

*Following the Promise* traces the promise of the Savior from the creation of the world, through Christmas and Easter, to the end of the world. This course will help you understand and treasure the truth that each of us is infinitely precious to God. This also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Pete Panitzke and Pastor Nathan Strobel will be leading this study, beginning Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm.

## **THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**

New participants are welcome to this study that is offered Mondays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Read a section of scripture each week and discuss it as a group with Pastor Pete Panitzke leading.

## **THE CULTS: AMERICA'S HOME-GROWN RELIGIONS**

Join former pastor and St. Paul's member, Wayne Borgwardt, as he takes a look at cults in America and how they do and don't relate to Jesus Christ and Scripture: Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room through February 11.

## **STRONG FAMILIES - BLESSED LIVES**

Join Dr. Joel Nelson on Sunday, January 7, at 9:15 am (same time as Kids Club) for the start of the next Parent's Club study in School Classroom 9. Explore the characteristics that make a family healthy and strong. This study will run through the end of March.

## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Beginning Thursday, January 18, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm, we will use Dave Ramsey's course to learn the principals that can lead to financial peace. The course meets for 9 weeks in the Grace Room.

## **LEAVING A LEGACY – THE LEGACY JOURNEY**

*The Legacy Journey* is a seven-week, biblically based class that teaches how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, purposeful living, safeguarding your legacy, and discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. Indicate interest on the Connection Card. A day and time of the study will be announced soon.

# JANUARY MESSAGE SERIES

## CHANGE YOUR WORLD: Live the Revolution

When Jesus was born, the Roman Empire enjoyed financial and military success. At the same time, scandals of a sexual nature had become commonplace in the ruling elite. Positions of power were bought and sold. The world was ripe for revolution.

Over the next three centuries, a revolution did take place... the Christian revolution. The Christian faith became the dominate force in the Roman world by 325 AD.

How did the Christian Church change the world? It wasn't by armed revolt. It wasn't a result of political intrigue. The world was changed by individual Christians living a revolutionary life, a life of purpose and love that amazed the world around them and led many people to know Christ.

As we begin the new year, it is our prayer that we can change the world too. We won't study politics or military tactics. We'll study the revolutionary message... that changed the world of Jesus' day... that has changed us... and that can change our world today.



### Live the Revolution

Find New Identity	January 14	Galatians 3:26,27
Build a Community	January 21	Hebrews 10:19-24
Live with Purpose	January 28	2 Timothy 1:8-10
Act in Love	February 4	1 John 3:11-20

## A GENEROUS PEOPLE

December has been a very busy month for our community outreach efforts here at St. Paul's. The generosity of our brothers and sisters overwhelms me and I feel compelled to share a summary of all the things we have done. Here are some statistics you might like to read.

- 86 – children's Christmas gifts given to the clients of the Muskego Food Pantry
- 65 – Christmas gifts given to the residents at Muskego Health Care Center
- 4 – people volunteered their time shopping and wrapping for others
- 6 – families were given Christmas gifts and a complete Christmas dinner
- 5 – donors are paying for rent totaling \$2,900 for a homeless Muskego family whose need was brought to our attention by the Muskego Food Pantry
- \$900+ paid towards a family's past-due medical bills
- \$1,000 given towards a much-needed operation for a friend of St. Paul's



Our facilities were used at no charge for three organizations:

- Muskego Food Pantry - Christmas party
- Muskego Woman's Club - blood drive
- Life Line Screening - health screening in our area

I estimate that over \$11,000 went out to needy people last month. This is all to show Jesus' love towards people in our community. Our involvement in the community is also highlighted on our website at <http://stpaulmuskego.org/about-us/community-involvement/>. It's truly a privilege for me to coordinate these outreach efforts with such a generous church family.

Sally Wallner  
St. Paul's Community Outreach Coordinator

### PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

In addition to our care for people in our community, St. Paul's members have also generously provided over \$8000 to help people in Puerto Rico whose homes have been damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Maria. This week, St. Paul's members Jay and Joan Oswald (who had already planned a trip to Puerto Rico) were able to meet several of the people that we are helping in the Barrancas neighborhood of Barranquitas. This is the hometown of St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig. Because this community in the center of the island is still without electricity, and likely will be for several more months, Joan and Jay were able to personally deliver a number of solar-powered lights to celebrate the Epiphany news that Jesus is the Light of the world.

# ST. PAUL'S SUPPORT GROUPS

## **MOMMY & ME BEGINS JANUARY 24**

St. Paul's will begin a new social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms of young children—infant through age five. *Mommy & Me* will meet Wednesday mornings, beginning January 24, from 9:30-11:00 in the Faith Room. This ministry will begin with a social, get-to-know-each-other focus, and move towards blending social, education (secular and spiritual), and service into the mix. Usually moms and children will be together, but there may be special times when moms and children will be separate. Former St. Paul's School Teacher Samantha Lindner, who became a full time stay-at-home mom to Aria last year, will serve as the group's facilitator. For more information, contact Samantha at (989) 284-2854 or Dr. Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

## **DIVORCARE SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS JANUARY 9**

Divorce is painful. It is not what God intended when he instituted marriage, but in this sinful world it happens, and it hurts. If you have gone through a divorce, then you may be experiencing some of the pain, loss, loneliness, and confusion that comes along with it. We at St. Paul's are here to help and support you. You are not alone.

If you are separated or contemplating divorce we are here to help and support you, too. With God there is always hope. "May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you" (Psalm 33:22).

St. Paul's offers *DivorceCare*, a Christ-centered 13-week program, which includes video segments, group discussion, and personal Bible study. Feel free to attend anytime throughout the 13 weeks to find help, discover hope, and experience healing.

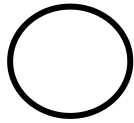
*DivorceCare* meets Tuesdays from 6:00 until 7:30 pm in school classroom 9. To register contact Kristen Miller at [millerkr@stpmuskego.org](mailto:millerkr@stpmuskego.org), (414) 422-0320, or just show up on Tuesday.

## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Have you recently been diagnosed with cancer? Are you currently battling cancer? Are you supporting a friend or family member who has fought or currently is battling cancer? Sometimes people are overwhelmed in these situations and say, "I can't do this." God tells us, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). The St. Paul's Cancer Support Group would also like to offer support. We have members of all ages who have been affected by cancer in some manner. The group has compiled a variety of information which can be found in the Cancer Support Group corner of the church library. If you are a cancer survivor, are currently battling cancer, or have friends or family members fighting the fight and would like to join our group, or would like to speak to someone for support, please contact Karen Schram at (414) 529-5544 or Judy Schmidt at [gjschmidt@wi.rr.com](mailto:gjschmidt@wi.rr.com)

## **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Paul's Alzheimer's Support Group meets to provide comfort and resources for care partners, easing the burden of this dreaded disease. As people who are dealing with similar challenges share their experiences, care partners realize they are not alone, nor are they the first to face such challenges. A unique feature of this group is applying the comfort of prayer and God's Word to individual situations. This support group is sanctioned by the Alzheimer's Association and meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the church library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the group will be January 16. For more information contact David Timm at (262) 787-5955 or Andy Timm at (414) 254-3548.



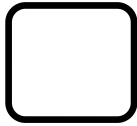
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

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

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1. Share highs and lows of your Christmas and New Year celebrations with your group and begin in prayer.
  
2. This new series is about a revolution – the Christian revolution – and what it means for our world today. What thoughts, fears, experiences and/or anticipations do you have surrounding the word *revolution*?
  
3. Read Matthew 2:1-12
  - What struck you the most about the Magi?
  
  - What might you have said to [or asked] these three Wise Men about their journey if you had been their best friend?
  
4. The message reminded us that the Magi found Hope in signs, not of their own imagination, but those revealed in God's Word. They followed the star promised in Numbers 24:17. They rejoiced when directed to the prophecy of Micah 5:2-5.
  - How do you find time in your daily life to find and focus on the Hope God reveals to us in scripture?
  
  - What is one Bible verse you store in your heart for times when Hope seems to grow dim?
  
5. The Sacraments are signs God has given us. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and the "New Covenant" to which Jesus referred when instituting the Lord's Supper. What promises in verses 33-34 will you remember as you receive "the blood of the New Covenant" in the Lord's Supper?
  
6. The Magi worshipped Hope with their time, their joy, and their gifts. How do you intend to grow this year in worshipping Hope?
  - With your time
  
  - With your joy
  
  - With your gifts
  
7. Is there someone in your life that might need this revolutionary Hope right now? Pray together that God blesses you with an open door of conversation with these people this week.



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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### **Change Your World – Live the Revolution Look for Hope**

**Matthew 2:1-12, page 956**

#### **1. Commit yourself to finding Hope**

- a. Find Hope in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Find Hope in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Find Hope in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **2. Commit yourself to worshipping Hope**

- a. Worship Hope with your \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Worship Hope with your \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Worship Hope with your \_\_\_\_\_.

### **My Next Steps to Change the World**

- **Commit to finding Hope in the Word.** Bible reading plans for the entire Bible or just the New Testament are available at the Welcome Center. Bible apps like YouVersion and Bible Gateway offer many plans and will send you daily readings.
- **Commit to finding Hope in the signs.** Memorize Galatians 3:26-27 to find Hope in your baptism and memorize Jeremiah 31:33-34 to find Hope in the New Covenant given to us in Jesus' blood in the Lord's Supper.
- **Commit to finding Hope in good counsel.** Mark on the Connection Card your interest in connecting with your fellow Christians through a Bible study, a small group, a support group and/or a volunteer opportunity.