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CHANGE YOUR WORLD: LIVE THE REVOLUTION LIVE WITH PURPOSE

January 27, 28, and 31, 2018

The Apostle Paul's life and the lives of the early Christians were filled with purpose... and they changed the world. Could God actually be planning to use us to change the world today? The answer is yes! Let's live confident of God's purpose for us and through us.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 532

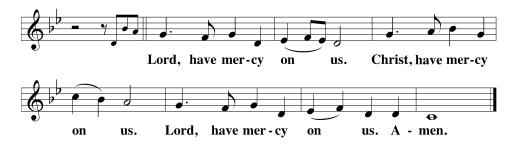
God is Here! As We His People

- M In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit, source of all true joy and happiness.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M Since Adam and Eve's fall into sin, humankind has been trying to find purpose and meaning in anything and everything except the God who designed us and who alone can fill us with a sense of accomplishment that truly satisfies. Aware of our sin and the heartache it brings to both our lives and our Creator, we come before God today with repentant hearts and confess our many sins in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- C 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M God, our heavenly Father, saw our pain and emptiness. He graciously sent his only Son, Jesus, to be the atoning sacrifice for all of our sins. Jesus' death and resurrection restored our relationship with God, returning meaning and purpose once again to our lives. 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.

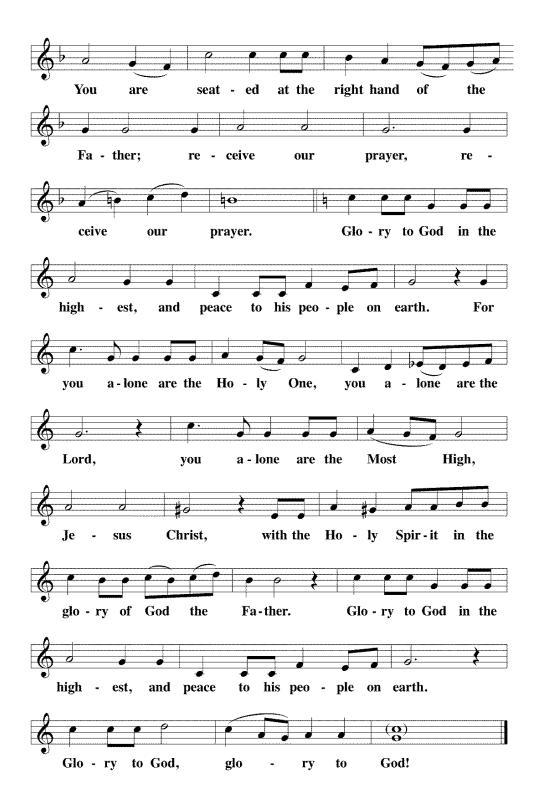
C Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE Glory To God





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- M Let us pray.Lord God, you have planted us like trees beside streams of living water.
- C All who drink from you will never thirst again.

- M Fill us with a love for your word that we might continue to grow in our understanding of your plan for our lives,
- C that we may yield abundant fruit for you.
- 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 Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 2:9, 10, Bible page 1221

We were chosen to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Alleluia. (*Luke 4:18a*)

GOSPEL

Mark 2:13-17, Bible page 1003

Jesus calls all to follow him and share in his ministry to those who are spiritually in need.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After the Gospel, the congregation sings



HYMN 236

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

SERMON

2 Timothy 1:8-10, Bible page 1197 *Pastor Peter Panitzke*

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory (Sunday 7:45 am)

(Sunday 9:15 am)

This I Believe, Maria and Kayla Schultz
by Hillsong
I Love to Tell the Story,
Lutheran School Children's Choir

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Lord, give us a deeper appreciation for the blessings we possess as believers in Christ.
- C Help us live with the purpose of proclaiming your praise in all we say and do.
- M We hunger and thirst for your righteousness. We want to live God-pleasing lives. Help us share Christ's righteousness with the world,
- C so that not only is our hunger satisfied and our thirst quenched, but that many may know Jesus, the Bread of Life and source of Living Water.
- M Keep us pure in heart that we may speak and do all things without ulterior motives or selfish interest. May we be meek, gentle, and patient, reflecting your loyal love.
- C May others see you through us, so that they too know you, trust in you, and one day stand before your throne in heaven.
- M As your sons and daughters, help us to strive for peace.
- C Make us bold to confess your love to all, knowing we may be mistreated as your dear Son was mistreated. Help us to not lose courage but be secure in your faithful grace and promises till we meet you face to face.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

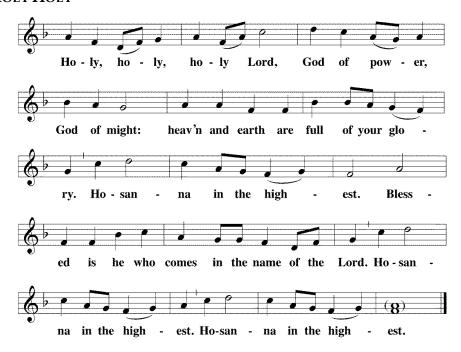
LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- M The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- M Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them up to the Lord.
- M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C It is good and right so to do.
- It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 8.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 241

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Alleluia! Let Praises Ring The Day Full of Grace

CLOSING PRAYER

- O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

M 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.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presiding Minister (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST Nicole Greanya

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

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

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Our membership course, Following the Promise, is held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. You may note your interest in attending the class on the back of the Connection Card.

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

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

HEAR AND SEE THE MESSAGE ONLINE!







- Live Streaming: Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook at The Bridge at St. Paul's, and You Tube at The Bridge Church Muskego. Past live replays are also available on each platform.
- **Sermon Videos and Podcasts:** Sunday sermons are available at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday afternoon/evening.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 29, 2018

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Through the Bible Study in a Year (Grace Room)
TUE	9:30 am 10:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministry Growth Team Meeting Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) DivorceCare Ministry (School Classroom 9) Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mommy and Me (Faith Room) Through the Bible in a Year (Faith Room) Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	No Lutheran School – Staff Retreat/Inservice Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Financial Peace University (Grace Room) Stoney Creek Bible Study: Luther and Witnessing (Stoney Creek) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI		No Lutheran School – Staff Retreat/Inservice
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

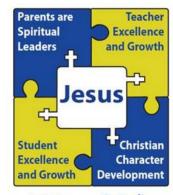
If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has.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

St. Paul's Loves Kids and Teens

PRE-K - 8TH GRADE LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 28

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. Schedule a tour with School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or attend the open house on January 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. At St. Paul's we offer:

- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Exemplary Accredited Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Before and after school extended care and summer care
- Over \$800,000 in tuition assistance last year
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin School Choice programs
- Online application process: www.stpaulmuskego.org/tads





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 or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would LOVE to have your family take a tour of our school! Please note —

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			

these 2018-19 income limits for the WPCP have increased by 35% compared to last year.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MINISTRY REPORT

In December, School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons prepared a State of the School Report which was emailed to the congregation. Extra copies are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby if you would like to read about the successes, challenges, and future goals of our schools.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC TOP 10

Wisconsin Lutheran High School recently announced the academic top 10 for the class of 2018. We are privileged to announce the top two students are graduates of our school! Nathan Wranovsky is number 1 and Meghan Ludke is number 2. Congratulations! God be praised!

SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING INFANT AVAILABILITY

St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) childcare center will have an opening in the infant room beginning September of 2018. Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer for more information at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200.

SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING TEACHERS AID OPENING

SOEL is in need of an outgoing, energetic person, who loves to make a difference in the lives of young children to fill a year-round, full-time, teachers aide position in the Infant Room. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org to apply. You may also stop by the SOEL office located in the east wing of the church to pick up an application.

APACHE MEAL-PACKING EVENT FULLY-FUNDED!

Because of the generous gifts given by God's people here at St. Paul's, this event is now fully funded and will take place on Friday, February 16, in the Trinity Gym. Our Kindergarten through 8th grade students will work together to pack meals which will be shared with those in need living in and around East Fork Lutheran Church and School in Whiteriver, Arizona. Your generosity will even allow us to send nearly \$3000 more in direct financial aid to the church and school there.

St. Paul's News

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Dycorn Transitional Living, Carl Wauer is in home hospice care, Norman Boye and Brittany Michaels are at Froedtert, and Margaret Kujath is at Waukesha.

ATTENDANCE

1092 attended last week's worship services at St. Paul's.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

PERSONAL OFFERING STATEMENTS

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

St. Paul's Annual Chicken Dinner - Sunday, February 18

Our Annual Chicken Dinner will be held Sunday, February 18, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Centennial Gym. Enjoy camaraderie and a great meal together as a St. Paul's family. Many volunteer opportunities are available to help make this event a success. Sign-up today in the church lobby.

FAREWELL FOR PASTOR BEN KUERTH AND FAMILY AT VICTORY OF THE LAMB IN FRANKLIN

Pastor Ben Kuerth has accepted a call to be lead pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran Church and School in Doral, Florida. You are invited to a Celebration of Ministry on Sunday, February 11, at 2:00 pm, with a short program at 3:00 pm, at the Victory of the Lamb Ministry Center. Celebrate the Kuerth's years at Victory of the Lamb and wish them well as they head to Florida. Hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, and lots of memories will be shared! Cards and memories can be shared by dropping them off at Victory of the Lamb on Sunday mornings or by sending them to Victory of the Lamb, c/o Ministry Celebration, 11120 W Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132

JUSTIN WALZ RECEIVES A DIVINE CALL TO WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Last week Mr. Justin Walz (our 7th grade homeroom, 6th-8th grade science teacher, and athletic director) received a divine call to teach freshman Old Testament religion and to coach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Thank you for keeping Mr. Walz and his family in your prayers as he considers the two calls in front of him - his current call here at St. Paul's and this call to WLHS.

IEFF WETZEL CONTINUES TO DELIBERATE HIS CALL TO LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Mr. Jeff Wetzel, our 5th grade co-teacher, continues to deliberate his call to Lamb of God Lutheran School affiliated with Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis. The call is to serve as school principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. Please keep Mr. Wetzel in your prayers as he deliberates where his gifts and abilities would best serve the Lord.



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.

GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

Mark your Connection Card to register or to receive more information. You may also call the church office at (414) 422-0320.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE: A STUDY OF MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Following the Promise will help you trace the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is leading this study in the Faith Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Read a section of Scripture each week and discuss it as a group with Pastor Pete Panitzke leading. New participants are always welcome. Attend on Mondays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Grace Room.

THE CULTS: AMERICA'S HOME-GROWN RELIGIONS

Join former pastor Wayne Borgwardt as he guides you through cults in America, Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room through February 11.

STRONG FAMILIES - BLESSED LIVES

Dr. Joel Nelson is leading this Parent's Club study on Sundays at 9:15 am (same time as Kids Club) 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

Learn principles that can lead to financial peace using this Dave Ramsey course, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, in the Grace Room. This course meets until March 15.

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, and purposeful living. A day and time of the study will be announced soon.

MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me is a new social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms of young children — infant through age five. The group meets at St. Paul's Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at sam.lindner 2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

DIVORCECARE —TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

If you are divorced or contemplating divorce, we are here for you. This is a support group for individuals, rather than couples. *DivorceCare* meets Tuesdays, from 6:00 until 7:30 pm, in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org, or (414) 422-0320 for more information or just show up on Tuesday.

TUG TALK — LOOK UP: DO SMART DEVICES CREATE DUMB PEOPLE?

We continue to find ways to make it easier for us to connect with one another, yet we seem to spend more time alone. Stopping the use of social media or smartphones is not the answer, but we must make sure we are awake, alive, and living life in the moment instead of living life through a screen. Evaluate how balanced our real and virtual worlds are at Teens Under God on Sunday, January 28, at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Café.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

MARRIAGE RETREATS MARCH 2-4



Invest in your most important earthly relationship - your marriage. Imagine a weekend away from the daily stresses of work, home, and kids. You and your spouse will grow together in your faith life, enjoy date-night activities and uplifting music, and learn practical, relationship-building skills such as intimacy, conflict resolution, and financial stewardship. This retreat is happening at the Heidel House Resort & Spa in Green Lake, March 2-4. More information and registration are available at www.withthisringretreat.com. Early bird registration ends January 31.

MARCH 9-11



Healthy Marriage will help you learn the key dimensions of a healthy marriage. More than that, Healthy Marriage will equip to you to practice them and maintain the health of your marriage long after this memorable weekend get-away. This marriage retreat takes place at the Radisson in La Crosse the weekend of March 9-11. For more information and to register go to wels.net/adult-discipleship. Also, like the WELS Marriage Enrichment Facebook page by searching "WELS Marriage" when in Facebook. Registration deadline is February 9.

Women's Retreat
March 9-11



The Christian Woman Today Retreat, planned by a committee of women from Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, will be held March 9-11 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. This year's theme is *Give Thanks in All Circumstances*. Information on breakout sessions and registration forms are available at ChristianWomanToday.org,

MEN'S RETREATS
FEBRUARY 24



The Men of His Word conference uses God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities, and the world, with this year's theme being – Get Out of the Boat. The 8th annual Men of His Word conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 24. Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online registration information are available at www.menofhisword.org.

MARCH 24



The 5th annual *Ironmen of God* men's conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Ixonia. Speakers this year are Pastors Karl Walther, Aaron Strong, Jordan Ertl, and Staff Minister Dan Schoeffel. Guys, come and be strengthened in your faith and enjoy Christian fellowship! Cost is only \$30 and includes a catered lunch and a coffee mug to take home! Register today at www.ironmenofgodwi.org.

St. Paul's News

JANUARY MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest communication from Missionary John Holtz, serving in Malawi, Africa, is available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for the generous offerings you have given to support this vital ministry.

VOLUNTEER AT A WELS BARGAIN CENTER

The WELS Bargain Centers exist to serve Christ through providing low cost clothing, home decor, furniture, toys, and much more to our Milwaukee community with all proceeds going toward ministries of our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The centers are located in Milwaukee at 5005 W Howard Ave and 8401 West Lisbon Avenue. Both centers are in desperate need of volunteers to serve as cashiers and clerks, as well as volunteers to do repairs and maintenance. Please call (414) 463-2595 (Lisbon Ave) or (414) 327-2529 (Howard Ave) for more information or to volunteer. They also have a Facebook page at The WELS Bargain Center.

SERMON SERIES CDS

We have produced a set of audio cds of the Reformation 500 Celebration sermon series. The cd set includes a copy of all four sermons: *Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone,* and *Christ Alone.* Purchase the cd set for your personal edification or share it. You can pick up the set at the Welcome Center. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 for each set to cover materials cost. If you find these cds helpful and would like to see other sermon series reproduced, email your thoughts and suggestions to Pastor Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org.

DECORATING TEAM

Would you be interested in being on our contact list for special-events decorating (Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.)? We're looking to put together a list of willing hands that we can call on to help us prepare the sanctuary for holiday worship. You will be contacted 3-4 times per year, letting you know when the decorating is scheduled to take place. You can let us know at that time if the session works for you. A flair for interior design is great, but not necessary. You can sign up on the back of the Connection Card or by calling the church office.

WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY – JUNE 26-29

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. He will add you to the information list and send you updates as they come out. You can also go to wels.net/2018youthrally for up to date details from WELS.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018

St. Paul's wants to celebrate its teen members who are graduating from high school this spring. If this applies to you/your child please get the following information to Dr. Nelson: 1) High school graduating from, 2) College going to in the fall. 3) If going into the military, what branch? 4) If going into the workforce or undecided as to future plan, share that as well (jnelson@stoaulmuskego.org 414-422-0320 ext. 145).

- 1. Share highs and lows and begin your time together in prayer.
- 2. This week's message deals with purpose. Do you have a firm grasp on God's unique purpose for your time on this earth?
 - If so, what is it?
 - If not, what kinds of hopes, dreams and/or concerns do you have about your purpose?
- 3. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-10. In one sentence or phrase, what is Paul saying about our purpose?
- 4. Pastor Pete used the analogy of a straight line to explain the confidence that comes from knowing God's purpose and grace for you.
 - How does Romans 8:29-30 support God's straight-line purpose for you?
 - Was there a time in your life that you remember drawing on the confidence this straight-line purpose offers you? Talk about it.
- 5. Pastor Pete used the analogy of a meandering line to explain the confidence that comes from knowing God's purpose and grace for others through you.
 - What are the dangers or temptations that are often found in this line?
 - What are some ways that you, or others in your life, have found ways to keep their joy in this meandering line?
- 6. What has been your biggest "A-HA!" during this Revolution: Change Your World series so far?
- 7. Choose one "Next Step" from below the sermon outline to focus on this week and share your choice with your group. Pair up to offer accountability and encouragement in this next-step challenge!

NoteSheet
Sermon Outline
Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

Change Your World – Live the Revolution Live with Purpose

2 Timothy 1:8-10, page 1197

- 1. Confident of God's purpose and grace for you
 - a. A purpose that began before the beginning of time
 - b. A purpose that is revealed in Christ
 - c. A purpose that ends in immortality
- 2. Confident of God's purpose and grace for others through you
 - a. A purpose that can lead to shame
 - b. A purpose that invites us to accept suffering
 - c. A purpose that fills us with joy

My Next Steps to Change the World

- Celebrate God's straight-line purpose (plan) for you: Read Romans 8:28-30 every day this week: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified."
- Prepare for God's meandering-line purpose (plan) for you: Read 2 Timothy I 4 to remember you are not alone in your suffering and to remember God's purpose for you.
- **Pray about God's purpose through you:** Commit to pray for _____ (write a name on this line) with whom your life-line has intersected who needs to know God's purpose and grace for her or him.