

**JESUS, FRIEND OF ALL:  
FRIEND OF THE WOUNDED**  
January 26, 27, and 30, 2019

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**HYMN 82**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

- 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 Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Scriptures remind us that we were bought at a price. We belong to God.
- C **We no longer live for ourselves. We live for Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us.**
- M Yet we continue to struggle with our sinful nature. This nature seeks to make our comfort, our happiness, and our personal agendas the priority in our lives. We are easily influenced by a culture that is focused on doing what feels good rather than doing what is good. We are not holy as God has called us to be holy. For this we deserve his eternal wrath and punishment. Because we have failed to live for God, because we have not earnestly sought to do his will, we come before him and confess our sin.
- 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**



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### SONG OF PRAISE

### Glory To God

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -  
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall.

C **We all nurse wounds that are deep and debilitating.**

M Strengthen us through Word and Sacrament in body, mind, and spirit  
C **and bring us safely through all temptations.**

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

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**2 Samuel 12:1-13**, Bible page 310

*David's festering wound was his unconfessed sin of adultery. In his mercy and love the Lord opens that wound so that healing could begin.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (*John 8:12*)

### SECOND LESSON

**Romans 8:22-30**, Bible page 1133

*When our wound is so deep that we don't know what to pray for, God's Holy Spirit offers up petitions on our behalf.*

### HYMN 471

**Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

### SERMON

**Luke 5:17-26**, Bible page 1031

*Pastor David Kuehl*

### 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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

M 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 7.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 304

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**Jesus Sinners Does Receive**

**Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

## CLOSING PRAYER

M Jesus, you came to us today and poured out the riches of your love and grace in your Word and Sacrament.

C **In you we truly have all that we need, and more.**

M As we go out into the world, empower us as your forgiven children to be instruments of your healing.

C **May the light of your love shine in us and through us.**

M We bless you now and forevermore.

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

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.*

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### JOIN US ONLINE!



- **Live Streaming:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday afternoon for that same Sunday.
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 28, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Woodwind Rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room) Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room) Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>		<b>Staff Retreat – No School</b>
	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>		<b>Staff Retreat – No School</b>
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Teen Boys Basketball League (Centennial Gym) Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 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 The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service



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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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## JESUS FRIEND OF ALL

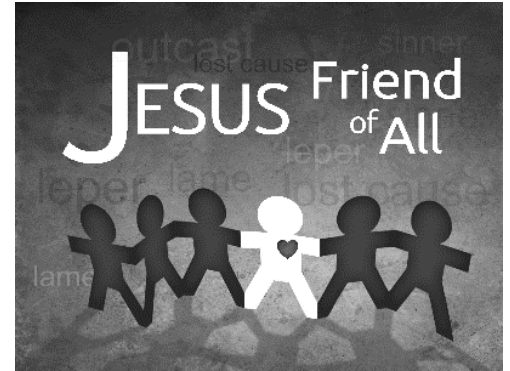
Celebrate Jesus' words and miracles that revealed him to be the Savior of the entire world – especially sinners like you and me. The February message series will challenge us to be the friend of sinners – the friend to the entire world – the friend of all people.

### Jesus Friend of All

- 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



## PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

## HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is at Crossroads Care Center in Pewaukee and Theresa Raduege in hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin. Marlene Sobczak has returned home.

## ATTENDANCE

997 were in attendance at last week's worship services.

## SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery of friendly caregivers during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the East Wing. An usher will be happy to direct you to the nursery if needed.

## SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 17

Help raise funds for *A Cool Million* while you enjoy camaraderie and a fantastic chicken dinner, 10:00 – 2:00 pm, on February 17. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby to help-out. All proceeds will go towards reaching our goal of refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling and replacing the roofs of the Centennial Gym and the church this summer.



## SING TO THE LORD: A STUDY OF LUTHERAN HYMNOLOGY

Explore many of the great hymns that express the truths of Scripture with beautiful lyrics set to timeless melodies, Sundays of January, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. This study is led by St. Paul's member, Mr. Jon Eiche, an accomplished church musician, composer, and frequent Bible class presenter.

## GRACE ROOM SERIES IN FEBRUARY: The Portrait of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

"There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all" (*1 Timothy 2:5-6a*). So why are there four accounts of his life in Holy Scripture? Why don't they all say exactly the same thing? And what blessings and understandings come from studying each of them? This class will explore the unique, yet consistent, accounts of Jesus' life in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Join Mr. Josh Seeger, a theology instructor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, for this interesting series on the Sundays of February.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## A LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION FROM 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER – MRS. JESSICA VANDERHYDE

Dear members of St. Paul's,

As I look back on my life I can see how God has directed and blessed my path. There are times when I didn't understand how it would turn out, but He is always there and has complete control of my life. God directed me to take the call to St. Paul's four years ago. It has been an amazing blessing to be a part of the faculty at this school. We are quite blessed here at St. Paul's. God also blessed me with a great husband and a beautiful daughter. I have enjoyed being a mother to her too. After praying about it and talking with others, I have decided that this will be my last year teaching at St. Paul's. I will step away from teaching at the end of the school year to become a full-time mom. I am excited to begin this new adventure this summer.

Thank you for the prayers and support you have given me and all the faculty and staff at St. Paul's and I ask for your continued prayers as I start this new chapter of my life.

In Christ,  
Jessica Vanderhyde

## BE THE BOSS OF YOUR MONEY — REGISTER TODAY

Dave's proven money course will show you step-by-step how to take control of your finances, create a budget, pay off your debt, make wise spending decisions, and save for the future. The course meets for 9 weeks. The popular Dave Ramsey course *Financial Peace University* will be offered on our campus on Thursdays at 6:30 pm, beginning January 31. Childcare is available upon request as well as financial assistance to cover the cost of materials. Simply register on the back of your Connection Card before placing it in the offering plate or contact instructors Kevin McSwain at [k.mcswain@ymail.com](mailto:k.mcswain@ymail.com) or Will Gaertner at [wfgaertner@yahoo.com](mailto:wfgaertner@yahoo.com).

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE STARTING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

Pastor Nate Strobel will begin a new session of our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*— on Sunday, February 17, at 8:30 am. The class is also currently offered on Tuesdays 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. Emily Davis just finished the class and said, "I am thankful to Pastor Strobel for teaching me the doctrines of Scripture in the *Following the Promise* class. I love the friendliness of St. Paul's." Register on the back of your Connection Card or contact Pastor Nate directly at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## HOPE AND HEALING IN THE HURT OF DIVORCE

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, beginning February 5, from 6:00 until 8:00 pm, in school classroom 8. Contact Kristen Miller at [kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org), or (414) 422-0320, ext. 140, for more information.

## MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me offers social, spiritual, and service-oriented opportunities for moms of young children — infant through age five. The group meets on Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room here at church. Saturday get togethers are planned for February 16 and March 16 at 9:30 am in the Faith Room as well. Contact Sam Lindner at [sam.lindner2323@gmail.com](mailto:sam.lindner2323@gmail.com) or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH – SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TODAY!

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? A Muskego family decided to make the switch from the public school system this year for their three kids and recently told Mr. Fitzsimmons, "I can't even tell you how much joy the school has brought to our life and our children." God be praised!



**The Pre-K/Elementary/Middle School Open House** is on Sunday, January 27, 1:00 – 3:00 pm! Meet our teachers, visit the classrooms, and learn about our school.

- **St. Paul's offers...**
  - Daily Bible study and Bible History time treasuring God's Word
  - Christ-centered teaching and learning across the curriculum
  - Christian-centered character development and mentoring
  - Excellent test scores with 75% of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
  - High parent-satisfaction ratings
  - Flexible 3K & 4K programs
  - Before and after school care
  - Generous tuition assistance
  - Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs

**If you are not able to attend the Open House** or would like more information about School Choice, Principal Seth Fitzsimmons would be happy to set up a one-on-one visit with you. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

## NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020

### 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		

### 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		

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **VOLUNTEER SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY**

Help your fellow friends in Christ check out library items after the Sunday morning services. There is especially a need after the 9:15 am service. It requires only 10 to 15 minutes, two Sundays every 8 weeks. For more information and to indicate interest, contact Lynne Lemke at (262) 679-9537.

## **HELP AT CHURCH LEAGUE TEEN BASKETBALL GAME – FEBRUARY 10**

St. Paul's will be hosting basketball games for the teen league on Sunday, February 10. There will be games in both of our gyms at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to run the clock, keep the score book, and direct people where to go. If you would like to help out, please contact Dr. Nelson as soon as possible at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org), (414) 422-0320, ext 145, or (414) 750-2586. Or simply mark the back of your Connection Card and Dr. Nelson will be in contact with you.

## **BABY SHOWER FUNDRAISER FOR NEW MOMS THROUGH LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

Our Ladies Afternoon Fellowship group invites you to join in a month-long baby shower during February for moms who chose life after visiting one of our Lutherans for Life facilities. Donation sites will be set up in the church lobby and Trinity Café. Help out by bringing clothing size 0-5 years, Christian books, or handmade baby things. No diapers please.



Financial donations are also greatly appreciated. Ultrasounds revealing the living baby are one of the most impactful ways to reach a mom considering an abortion. They are valued at \$250 and are given at the Lutherans for Life clinics. You may donate by marking your gift "Lutherans for Life Ultrasound" before placing it in the offering plate or when giving online.

Thank you for your support in this life-saving work.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE AT OWLS AND LAF**

Lutherans for Life Executive Director Peter Georgson will speak at the February 12 Organization for Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) meeting at noon in the Grace Room, as well as the March 6 Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (LAF) gathering at noon in the Grace Room. All are invited. Come and hear about the life-saving work being done and how you can make a difference too.

## **STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS**

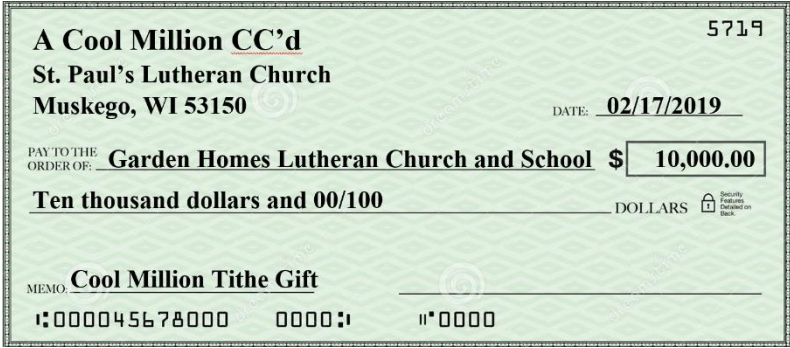
Join the folks at Stoney Creek Adult Community on a trip to the Fireside Theater on March 28 to see My Fair Lady. Sign up by February 1. After Easter, a 5-day bus excursion is planned to Pigeon Forge in Gatlinburg. Deadline to register is February 21. For further details contact Anita at (414)-422-4686. For information about Stoney Creek, visit their website at [www.stoneycreekmuskego.com](http://www.stoneycreekmuskego.com).

# A COOL MILLION CC'D – SIGN THE CHECK!

**HAVE YOU EVER SIGNED A \$10,000 CHECK?**

You will have a chance to sign a poster-sized check for \$10,000 at our Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, February 17.

We will celebrate the half-way point of our Cool Million campaign with the signing of our fifth \$10,000 tithe gift. In March, we will present this gift to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School on Milwaukee’s north side. Your signature will be a visible reminder that we are united, not only in this matter of giving and receiving, but also in a common faith and a common mission.



The timing for this gift is excellent as Garden Homes plans future ministry under the leadership of a new shepherd, Pastor Christian Doerr, who was installed on January 20.

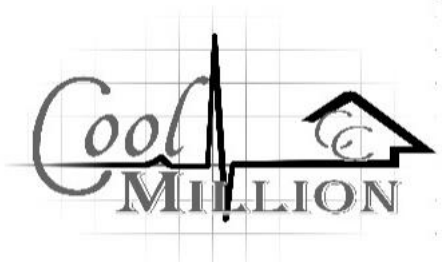
**“C” THE CEILING**



The Chicken Dinner will also give many of us the opportunity to “C the Ceiling.” The Centennial Gym ceiling is an example of the deferred maintenance that **A Cool Million** is allowing us to complete. You will also be able to see progress from this past summer: the new windows in the gym and the window area with a board on it waiting for the new HVAC duct work to be installed this summer.

**SUMMER TIME GOALS**

We have received \$452,928 in Cool Million Gifts so far. Our next goal is \$500,000 by Chicken Dinner, February 17, so we can approve the Summer 2019 plans. By the end of the summer, we will need \$827,195. If we reach our \$1 million goal by this time next year, we will have funds in our Capital Improvement Fund for the next projects on our list!



	Projects	Spent	Summer 2019 Plan	2020 Projects	Original Estimates
1	School HVAC	51,435	346,265		500,000
2	Altar area lighting	31,106			50,000
3	Playground improvements	58,174			50,000
4	Centennial Gym facelift	20,741	106,024	15,061	150,000
5	Church roof replacement		133,481		100,000
6	Bridge lighting/sound			50,000	50,000
7	Tithe – 10% to missions	40,000	40,000	20,000	100,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201,455</b>	<b>\$625,770</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Special gifts to A Cool Million by February 17 will enable us to “sign the check.” Mark your gift “A Cool Million.”**

**You can also give a one-time or recurring gift at [StPaulMuskego.org/give](http://StPaulMuskego.org/give).**

**Thank you for every gift!**

# UPCOMING CHRISTIAN RETREATS

## A CORE VALUE – THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

All of these retreats are designed to help you fulfill your role within your family, whether you are male or female, single or married.

We at St. Paul's are committed to strengthening families. If you are interested in attending one of these events and find the cost an obstacle, please contact Pastor Pete. If you are looking for a

RAWKs Fund idea, consider sponsoring an individual or couple to attend one of these conferences to strengthen their Family Church. (At St. Paul's, we encourage families and small groups to have their own RAWKs Fund, a fund to show Random Acts of Worship Kindness.)



## MARRIAGE RETREAT MARCH 2-4



Invest in your most important earthly relationship - your marriage. 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, structuring priorities, and applying God's covenant to marriage. This retreat is happening at the Hotel Mead and Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids, February 22-24. More information and registration are available at [www.withthisringretreat.com](http://www.withthisringretreat.com). Early bird registration ends January 31.

## 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 15-17 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Information on breakout sessions and registration forms is available at [ChristianWomanToday.org](http://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. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 9. Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online registration information is available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

## MARCH 24



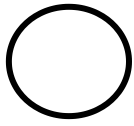
The 6th annual Ironmen of God men's conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at St. Paul's in Ixonia. Guys, come and be strengthened in your faith and enjoy camaraderie with your fellow brothers in Christ! Register today at [www.ironmenofgodwi.org](http://www.ironmenofgodwi.org).

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP March 15-16



Guiding the next generation of Christian leaders at home, work, and in the community, the *Christian Leadership Experience* exists to foster faithful Christians saved by grace who long for serving God in all areas: spiritual, personal, and professional. For more information about this leadership conference that will take place in LaCrosse, visit [www.christlead.com](http://www.christlead.com).





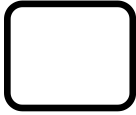
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. How has your snowy week been? Share highs and lows from this past wintery week!
2. This week's theme is about Jesus healing our deepest wounds. Recall the hurts you have incurred in your lifetime – have any left a lasting impact or scar?
3. Pastor's message was rooted in Luke 5:17-26. What struck you the most about that account?
4. Psalm 50:15 and Matthew 11:28-30 are both passages that offer a comforting reminder that Jesus cares about our hurts. What other passages, parables, or accounts do the same for you when you are hurting?
5. The paralyzed man had some pretty incredible friends who were willing to go to extraordinary lengths to help him. Who in your life might need that kind of faith-filled friendship this week?
6. Matthew 6:12 is the part of the Lord's Prayer that reminds us that we have the power to forgive each other through Jesus, just as Jesus forgave the paralyzed man. Is there anyone in your life that needs your forgiveness or you want forgiveness from? Close your time together in prayer asking Jesus to heal the hurts in that relationship.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

## *Jesus, Friend of All: Friend of the Wounded*

### **+ Jesus Heals Our Deepest Wounds +**

*Luke 5:17-26 (Bible page 1031)*

Introduction: Lovebursts

- I. What we hope for is temporal healing.
  - A. Whether palsied from birth or paralyzed in life, this man was totally d\_\_\_\_\_ on others.
  - B. We would say, "He needs a new b\_\_\_\_\_."
  - C. People came to see if Jesus was r\_\_\_\_\_ or r\_\_\_\_\_ or both.
  - D. By lowering the man through the roof, the friends did what was...
    - r\_\_\_\_\_ – they could fall
    - d\_\_\_\_\_ – he could fall
    - u\_\_\_\_\_ – de-roofing is anti-social
    - i\_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus was busy
  - E. Faith gets Jesus' a\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 11:9, Psalm 50:15).
  - F. Jesus was m\_\_\_\_\_ by the friends' expression of faith.
  
2. What we are blessed with is spiritual healing.
  - A. Jesus won't settle for a simple healing of the b\_\_\_\_\_; he wants to heal the s\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. This shouldn't surprise us about Jesus:
    - a. The Lord's Prayer has s\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual petitions versus o\_\_\_\_\_ physical.
    - b. In Jesus' last words from the cross s\_\_\_\_\_ have spiritual meaning and only o\_\_\_\_\_ physical.
  - C. We tend to ask God for relatively l\_\_\_\_\_ things.
  - D. Answer Jesus' question: "Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'" (v. 23)
  - E. Jesus' love was so strong for the man and his friends that he went far above and beyond their r\_\_\_\_\_ and went straight to the c\_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: Jesus looks us in the eye and lets his love burst.

### **My Next Steps**

- **Read** Luke 5:27-32 in preparation for next week's message: *Jesus, Friend of All: Friend of Sinners*.
- **Memorize** Matthew 11:28 – "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
- **Ponder** the many different ways you can introduce a friend to Jesus.