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CHANGE YOUR WORLD: LIVE THE REVOLUTION ACT IN LOVE

February 3, 4, and 7, 2018

God acted in love toward you. That truth changed your world. When you act in love toward others, it can change their world too.

PRESERVICE (Sunday)

Adagio Cantabile Be Thou My Vision String Ensemble

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 391, vv. 1-5

God Loved the World So that He Gave

- 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 Dear friends, how great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.
- **C** And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)
- M The Apostle John calls us to love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love (*1 John 4:7-8*). We do not love like God loves us. As we come before our God today, let us, therefore, confess our lack of love for others and the many sins that flow from our love of self.
- All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you are a God of mercy and grace. You will not always accuse, nor will you harbor your anger forever.

- C You do not treat us as we deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- M Give us hearts that fully grasp the significance of these words.
- C We are infinitely loved. No matter what, we can approach you with freedom and confidence.
- M And then, Lord, empower us to do what is even more difficult: to show this same unconditional love to others. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:6-8, Bible page 932

It is not the outward offering of sacrifices that pleases the Lord, but the heart that seeks justice, loves mercy, and walks humbly with God.

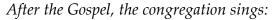
ANTHEM	The Love of Christ Compels Us, Michele Eiche
	by Jon Eiche

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103, Hymnal page 105 *The Lord's love is with those who fear him from everlasting to everlasting.*

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-33, Bible page 1017 All of God's commandments are summed up in one word: Love.





I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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 (Saturday)	Amazing Grace, Bruce and Betty Marggraf
(Sunday)	The Gift of Love, String Ensemble

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son.
- C Through him we have confidence to enter your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.
- M Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.
- C Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.
- M Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.
- C Strengthen our faith so that we unfailingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.
- M Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

- M Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives,
- C knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.
- M Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs, not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. 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 491

O Master of the Loving Heart

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



WELS CONNECTION Christian Aid and Relief

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST Darik Mischke

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 5, 2018

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Through the Bible Study in a Year (Grace Room) Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministry Growth Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9) <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	9:30 am I 2:00 pm I :00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Mommy and M</i> e (Faith Room) Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room) Through the Bible in a Year (Faith Room) Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 8:15 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion TUG - Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

HEAR AND SEE THE MESSAGE ONLINE!



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

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FUNERAL

Carl Alfred Wauer, born June 30, 1935, entered eternal life in heaven on January 26, 2018. A Christian funeral was held on February 1, 2018. May the loved ones of Carl find comfort in their Savior knowing as fellow Christians they will one day see Carl again.

Ursula Gunther, born November 13. 1941, was called to her Father's heavenly home on January 30, 2018. Visitation will be February 6, from 4:00 until 7:00 pm, with the service at 7:00 pm here at St. Paul's.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Hahn has been transferred to Cameo Care Center, Brittany Michaels is at Froedtert, and Margaret Kujath is rehabbing at Waukesha Linden Grove.

ATTENDANCE

1044 attended last week's worship services at St. Paul's.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

PERSONAL OFFERING STATEMENTS

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

FAREWELL FOR PASTOR BEN KUERTH AND FAMILY AT VICTORY OF THE LAMB - NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Ben Kuerth has accepted a call to be lead pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran Church and School in Doral, Florida. You are invited to a Celebration of Ministry on Sunday, February 11, at 2:00 pm at the Victory of the Lamb Ministry Center. Celebrate the Kuerths' years at Victory of the Lamb and wish them well as they head to Florida. Hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, and lots of memories will be shared!

MISSIONARY JOHN HOLTZ RECEIVES DIVINE CALL TO INDIA

On January 25, our mission partner, Missionary John Holtz, received a divine call to be a Friendly Counselor in India. Missionary Holtz is a son of our congregation and currently serves in Malawi, Africa. Please keep Missionary Holtz in your prayers and he deliberates where his gifts and talents would best serve the Lord and his people.

MR. JUSTIN WALZ AND MR. JEFF WETZEL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER DIVINE CALLS

Mr. Justin Walz (our 7th grade homeroom, 6th-8th grade science teacher, and athletic director) is currently deliberating a divine call to teach freshman Old Testament religion and coach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Mr. Jeff Wetzel, our 5th grade co-teacher, continues to deliberate his call to Lamb of God Lutheran School in West Allis. His call is to serve as school principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. Please keep Mr. Walz and Mr. Wetzel in your prayers.

LENT BEGINS SOON

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection during the six weeks leading up to Easter. During our Wednesday Lenten worship we're going to take a closer look at temptation, its source, its power, and God's answer to it with our series Lured. Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 and 7:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES: LURED...

February 14 Lures Start in the Heart Luke 18:9-14, James 1:13-15 When it comes to temptation, we like to put the blame on outside forces, but temptation really finds its beginning deep within us. We need a new heart—one that only lesus can give.

February 21 The Father of Lures John 8:42-47 Only when you understand the seething hatred the devil has for God and God's family will we be vigilant enough to keep our eyes open for his bait.

February 28 Lures are Tailor-Made John 12:4-6, Luke 22:3-5 What is so interesting to you that you just might turn your back on God to swim towards it? Sadly, the Enemy knows that answer even better than you do.

March 7 No One Exempt from Lures Mark 14:32-42 If Jesus couldn't avoid temptation, then neither can we.

ENIOY A SOUP SUPPER BETWEEN LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday soup suppers are all booked with volunteers and ready to begin on Ash Wednesday, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. Come enjoy a warm meal and camaraderie with your friends here at St. Paul's. A free will offering is gathered at the soup supper to help defray the cost of the food and to support the ministry of the hosting group.

SUNDAY LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES: LOVE...

God is love. Jesus is God's love in flesh and blood.

We are to be "conformed to the image of God's Son" (Romans 8:29). When people see us, they are to see Jesus. We are called to be God's love in flesh and blood to the world.

February 18 Mark 1:12-15, Mark 15:34 Does God really love me? Does God really care? The temptation is often there to give up on a

relationship when we don't feel the love. Jesus didn't. Love fights for us!

February 25 Love Takes Up the Cross Mark 8:31-38, John 19:28-29

Sometimes loves means taking up a cross and carrying it to its finish.

March 4 Love Protects John 2:13-22; John 19:25-29

A mother loves her child and will do everything she can to protect him. How much greater is lesus' love as he seeks to protect his Father's reputation and the physical well-being of his own mother. Love protects.

Love Embraces All March II John 3:14-21; Luke 23:43

We say we love all people, but when push comes to shove, we're pretty selective about where we choose to live and the people we choose to hang out with. Jesus' love was different.





Love Fights

GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

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

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE: A STUDY OF MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

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

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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

THE CULTS: AMERICA'S HOME-GROWN RELIGIONS

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

STRONG FAMILIES - BLESSED LIVES

Dr. Joel Nelson is leading this Parent's Club study on Sundays at 9:15 am (same time as Kids Club) in school classroom 9. Explore the characteristics that make a family healthy and strong. This study will run through the end of March.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

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

THE LEGACY JOURNEY BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Legacy Journey is a seven-week, biblically based class that teaches how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, and purposeful living. Mike Meyer and Gustavo Alcantara, both of whom work in the area of personal finance, will lead this course beginning Sunday, February 18, at 9:15 am in the Faith Room.

Моммү & Ме

Mommy & Me is a new social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms of young children infant through age five. The group meets at St. Paul's Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

DIVORCECARE -TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

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

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP MEETS WEDNESDAY

The monthly Ladies Afternoon Fellowship meeting will take place this Wednesday, February 7, at noon in the Grace Room. Come bask in the sun via the travel log presentation by Joan and Jay Oswald, plus a sneak preview of their recent trip to Puerto Rico. Contact Jan Lampe at <u>jlampe4@wi.rr.com</u> or (414) 517-1036 with questions.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

It is a pleasure to share that over thirty-five families attended our Lutheran School Open House last Sunday. Thirty families expressed interest in 3K or 4K, four new families expressed interest in Kindergarten, and four families stopped in inquiring about 1st – 5th grade for their kids. God be praised!

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. Schedule a tour with School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or <u>sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org</u> to learn more about our school and ask any questions you may have.

At St. Paul's we offer:

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

New School Choice Information for 2018-2019

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) given the income limits listed to the right, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for more information at <u>sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org</u> or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would LOVE to have your family take a tour of our school! Please note – these 2018-19 income limits for the WPCP have increased by 35% compared to last year.

Household Size	Single Parent	Married Parents	
	Income Limit	Income Limit	
3	\$44,352	\$51,352	
4	\$53,460	\$60,460	
5	\$62,568	\$69,568	
6	\$71,676	\$78,676	
***Add \$7,500 for each additional family member			

SERMON SERIES CDS

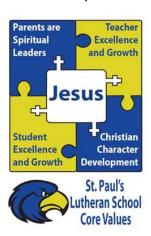
We have produced a set of audio cds of the Reformation 500 Celebration sermon series. The cd set includes a copy of all four sermons: *Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone, and Christ Alone.* Purchase the cd set for your personal edification or share it. You can pick up the set at the Welcome Center.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

DECORATING TEAM

Would you be interested in being on our contact list for special-events decorating (Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.)? We're looking to put together a list of willing hands that we can call on to help us prepare the sanctuary for holiday worship. You will be contacted 3-4 times per year, letting you know when the decorating is scheduled to take place. You can let us know at that time if the session works for you. A flair for interior design is great, but not necessary. You can sign up on the back of the Connection Card or by calling the church office at (414) 422-0320.

STONEY CREEK MOTERCOACH TRIP

You are invited to join Stoney Creek Adult Community on a motercoach trip to Virginia Beach, Historic Norfolk, and Colonial Williamsburg April 14 – 22. The trip includes a 4-night stay at an oceanfront hotel while you explore Colonial Williamsburg, a dinner cruise, the Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin, and so much more. Cost is \$920, Contact Charlene at (414) 422-4686 by February 14, to reserve your spot.



AREA CHRISTIAN RETREATS

MARRIAGE RETREATS MARCH 2-4



MARCH 9-11



Women's Retreat March 9-11



MEN'S RETREATS FEBRUARY 24



MARCH 24



VETERANS' RETREAT MAY 4-6



This retreat is happening at the Heidel House Resort & Spa in Green Lake, March 2-4. More information and registration are available at <u>www.withthisringretreat.com</u>.

This marriage retreat takes place at the Radisson in La Crosse the weekend of March 9-11. For more information and to register go to wels.net/adultdiscipleship. Also, like the WELS Marriage Enrichment Facebook page by searching "WELS Marriage" when in Facebook. Registration deadline is February 9.

The Christian Woman Today Retreat, planned by a committee of women from Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, will be held March 9-11 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Information on breakout sessions and registration forms are available at ChristianWomanToday.org,

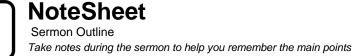
The 8th annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 24. Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online registration information are available at www.menofhisword.org.

The 5th annual *Ironmen of God* men's conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Ixonia. Cost is only \$30 and includes a catered lunch and a coffee mug to take home! Register today at <u>www.ironmenofgodwi.org</u>.

The Lutheran Military Support Group is honored to host a combat veteran spiritual R&R retreat May 4-6 at Camp Phillip in Wautoma. This retreat is intended for individuals with combat induced post-traumatic stress at any level. The Bible studies, discussion, activities, and worship will target this spiritual enemy. All expenses are covered by the Lutheran Military Support Group. Registration and further details are available at <u>http://lutheranmilitary.org/combat-veteran-2018-spiritual-r-r</u>. You may also contact Pastor Jason Hacker at (262) 547-3688 for more information.

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

- I. Share high's and low's and begin your time together in prayer.
- 2. Read again the Maya Angelou quote at the top of the message outline.
 - Is there someone with whom you interacted this week that will remember how you made them feel?
 - Do you see any missed opportunities to put love into action this past week?
- 3. Read I John 3:11-20. What words jump out at you as you read this lesson?
- 4. Read Luke 10:25-27. How might the Good Samaritan account help you respond to the claim, "I don't hate anyone"?
- 5. Do you have a "death is easier" relationship from your past or present, where it has seemed easier to hold on to a grudge rather than forgive? Share what that experience taught you about love.
- 6. The harder we try to always act in love, the more we will see that we fall short. How do we silence our accusing hearts? Read I Timothy 1:15-16.
- 7. What comfort or wisdom can you share with someone who has been hurt so horribly by someone that he or she says, "I can't possibly love the person who hurt me"?
- 8. What is your source of "holy discontent" that calls you to put love into action?



Change Your World – Live the Revolution Act in Love

I John 3:11-20, page 1230

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

1. Act in Love: The Impossibility of Love

- a. We are descendants of C_____
 - Ecclesiastes 4:4: All toil and achievement spring from one person's e_____ of another.

b. Death is e_____

• "I don't hate anyone."

2. Act in Love: The Impossibility of Love

W_____ m____ t____ is i______, but w_____ God

a_____t ____are p_____ (Matthew 19:26)

a. The impossible love of Christ draws us.

b. The impossible love of Christ compels us to "h_____ d____."

How do you silence the accusing heart?

My Next Steps to Change the World

- **Claim impossible love:** Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16 daily to apply God's forgiving love to yourself. "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the worst.¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life."
- **Examine your heart:** In what relations have you taken the "easy way" and "remain in death"? What is the next step to showing impossible love?
- **Pray about your "holy discontent."** What issue or need has God placed into your life and on your heart that challenges you to "impossible love"? What is the next step in acting on that "holy discontent"?