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WELCOME HOME

WE CELEBRATE A FOREVER FAMILY GUARANTEED

November 16, 17, and 20, 2019

Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus. We look forward to being reunited with them one day.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 551, vv. 1, 2, 3

For All the Saints

BAPTISMS (Saturday)

Anne Yuan Yuan Nagel

Daughter of Jeffrey and Heather (nee Skeels) Nagel, born December 12, 2013

Bo Leonard Pelky

Son of Ryan and Madalyn (nee Krueger) Pelky, born October 15, 2019

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:13).

C **And also with you.**

M I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

C **"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them"** (Revelation 14:13).

M "For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever —

C **yes, for ever and ever!"** (Daniel 7:18)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord, we desire one day to join the saints triumphant in heaven. Yet we have disobeyed God and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.
Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.

C **Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven;**

M We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25, Bible page 748

*In the New Jerusalem we will not experience the "former things" like death, crying, and pain.
We will enjoy the company of our Christian family for all eternity.*

M Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;
C **praise him in his mighty heavens.**

M Praise him for his acts of power;
C **praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

M Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
C **praise him with the harp and lyre,**

M praise him with timbrel and dancing,
C **praise him with the strings and pipe,**

M praise him with the clash of cymbals,
C **praise him with resounding cymbals.**

M Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
C **Praise the Lord.**

After a brief musical introduction, all sing:

All **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38, Bible page 1054

The Sadducees of Jesus' day ridiculed the idea of the resurrection of the body just as some do today.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

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 9:15 am*)

For These Blessings, St. Paul's Lutheran Pre-K

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C **We, too, join them to praise your majesty.**

M You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

- M Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.
- C **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 417

I'm But a Stranger Here

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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

PIANIST *Susan Gedemer*

DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Dorcas Society is hosting a bake sale after all Sunday services in the Faith Room. Proceeds will benefit the St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and the Malawi, African mission. Stop by and pick up some treats!



	<i>Birth</i>	<i>Death</i>
<i>Joseph Wysocki</i>	<i>August 30, 1939</i>	<i>November 22, 2018</i>
<i>David Henkel</i>	<i>May 1, 1988</i>	<i>November 25, 2018</i>
<i>Giovanni George Smith</i>	<i>December 10, 2018</i>	<i>December 10, 2018</i>
<i>Joseph Poetz</i>	<i>June 1, 1926</i>	<i>December 14, 2018</i>
<i>Elaine Timm</i>	<i>August 24, 1941</i>	<i>January 1, 2019</i>
<i>Arleen Lutsch</i>	<i>May 26, 1930</i>	<i>January 4, 2019</i>
<i>David Knapp</i>	<i>July 1, 1942</i>	<i>March 1, 2019</i>
<i>Arthur Johnson</i>	<i>February 4, 1939</i>	<i>March 18, 2019</i>
<i>Joanne Moths</i>	<i>April 27, 1931</i>	<i>April 6, 2019</i>
<i>Theresa Raduege</i>	<i>March 13, 1935</i>	<i>April 6, 2019</i>
<i>Glenn Hubrich</i>	<i>April 19, 1934</i>	<i>April 12, 2019</i>
<i>Robert Miller</i>	<i>February 22, 1922</i>	<i>April 23, 2019</i>
<i>Irene Guderyon</i>	<i>June 14, 1922</i>	<i>May 30, 2019</i>
<i>Richard Martin</i>	<i>December 29, 1930</i>	<i>June 18, 2019</i>
<i>Dorothy Wardin</i>	<i>February 27, 1938</i>	<i>June 18, 2019</i>
<i>June Hackbart</i>	<i>February 5, 1933</i>	<i>July 25, 2019</i>
<i>Sandra Merfeld</i>	<i>October 13, 1940</i>	<i>August 10, 2019</i>
<i>Paul Ciardo</i>	<i>September 25, 1968</i>	<i>August 17, 2019</i>
<i>Nancy Doss</i>	<i>August 19, 1947</i>	<i>August 21, 2019</i>
<i>Eugene Eckoldt</i>	<i>June 20, 1944</i>	<i>October 1, 2019</i>
<i>Mary Braun</i>	<i>July 2, 1941</i>	<i>October 12, 2019</i>
<i>Nancy Peters</i>	<i>September 29, 1941</i>	<i>October 31, 2019</i>



St. Paul's

Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 18, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	9:30 am	Mommy & Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Practice
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball League
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Card Players Group – Hearts (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Ministry Board Meeting
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8)
	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

Holiday Office Hours – The church and school office will be closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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. Our ushers are happy to assist.

BAPTISM

Barrett Alan Reimer, son of Richard and Alyssa (nee Mielke) Reimer, was born May 17, 2014, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am service on November 17, 2019. We praise God with the Reimers for the gift of saving faith strengthened in Barrett.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Steve Drobka, Carol Gosseck, Lois Guhr, Connie Hikade, Josh Nagel, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Marilyn Miller is in hospice care at Elder Care Cottages in Tichigan, Robert Siekert has been transferred to Elizabeth Residence in Franklin, and Nancy Rindt has transferred to Linden Grove New Berlin. Phyllis Passow has returned home.

ATTENDANCE

1113 attended worship services last week.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

Track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life with many opportunities to ask all the questions you may have. The study is led by Pastor Nate Strobel on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am. Contact Pastor Nate at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

CURRENT GRACE ROOM SERIES

A defining moment in American Lutheranism occurred when the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod split apart in 1961. Join Rev. Dr. Mark Braun from Wisconsin Lutheran College as leads discussion on the book he authored, *The Tale of Two Synods*, in the Grace Room, November 17 and 24, 9:15-10:15 am.

DECEMBER GRACE ROOM SERIES

Using the first two chapters of Luke, *Important Arrivals: Jesus and John* will focus on how God prepared the ancient world for the arrival of his Son. Through this series we will also prepare our hearts for the arrival of Christmas 2019. Join Mr. Mark Rieke, Director of Enrollment for Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and a veteran high school history and religion instructor. Sundays in December. Grace Room 9:15-10:15 a.m.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

GOD'S WORD AT WORK IN OUR SCHOOL

We are so happy to share that over the past month two families requested for their children to be baptized. One family is enrolled in our 3K and the other in our kindergarten. Praise the Lord for these families who are strengthening their connection to Jesus in this way!

ST. PAUL'S TEST SCORES LED WAUKESHA COUNTY!

The Muskego-Norway School District recently shared their 3rd- 8th grade spring 2019 standardized test score rankings in relation to all public school districts in Waukesha County.

English Language Arts

Muskego-Norway

Ranked 3rd in Waukesha County

61% of 3rd- 8th graders scored "proficient or advanced"

St. Paul's

65% of our 3rd- 8th graders scored "proficient or advanced"

Math

Muskego-Norway

Ranked 2nd in Waukesha County

73% of 3rd- 8th graders scored "proficient or advanced"

St. Paul's

75% of our 3rd- 8th graders scored "proficient or advanced"

These are strong test scores for both St. Paul's and Muskego-Norway Public School students. Keep up the great work, kids!

MORE STRONG TEST RESULTS FOR ST. PAUL'S

We celebrate again with the following data from our fall testing:

Reading 75% of our 1st- 8th graders scored ABOVE grade-level

Math 73% scored ABOVE grade-level

Language 81% scored ABOVE grade-level

Awesome scores! We are blessed with the ability to help our students' faith grow stronger in God's Word little by little, day by day, while also cultivating this high-achievement in our students. Please share these high scores with any families thinking about St. Paul's for their children's K-8 education.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you would like to know more about our school, contact Mr. Fitzsimmons for a tour. Our participation in the Parental Choice programs and generous financial aid from our congregation enable us to make Christian education accessible to all who desire it for their children.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHERS RECEIVE READING GRANTS

Three St. Paul's teachers recently received \$450 in grant funding to support their classroom reading libraries. Zach Lindow (pictured right) attended a November 1 faculty meeting on behalf of the Meemic Foundation. He presented grant checks to Mrs. Noffsinger (1st grade), Mrs. Steinhauer (2nd grade), and Mrs. Shevey (6th grade).



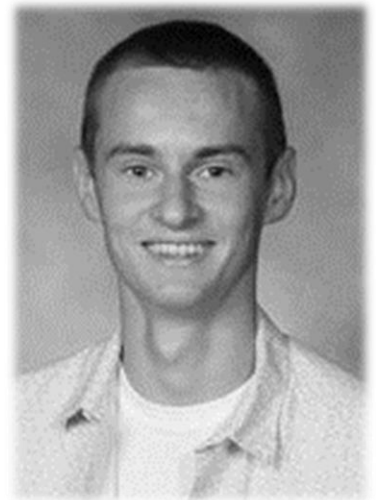
UPCOMING 5TH GRADE TEACHER CALL

The Ministry Board, in coordination with the School Ministry Action Team, will extend a call for a 5th grade teacher on December 4. As is our custom at St. Paul's, if you have any excellent WELS teachers to suggest for consideration, please share that information with Principal Fitzsimmons by November 25 at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ALUM HONORED

Congratulations to Nathan Miller who was selected as a Viking Christian Leader for the month of October under "The Wisco Way Word: Truth." Currently a junior at Wisco, Nathan has participated in basketball (9-10), track (9-10). He was a member in the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy (10), is in the Viking Christian Leadership Academy, and plans to attend the mission trip to Africa this summer. Nate volunteers at his church as an usher. In his spare time, Nate enjoys watching and playing sports, and listening to music.

Nathan characterizes truth in Christian leadership as someone who is compelled and driven by the love of Christ to be a light, even if that means going against the popular thing to do. Someone who cannot help but reflect Jesus' love because of everything Christ did for us.



YOU ARE INVITED!

At 9:30 am, on Wednesday, November 27, please join our pre-k and kindergarten students in the Centennial Gym as they present their annual Thanksgiving program. What a blessing it is to hear these little ones declare God's praises in word and song. We hope you can make it.

Pray that the Door Remains open for Gospel Outreach



God's grace has opened doors to an unprecedented mission opportunity in communist Vietnam.

It all started when Zang Lou, a leader within the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) in Vietnam, viewed an online sermon by our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Pastor Bounkeo Lor in 2011. The clear proclamation of law and gospel and the message of pure grace through Jesus Christ was something he had never heard

before . . . and he wanted to learn more. That same year, Zang Lou invited Lor to come to Vietnam to train at the HFC in the truth of the gospel. Lor made his first training visit in 2012. Since that time, Lor has made over 24 different trips to Hanoi, Vietnam. To assist in his training, members of the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) began to accompany him on some of these trips starting in 2016.

With every visit Lor has made to conduct training in Hanoi, approximately 60 church leaders have attended to learn more about the truths of the Bible. These same 60 leaders have been taking the message back to their rural congregations, preaching the message of salvation by faith, not by works – something the members had never heard before. The HFC was a church body of 55,000 members when Zang Lou first reached out to WELS. In the years after WELS has provided training, the HFC has grown from 55,000 to over 100,000 members and formed many new churches. HFC leaders have seen the growth and the joy that Lutheran teaching has brought to their congregations and have expressed a desire to become a confessional Lutheran church body.

The Opportunity

The message of free grace received from Jesus Christ has replaced their old law-based preaching. Grace has brought peace to the Hmong Fellowship Church, and church leadership has stabilized as a result. The communist government in Vietnam has noticed this positive change. The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi.

This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. However, this door can close at any time. Our WELS World Missions team is working quickly to ensure WELS is taking full advantage of the time the Lord has provided.

A Special Offering

To build this theological training facility and provide funding for the first two years, the synod has initiated a special \$2 million offering. 90% of the goal has been received - \$1.8 million. If you would like more information or to contribute, you can find a *Grace Hmong Outreach in Vietnam* booklet at the Welcome Center. God bless this effort!

PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Pre-K and Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program

Wednesday, November 27, at 9:30 am, Centennial Gym

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 28, at 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

December 4, 11, and 18; 3:30 and 7:00 pm (*No soup suppers this year.*)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The Bridge Christmas Eve Worship Service: Noon

Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Services: 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

St. Paul's 2019 *Christmas for Kids* will be Saturday, December 14, 9:00 - 11:45 am in the Trinity Café and Gym and school. This year this widely loved event for ages 3-12 will feature *A Tree-rific Christmas* puppet show, *The First Christmas* movie, a special service-project craft, games led by Luther Prep High School students, singing, and snacks. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at www.stpaulmuskego.org.



OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS LOVERS

This year St. Paul's will be hanging Christmas lights on a few evergreen trees along Janesville Road near the main entrances to our campus. Through this effort our goal is to show a welcoming light to the community, letting them know we are excited to celebrate Jesus' birth. If you or your friends would like to help in this outreach effort, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at 414.422.0320, ext. 294, or Worship Volunteer Coordinator Heidi Schuh at hschuh@stpmuskego.org.

REMEMBERING ST. PAUL'S HOMEBOUND

A list of our homebound members has been placed at the Welcome Center for you to remember the homebound of our congregation during the holiday season

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Imagine a weekend away from the daily stresses of work, home, and the kids. You and your spouse together growing in your faith and in your relationship. Fun activities, uplifting music, and practical, relationship-building skills to bring to your marriage. This is what *With This Ring Marriage Retreat* is all about. It's happening the weekend of February 29. Find out more information at www.withthisringretreat.com. Register by December 1 and save \$30 off the cost of registration.

SPORTS MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL'S

Do you have a passion for volleyball, pickleball, basketball, or sports in general? If so, you might be interested in our sports ministry at St. Paul's. Sports ministry connects members of the community to the St. Paul's family and facilities under a common interest in a positive, low-key environment. We are looking for additional people who are excited about joining our planning team. For more information please contact St. Paul's Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER—JOB OPENINGS

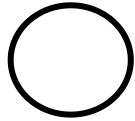
We have part-time job opening in the infant room of our Child Care Center, Mondays, 7:00 – 11:00 am and in the 2-year-old classroom, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11 am – 6:00 pm. Please contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200 to apply.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AT WORSHIP SERVICES THIS WEEKEND

During this weekend, photos will be discretely taken before, after, and during our worship services for use on our website and displays in the lobby of church. If you would prefer not to be included in the resulting photos, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Stoney Creek invites you to venture on a Caribbean cruise, March of 2020. A highlight will be visiting our Costa Maya mission partner. Find out more at the informational meeting on November 25, 10:00 am, at Stoney Creek. Contact Activities Director Anita at (414) 422-4686 for more information or visit www.stoneycreekmuskego.com



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Take a group poll: Does this early snow and cold make it easier to A) become a grinch about winter or B) put you in the mood to turn on the Christmas tunes early?

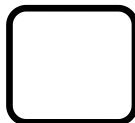
2. If you are following along with the Welcome Home series, what has your biggest take-away been so far? If you haven't been able to tune in, what questions does the series title - Welcome Home - lead you to wonder?

3. What is one thing you are looking forward to or one hope you have about heaven? Read Revelations 22:1-5 and see if your "one thing" is spoken about in John's vision of heaven.

4. In heaven, nothing will get in the way of our glorious purpose.
 - What is our glorious purpose?
 - What do you see getting in the way of your purpose - as sons and daughters of the King - now?

5. Read Colossians 3:1-3. Where does your daily life reflect these verses?

6. What is one area of your life that you could be more bold with your faith so that others may see the hope that you live with? (sharing the gospel? managing your finances? choosing your entertainment? caring for your health? etc.) Close your time together in prayer that God increase your courage and opportunities in that area!



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Welcome Home to a Life Flowing from the Throne of the Lamb

Revelation 22:1-5, Bible page 1253

Introduction: Pleasant and heart-warming winter memories

1. A life of radiant purity

- In Revelation 21 John describes what he sees in h_____.
- The r_____ of the w_____ of l_____ flows from the throne of God and the Lamb (vv. 1-2a).
- Without the Lamb there's no p_____ before God.
- The leaves of the tree of life are for the h_____ of the nations (v. 2b).
- No longer will there be any c_____ (v. 3a), for the Lamb has become the curse (of sin and death) in our place.
- Temporal death for us is the d_____ to h_____.

2. A life of glorious purpose

- The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his s_____ will s_____ him (v. 3b).
- Our performance on earth is never p_____.
- Because of the Lamb, God in mercy sees what we do in his p_____.
- In heaven the Lamb's n_____ will be on our f_____ (v. 4).
- In heaven nothing will get in the w_____ of our glorious purpose.
- In heaven we will rule and reign with the Lamb f_____ (v. 5).

Conclusion: Welcome home to God's forever family in Christ!

My Next Steps

Memorize Galatians 3:13: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us."

Read Colossians 1:13-20 to prepare for next week's message on *Welcome Home to Experience the Peace We Long For*.

Take home the Saints Triumphant list from today's worship folder and spend a few minutes this week thanking God for making them his holy ones in Christ and for the impact they may have had on your life.