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EPIPHANY SUNDAY
JESUS FRIEND OF ALL:
FRIEND OF THE LOST CAUSE
January 5, 6, and 9, 2019

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.**

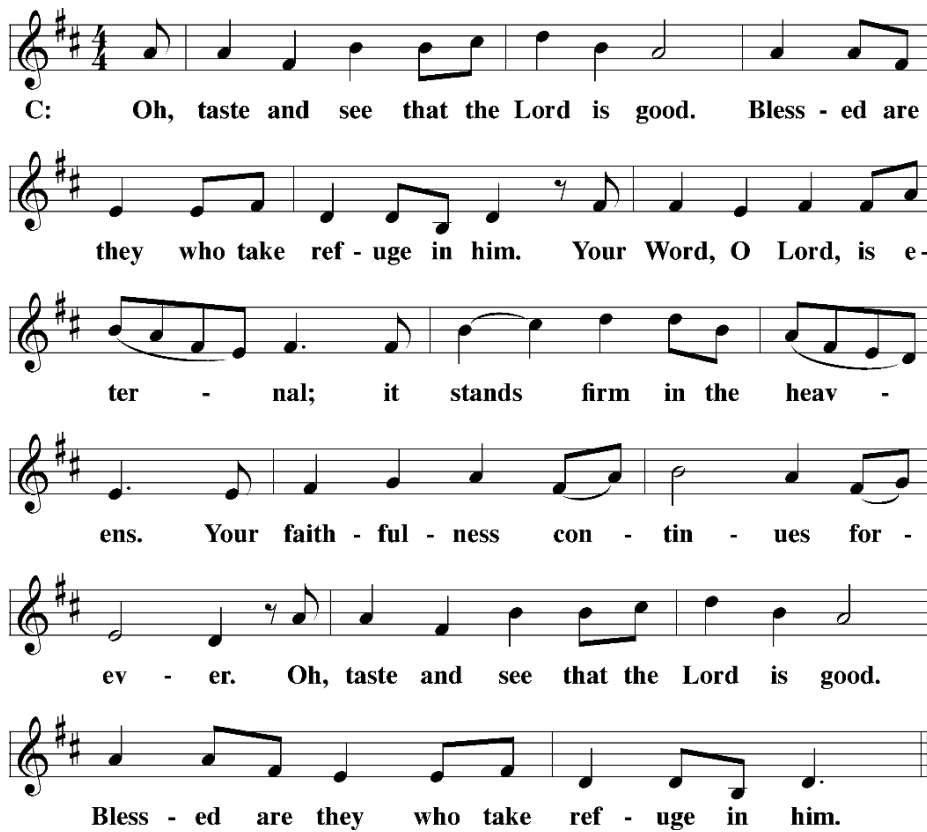
M But we don't live in darkness anymore. Jesus' light shines into our hearts. We not only see the ugliness of our sin, we hate sin. For this reason we choose not to hide our sin, but to confess it freely:

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 3:2-12, Bible page 1157

God's grace is for all people, Jews and Gentiles. St. Paul proclaimed this mystery to the Gentiles. We also proclaim that Jesus came for all.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72, Hymnal page 93

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

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 (*Sunday*)

How Far
by Chris Eaton & Matt Redman

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 ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

- M Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- 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. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still 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 577

Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations

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.



WELS CONNECTION *A Look Back on God's Blessing in 2018*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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 January 7, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
TUE	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	OWLS (Wisc Luth Seniors) Meeting – Chili Dump (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
WED	9:00 am	Mommy & Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Teen Boys Basketball League (Centennial Gym)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

JOIN US ONLINE!



- **Watch Live:** 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*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
 - **Sermon Videos and MP3's:** Sermons are available at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE CONNECTION CARD

Our use of the Connection Cards is a vital part of our ministry, helping us stay connected as a family of believers. Please complete the card and include it as part of your offering. Let us know your prayer requests or request more information, especially about the following:

- **Group Link — Sunday, January 13, at 6:30 pm**
How do we form small groups at St. Paul's? The easiest way is to meet others interested in a small group and find a time that works for you. That is what GroupLink is about. Join us for an hour. Perhaps God will use this to help you find Christian friends for life.
- **Find Financial Peace — beginning Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 pm**
We will once again be offering the popular Dave Ramsey course *Financial Peace University* in January. Dave's proven money course will show you step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off your debt, make wise spending decisions, and save for the future.
- **New Member Bible Study — beginning Tuesday, January 22, at 7:00 pm**
Pastor Nate Strobel will begin a new session of our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise* on Tuesday, January 22, at 7:00 pm. Enjoy camaraderie with Pastor Nate while you learn the basics of what the Bible teaches. You will track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life.

FUNERALS

Elaine Timm, born August 24, 1941, entered eternal peace with her Savior on January 1, 2019. A Christian funeral was held on January 5. Arleen Lutsch, born May 26, 1930, entered eternal peace with her Savior on January 4, 2019. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. May the family and loved ones of Elaine and Arleen be comforted with the love and promises of God today and always.

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is at Waukesha Memorial, David Knapp at Linden Grove New Berlin, Bruce Marggraf at Wisconsin Rehab Hospital, Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago, and Audrey Wefel at Hales Corners Care Center.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

ATTENDANCE

841 were in attendance for last weekend's worship services. 130 attended the New Year's Eve service.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery 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 of any need your child has. Ask an usher for directions if needed.

DIVINE CALLS

Mrs. Candace Noffsinger has accepted the divine call to serve as our first grade teacher and K-2 instructional team leader beginning fall of 2019 and Mr. Fitzsimmons has declined his call to St. Stephen's in Beaver Dam. We are thankful for these decisions. We ask for God's continued guidance as Mrs. Sarah Tonn deliberates the call to be our extended learning coordinator.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THANK YOU FROM OUR K-8 TEACHERS

On behalf of our kindergarten through 8th grade teachers, thank you for the generous door collection following the children's Christmas service on December 21. 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

NEW OPPORTUNITIES – NEW HOPE

Pick up the January Mission Partner Communique from Pastor John Holtz at the Welcome Center and learn about a new mission opportunity in Uganda. Your Malawi Mission Partner gifts supply a significant portion of the funding for Pastor Holtz's ministry in Malawi and elsewhere.

ORGANIZATION OF WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SENIORS MEETS TUESDAY

The OWLS meeting will be held in the Grace Room on Tuesday, January 8, 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. All seniors 55 and older are welcome.

SING TO THE LORD: A STUDY OF LUTHERAN HYMNODY

During the Sundays in January, explore many of the great hymns that express the truths of Scripture with beautiful lyrics set to timeless melodies. Class members will leave the sessions with a renewed appreciation for Lutheran hymns and the ability to sing them with greater understanding and enthusiasm. The class will be in the Grace Room at 9:15 am, led by St. Paul's member, Mr. Jon Eiche, an accomplished church musician, composer, and frequent Grace Room Bible class presenter.

BOWLING FOR LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTERS

St. Paul's small group leaders, Jim and Kathie Haag, invite you and your friends to enter the **14th Annual Lighthouse 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament & Silent Auction** on Sunday, January 27 at Riviera Lanes in West Allis. The Haag small group Bible study has organized this event since its inception and last year raised \$4,600 for our mission partner, the Lighthouse Youth Centers in Milwaukee. Further information and registration can be found at www.lighthouseyouthcenter.com (click "Events" tab on the far right). This event fills up fast and prices increase after January 21. If you cannot attend, consider sponsoring a Lighthouse student to bowl.

RAWKS SEED PACKETS SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

In October, we distributed RAWKs Fund Seed packets. Envelopes with \$10, \$20, or \$50 to encourage individuals, families, or small groups to begin a Random Acts of Worship Kindness fund. Here are just a few stories we have received. Please share your story with Pastor Pete at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

- "Our small group Bible class contributed a total of \$255 to a family at Garden Homes whose son goes to Lighthouse. Their family was robbed of a number of household items. We bought them a gift card to Walmart. The total included the amount of our RAWKS monies from St. Paul's. We received notice that another family in the Silver Spring area of Lighthouse had a house fire. We will also contribute to them."
- An individual mentioned his idea for his RAWKs Fund Seed Packet to family members. They added some of their own gifts. Other friends did too. The result... a nursing home received a keyboard to lead the residents in worship of our Savior.

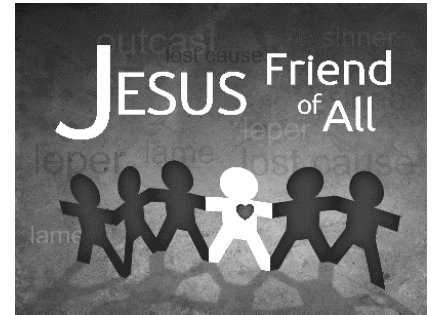
Random Acts of Worship Kindness, done out of love for Christ to show the love of Christ. Thanks be to God for this generous spirit in his people here at St Paul's!

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

JESUS FRIEND OF ALL

Epiphany means “appearing.” The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 with the celebration of the coming of the Wise Men. The season ends with Transfiguration Sunday where Jesus’ glory as God is revealed to his disciples.

During Epiphany we celebrate that by his words and his miracles, Jesus revealed himself to be the Savior of the world. This year we will celebrate that truth under two themes:



Jesus Friend of All

- Friend of the Lost Cause - Matthew 2:1-12 – January 6
- Friend of the Outcast – Luke 5:1-11 – January 13
- Friend of the Leper – Luke 5:12-16 – January 20
- Friend of the Lame – Luke 5:17-26 – January 27
- Friend of Sinners – Luke 5:27-32 – February 3

Me? Friend of All

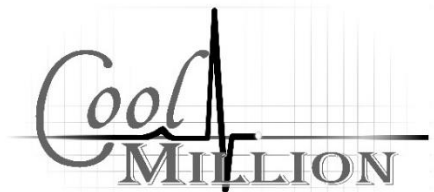
- Love Unconditional – Luke 10:25-37- February 10
- Gospel Unconditional – Luke 15:11-32 – February 17
- Bible Unconditional – Luke 13:22-30 – February 24
- Trust Unconditional – Luke 13:1-9 – March 3

The February message series will challenge us to be the friend of “sinners.” The January message series prepares us for that challenge by revealing Jesus is the friend of “sinners” like you and me.

A COOL MILLION

This spring we will again focus on the **Cool Million** campaign to fund major improvements on our campus. Our goal is to gather \$1 million by late spring 2020, with a 10% tithe going to our mission partners.

We have already received gifts totaling \$400,000 and plans for giving of approximately \$250,000 more. As a result, the following improvements have been begun or completed:



- New chancel lighting
- Playground paving and new equipment
- Centennial Gym window replacement
- New HVAC so that the entire school will be air-conditioned by the end of summer, 2019.

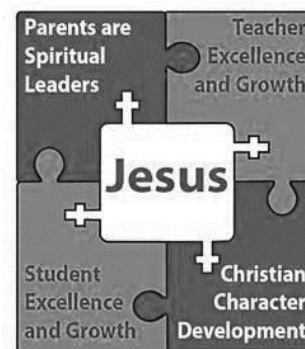
Our prayer is that by Chicken Dinner Sunday, February 17, we will have gathered at least \$500,000 so that we can seek bids for our next improvements in the summer of 2019 (the Centennial Gym ceiling and roof and the church roof).

To fully fund these efforts, we will need approximately \$700,000 by the end of summer 2019. Please keep this effort in your giving plans. You can give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give or mark your gift clearly “A Cool Million.”

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th 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 as soon as possible or attend the open house on January 27. See below for more details.



NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) given the income limits, 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!

2019-2020 Income Limits for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$45,716	\$52,716
4	\$55,220	\$62,220
5	\$64,724	\$71,724
6	\$74,228	\$81,228

***Add \$9,504 for each additional family member

2019-2020 Income Limits for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

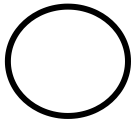
Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$62,340	\$69,340
4	\$75,300	\$82,300
5	\$88,260	\$95,260
6	\$101,220	\$108,220

***Add \$12,960 for each additional family member

More information is found at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>

LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 27

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 1st-8th grade, all are welcome. Do you know someone like this? If so, invite them to our open house on Sunday, January 27, 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 or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit.

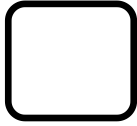


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Go around the group and let everyone share a high point (or low point) of their Christmas/New Year's celebrations.
2. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Pastor mentioned that the Wise Men were "lost causes" because they were outsiders, rich, and seemingly had no need for Jesus. What might make a regular attender at St. Paul's feel like a "lost cause"? Do you ever feel like a "lost cause"?
3. Read Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus was another "lost cause." What did Jesus do to find him? How did Jesus find you? What is your story of coming to faith?
4. Describe what you think Zacchaeus felt when Jesus found a "lost cause" like him?
5. Ezra took a journey similar to the Wise Men. It took him 4 months (Ezra 7:9). The Wise Men may have traveled for nearly a year to worship the baby Jesus. In our culture, for many people, time is more precious than money. Does the Wise Men's gift of time convict you? Inspire you?
6. Pastor talked about the Chicago and Los Alamos approach to ministry. One was the idea that resources are limited but time is unlimited. The other was the idea that resources were unlimited but time was limited. How could Pastor claim that the Church's resources are unlimited? See Psalm 50:9-15 and John 14:12-14.
7. Does your personal ministry reflect the Chicago or the Los Alamos approach to ministry?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

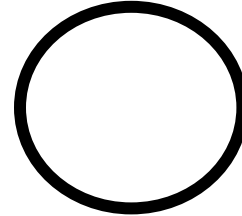
Jesus, Friend of All:

Friend of the Lost Cause

Matthew 2:1-12

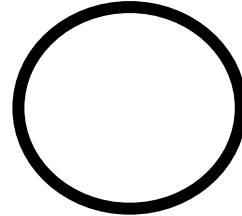
1. I am a Lost Cause! (Draw a sad face.)

- a. I am an insider/I am an outsider.
- b. I am rich/I am poor.
- c. I am righteous/I am sinful.



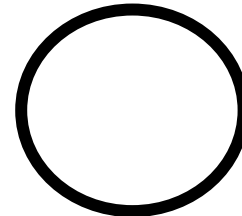
2. I am a Lost Cause! (Draw a glad face.)

- a. Jesus came for the Lost Cause.
- b. Jesus can find the Lost Cause.



3. I am a Lost Cause! (Draw a “try hard” face.)

- a. Try hard with time (L_____)
- b. Try hard with resources (U_____)



What ministry approach will you choose?

Chicago style: “W_____ is us!”

Los Alamos style: “W_____! It is us!”

My Next Steps

- **Get to know your Friend.** Begin a daily Bible reading plan available in the Welcome Center or one of dozens on the Bible Gateway or You Version Bible apps.
- **Get to know your story.** Through whom did you come to know Jesus? A parent? A friend? Ask them how they came to know Jesus? Trace your spiritual ancestry if you can.
- **Get involved in the Story.** Pray about your use of time and resources. Is yours a Chicago or Los Alamos approach to ministry?