

## #WHATJESUSSAID - ON TRUTH AND LOVE

### DO NOT JUDGE

February 11, 12 and 15, 2017

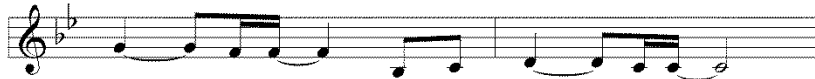
#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### HYMN 735

#### Speak, O Lord



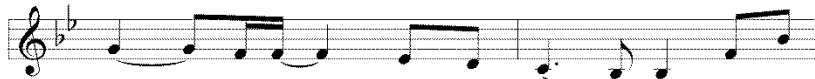
1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



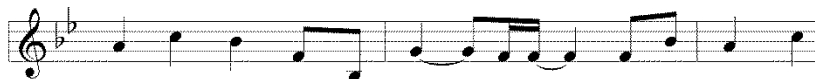
ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the  
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your  
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver  
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

- M The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- M Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have a problem. We so quickly become upset, offended, and angry. At these times we don't want to listen or understand. We lash out with the desire to hurt instead of looking for words that will bring healing.
- C **Our human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.** (*James 1:20*)
- M Hiding from the reality of our sinfulness only brings more pain and struggle into our lives. God promises that, when we admit the truth of our sin, he will bring true healing—healing that only his forgiveness in Christ can bring. Let us, therefore, confess our sin and be healed.
- 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.**
- 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 The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 221, v. 4

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Father God, you have commanded us to walk in forgiveness and love, to rise above offenses, and to walk humbly with you.
- C **Teach us how to choose that road—today and every day.**
- M Empower us in Christ to choose loving words and not condemning words, compassionate words, not critical words,
- C **healing words, not hurting words.**

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.



#### FIRST LESSON

**James 1:19-27**, Bible page 1216

*James encourages us to keep our tongues and our anger in check.  
God's Word guides our thoughts, our words, and our actions.*

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news.  
Alleluia. (*Luke 4:18a*)

#### SECOND LESSON

**1 John 1:5-2:2**, Bible page 1228

*Instead of hiding from the reality of our sin, we confess it and  
enjoy the freedom that comes through God's forgiveness in Christ.*

#### HYMN OF THE DAY 461, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

**From Eternity, O God**

#### SERMON

**Matthew 7:1-5**, Bible page 971

*Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

#### 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

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

Brother James Air, *String Ensemble*

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 al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: 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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please see Communion note on page 7.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 458**  
**310**

**May We You Precepts, Lord, Fulfill**  
**I Come, O Savior, to Your Table**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**M** Lord Jesus Christ, at this table you came to us—  
**C** **in body broken, in blood outpoured.**

**M** Nourish us with this holy food,  
**C** **for by it we are made more than conquerors.**

**M** You are Lord forevermore.



**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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ORGANIST** *Carol Nelson*

## OUR 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. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Peter Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.*

*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 right 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.*

### Your Ministerial Staff

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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.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 13, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	<b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
<b>TUE</b>	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
<b>WED</b>	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Nomination Committee Meeting (Church Library)
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community)
	7:00 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Ministry Board Meeting
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:15 am	St. Paul's Annual Congregational Chicken Dinner (Centennial Gym)
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

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## Multimedia Ministry



- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit [timeofgrace.org/waystowatch](http://timeofgrace.org/waystowatch) or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
  - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
  - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
  - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## 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.

## BAPTISM

Sienna Joyce Keller, daughter of Nathan and Andrea (nee Meyer) Keller, was born December 27, 2016 and baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, February 11, 2017. We rejoice in the gift of saving faith for Sienna.

## HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Georgette Meyer at Layton Terrace. Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Golden Living, Richard Kamnetz at Tudor Oaks, and Norman Miller at Mukwonago Linden Grove. Tom O'Laughlin is at Waukesha Memorial, and Donald Storm at St. Luke's. Susan Schultz and Payson Vahovick have been discharged from the hospital.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Monica Gawlik, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Merle Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

## QUARTERLY MESSENGER

Our St. Paul's quarterly newsletter The Messenger was distributed last weekend. This newsletter is full of victory stories in our ministry from the past few months, as well as plans to move our ministry forward at St. Paul's for the next fiscal year. Copies are available at the Welcome Center.

## DIVINE CALLS

Mrs. Sara Goelz and Mr. Randy Fink are currently deliberating divine calls extended by the Ministry Board. More information about these calls are in *The Messenger*. Please keep Sara and Randy in your prayers as they consider where best to serve in God's kingdom.

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER NEXT SUNDAY!

Our annual congregational chicken dinner is Sunday, February 19, 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.

## TESS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION – OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, February 27, the Tess Corners Fire Department will be using our Trinity Gym for a group photo. We'd like to show our appreciation to these men and women who serve our community by providing goody bags with homemade cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help assemble the goody bags, contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org).



# GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY**

Following the Promise is a Bible introduction study of the truths of Christianity and prepares an individual for membership at St. Paul's. It is a great place to have your questions answered! Pastor Pete Panitzke leads the class on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Register by contacting him at (414) 350-1436 or [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org).

## **NEW GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY**

Our congregation gives us a wide variety of opportunities to help us accomplish the great commission. However, we at times may feel that we are not qualified or able to carry out this mission of the church. Join St. Paul's member and former pastor, Dan Kolosovsky, to see how God the Holy Spirit has equipped us with many spiritual gifts so that each of us can successfully preach the gospel in a seemingly endless variety of God-pleasing ways. Join the study Sundays, February 12 through April 9, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

## **BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS BEGINS**

### ***The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home***

This Parents Club, DVD-based study, led by Randy Fink, Director of Operations at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and his wife, Lori, will empower you and your family with confidence and practical, biblical, stress-saving skills as you take the off-ramp to sanity, peace, and family harmony. Join us in the school Computer Lab on Sundays at 9:15 am through March 26.

## **MARCH 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection during the six weeks leading up to Easter. Join us for our midweek Lenten services at 3:30 and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for our message series *Hidden Glory*. Jesus' glory is often a hidden glory – hidden in his lowly life, hidden in his severe suffering, hidden in his dark death. During the Wednesdays of Lent we will be led to marvel at how Jesus revealed his glory as he carried our sin to the cross for our full and forever salvation.

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Our soup suppers will begin again on Ash Wednesday, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. The Wednesdays of March 8, 29, and April 5 are still available to host. This is a great opportunity for groups and/or organizations to gain exposure and at the same time serve fellow Christians. A free will offering is gathered to help defray the cost of the food and/or a benefit of your choosing. Please contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or [tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) or for more information.

## **WALKING WINTER AWAY**

Like to walk, but don't like the ice, snow, and cold? Join St. Paul's Walking Club on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 10:00 am in the Trinity Gym and Cafe. Exercise, coffee, and great conversations abound! Just show up.

## **THE OWLS MEET TUESDAY**

The Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors meet in the Grace Room on Tuesday, February 14, at noon. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the dessert and entertainment provided.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## EASTER CAMP IN GRENADA

Have you been thinking about the possibility of a mission trip in your future? Here is your opportunity! Our ministry partner, Grace Lutheran Church in Grenada, is hosting an *Easter For Kids* camp that will occur in connection with a community swim event April 18-22. Grace hopes to reach more than 100 children with the saving message of Christ's resurrection through direct Bible instruction during the camp. In addition to the daily *Easter For Kids* camp, volunteers will also help with the community swimming lesson activities, which address a critical secondary need. Many national Grenadians, children and adults, cannot swim (estimated at over 90%) resulting in unfortunate drownings.

St. Paul's members Kristin Miller, Jessica Vanderhyde, and Linda Ebeling served last year and all found this to be an awesome opportunity. For more information go to [www.kingdomworkers.com/grenadaeaster.php](http://www.kingdomworkers.com/grenadaeaster.php). Jessica Vanderhyde would be happy to tell you more about the experience as well and can be reached at [jgierach@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jgierach@stpaulmuskego.org).

## TUG

Teens! Join us Sunday, February 12, for a chill night of games and movies at the Muskego Urban Gatheringplace (MUG). On February 26 we will be working on a project to help out our church body's prison ministry program - a good chance to impact somebody's life or even several lives. Many in the prison system are lost and struggling, but some have sought out Christ and want to know more about who he is and what he has done. This is a great opportunity to be a witness to those people! Come on out to the MUG at 6:15 pm to participate in something great!

## SMALL GROUP SERVES INNER CITY PARTNERS

A full house of bowlers participated in the annual bowling event sponsored by the St. Paul's small group led by Jim and Kathy Haag. Over \$4,600 was raised for the Lighthouse Youth Centers of Garden Homes and Havenwoods. Several St. Paul's members, in addition to the Haag small group, assisted with this fun and fulfilling event. Youth from both Lighthouse sites also joined in the fun.

## GARDEN HOMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL SAYS THANKS!

February 6, 2017

Members of St. Paul's, Muskego,

The struggles of reading proficiency in the city of Milwaukee are well documented. For this reason, Garden Homes continues to take steps to help students be prepared and proficient in reading. First, we moved the library from the basement to the second floor of our building so the proximity of it was much closer to our students. We incorporated an up-to-date and resource rich English Language Arts (ELA) series, titled Reading Wonders, from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Accelerated Reader has been adopted to assist with independent reading. Informed choices about ELA instruction are made by analyzing both MAP testing and recent state standardized test results. This past year we added a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position that focuses only on teaching ELA. Your gift to help expand the library book choices to our children falls right in line with giving our students more options and opportunities to dig into reading and improve upon these skills.



The generous donation of \$4,257 to support our efforts in expanding our library is a tremendous blessing. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and families of Garden Homes, I want to express my sincere thanks for the support you provided our school ministry. God's blessings to the members of St. Paul's as you work fervently within your own mission field and continue to support others in their mission too.

May God Bless You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Z. Dodge".

Mr. David Dodge, Principal

## You Are Invited!

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



**Saturday, February 25, 6:30-9:00 pm.  
Trinity Gym and Café.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children not allowed! ☺

If you are one of the hundreds of teen and adult volunteers that have assisted in any of St. Paul's on-or-off-campus ministry or outreach activities, in any capacity and length of time, **YOU ARE INVITED** (along with your spouse/another guest whether or not he/she is also a volunteer).

- Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres
- Soft and not-so-soft beverages
- Delicious desserts
- Door prizes
- Special thank-you presentation by the called and hired staff
- Performance by **COMEDY SPORTZ**



Please come, relax, have a great time, and walk away feeling truly appreciated by St. Paul's for all you have done to help our ministry.

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY FEBRUARY 15.** Complete the short online registration form on the St. Paul's website homepage, fill out a Connection Card, sign up on the sheets at the church/Bridge welcome areas, or contact Dr. Nelson ([jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org), 414-422-0320, ext. 145).





# GIFTS TO GOD

## WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. Below is an update on the generous giving that occurred over the last few weeks. Thank you for every gift you give to our General Fund, Mortgage Fund, and these Wish List items. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List," with the item title, or give online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org).

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
School Exterior Window Replacements	\$10,000	\$3,960	\$6,040
Trinity Gym Floor to Ceiling Room Divider	\$13,000	\$125	\$12,875
Permanent Wall Addition to School	\$5,600	\$1,373	\$4,227
Living Nativity Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,300	Fully Funded
Chairs for Church Lobby	\$3,200	\$345	\$2,855
500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Service Funding	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
<i>The Power of the Praying Parent</i> Father's Day Gift	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Church Grounds Landscape Design	\$750	\$0	\$750

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Many of the shrubs and perennials at the entrance to the church and around the church sign are overgrown or have died. A gift of \$750 will allow us to pay for a landscape design that a volunteer has offered to implement. Gifts for plants will be sought this spring.

## 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REFORMATION SERVICE FUNDING

The southeast Wisconsin district of our church body would like to rent the Milwaukee Theatre, with a seating capacity of about 4000, to host a district-wide 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation service in November of 2017. Congregations the size of St. Paul's have been asked to contribute \$1000 toward the cost of this event. Anything received beyond the cost of the service will go toward the offering gathered at that service. The offering designation has not yet been decided upon by the district leaders.

## POWER OF THE PRAYING PARENT FATHER'S DAY GIFT

In connection with Father's Day, we are mailing postcards to the community with the offer: "All parents will receive a free gift: *The Power of a Praying Parent*." The cost of a book is \$5 each. This Wish List item will cover the cost of this gift that offers support to the parents in our congregation. If sufficient gifts are received, we could expand this gift to every school parent/Kids Club parent in the fall of 2017.

## SCHOOL WINDOWS ON WISH LIST

The windows in the portion of our school built in 1957 need to be replaced. This summer we put energy efficient windows into the Centennial Kitchen. We would like to replace as many of the windows next summer as we have funding for. The windows in each classroom will cost approximately \$10,000. There are seven classrooms involved. The Centennial Gym windows will cost \$35,000.

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Through the government's Title II funds and our congregational budgeting process, we provide for the professional development of our teachers, but there are more workshops and courses that our teachers would like to attend. This fund provides our members with an opportunity to encourage continuing education through special gifts. Our goal is to provide an additional \$500 per teacher or \$7000 per year. Gifts of \$850 have been given to date. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift clearly, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

We continue to have families in need of financial assistance to provide their children with a Christian education at St. Paul's Elementary School or a WELS high school. Contributions can be made via the blue offering envelope provided in your envelope packet, our church's website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), or by using the QR code.



## **AMPING UP FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**

Lutheran Schools Week celebrates the blessing that our Lutheran school is for the Lord's work done in our church. We are very blessed to have our congregation's support in prayers, offerings, and volunteerism! Thank you! This week we celebrate with dress up days: Go Pink and Red for Valentine's Day and Thursday's Hat Day. We also seek the goal of re-enrolling 80% of our students by the end of the week. Keep praying that more and more children grow closer to Jesus each day as we partner with parents in this awesome task!

If you or someone you know would like to visit our Lutheran school during a school day, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. He'd love to give you the tour. You may also enroll directly at [www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org) by clicking on TADS in the left menu column.

## **LORD, USE SCHOOL CHOICE TO OPEN DOORS!**

Families in Milwaukee who earn 300% or less of poverty and families outside of Milwaukee who earn 185% or less of poverty qualify to participate in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs. Income guidelines are available at the Welcome Center. If you are married, add \$7000 to the amounts shown (for example, in Wisconsin, a family of four is eligible if they earn \$51,955 or less). If you are a single parent, only one parent's income needs to be less than income limit for your child to qualify. For more information, contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org).

## **PACKED HOUSE FOR PANCAKES**

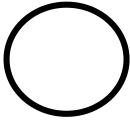
St. Paul's Lutheran School was blessed on January 27 to have over 200 parent and grandparent visitors for the annual pancake breakfast! What a blessing! The entire school staff, student body, and school families thank UNITY, our parent organization, for all their hard work preparing and pulling off this special event.

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL INVITATION FOR 4TH AND 6TH GRADERS**

Get ready to make a splash! Fourth and sixth grade students are invited on separate nights from 5:30 to 7:30 to a fun evening of waterslides and swimming at Country Springs Waterpark Hotel in Pewaukee. There is no cost. However, at least one parent must attend with their child. The children will swim and the parents will learn more about WLHS. 4th grade students are invited on Monday, March 6, and 6th grade students are invited on Monday, March 13, and must RSVP by going to [www.wlhs.org/news](http://www.wlhs.org/news).

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATE MEETING RECAP**

Copies of the summary report of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School February delegate meeting are at the Welcome Center, Grace Room information rack, and church library. If you'd like more information about the meeting, contact Steve Wranovsky, Andy Petraske, School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons, or Dr. Joel Nelson. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available through Dr. Joel Nelson.



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

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

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### Are You Going to Judge Me?!

- 1) Agree/Disagree: We can judge others or we can love others, but we can't do both at the same time.
  
- 2) Is all judging wrong? Explain.
  - Read Matthew 18:15-17, Romans 13:1-5, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Galatians 6:1, 1 Timothy 6:3-5. What do these verses indicate about making judgment calls?
  - Read John 7:24. What additional advice is given in these words of Jesus?
  
- 3) Read Matthew 7:1-6.
  - What warning is given to those who might be tempted to judge others?
  - Why does the subject of "hypocrisy" frequently come up at times of judging?
  - What do dogs and pigs have to do with making judgments?
  
- 4) As a caution against being sinfully judgmental, Martin Luther's explanation to the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment says we need to take people's, "words and actions in the kindest possible way."
  - Tell of a time when you failed to do this.
  - Tell of a time when you appreciated someone doing it for you.
  - Why is doing it so hard?
  - Why is doing it so important?
  
- 5) What would be the step-by-step advice you'd give someone who's ready to jump to judgment against someone else?
  
- 6) Read 1 Peter 4:8. Why are these words the best advice?

PRAY: Don't go 'round judging others, or they may judge you, too.  
Don't criticize your neighbors for things you also do.  
Don't squander what is holy or waste what you've received.  
Hold fast the faith God gives you; rejoice, give thanks, believe!  
The gate to life is narrow; destruction's way is wide.  
So take the way that's harder and let God be your guide.  
Beware of those who lead you down pathways that destroy.  
And seek the fruit of heaven; God gives us kingdom joy! *(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)*



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## #What Jesus Said on Truth and Love “Do Not Judge”

Matthew 7:1-5 (Bible page 971)

### 1. To Judge or Not to Judge

Jesus commands us to judge – when we’re focused on d\_\_\_\_\_ between right and wrong, good and evil.

Jesus commands us not to judge – when we’re focused on f\_\_\_\_\_ self-love, status, and pride.

It’s a h\_\_\_\_\_ issue. For Jesus it wasn’t about being right. It was about loving people.

### 2. The Three Questions I Need to Keep Asking Myself

What’s in my heart?

Am I h\_\_\_\_\_?

Am I unwilling to f\_\_\_\_\_?

What’s the basis for my judgment?

Am I h\_\_\_\_\_?

Am I discerning right and wrong based on God’s W\_\_\_\_\_?

What’s my goal?

To satisfy my own needs or to truly make things right?

Lie # 1 If I disagree with someone I must f\_\_\_\_\_ or h\_\_\_\_\_ that person.

Lie #2 If I love someone, I must a\_\_\_\_\_ with everything that person says or does.

Jesus calls us to l\_\_\_\_\_ everyone and to never shy away from speaking the t\_\_\_\_\_ in love.

### Next Steps

- **What’s In My Heart?** Jesus had crucial conversations with people whose ideas and behavior he did not agree with. When it was all said and done, these people knew Jesus cared about them. Make a commitment to check your heart before you begin any crucial conversation.
- **What’s the Basis for My Judgment?** What’s your plan to know what God really says about the issues that trouble you and our culture today? If you don’t have one, make one and stick to it.
- **What’s My Goal?** Every conversation has deeper implications than who’s right and who’s wrong. Make it a habit to pray for a discerning heart that sees everyone you meet as an eternal soul for whom Jesus was willing to die.