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## JESUS, FRIEND OF ALL

February 2, 3, and 6, 2019

*This weekend we wrap up this message series with the question, "Where do you see yourself in the picture?"*

### PRESERVICE HYMN SING

PRESERVICE (*Sunday*)

**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, Handbells**

### BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 770, vv. 1-3

**O Christ, Who Called the Twelve**

**O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow you,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear your call To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to you, Find perfect liberty.**

**O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray, By your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.**

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 brothers and sisters in Christ, through the prophet Isaiah the Lord shares this invitation:

C **Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat (Isaiah 55:1).**

M We truly have nothing to offer our God. We come to him as poor beggars bringing nothing but our sin and shame. Yet in Christ Jesus he offers us forgiveness and peace, the richest of fare! Recognizing our great need and his unending grace, we can come before our God in honesty, acknowledging the truth of our sin, and asking him to forgive us.

**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.

SONG OF PRAISE 770, v. 4

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, you know our thoughts and actions. We know that we are not worthy of being in your presence.

**C** Come to us through your Word that our fears might be removed and that we might look forward to feasting with you in your heavenly kingdom.

**M** 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

1 Kings 17:7-16, Bible page 353

*The Lord miraculously provided food for Elijah and the widow of Zarephath.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72, Bible page 93

*God defends the afflicted among the people and saves the children of the needy.*

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:14-22, Bible page 1239

*Jesus stands at the door and knocks. He invites all who hear to come in and eat.*

SERMON

Luke 5:27-32; Bible page 1032

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

**Come Thou Fount, Handbells**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and others.

C **Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry.**

M In love, you chose to exercise your greatest strength - to serve us in our greatest need.

C **You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.**

M You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you.

C **Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbors faithfully. Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.**

M You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good. In wise compassion you often exercise your power to help and heal people with physical and emotional needs.

C **Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content and cheerful when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

- M Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven.
- C **Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom ennoble our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life.**
- M Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel. 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 588, vv. 1, 3, 5, 7**

**Abide with Me**

**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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**PIANIST** *Susan Gedemer*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 4, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom #8)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THUR</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Teen Boys Basketball League (Centennial Gym)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	1:00 pm	Teen Boys Basketball Tournament (Trinity and Centennial Gyms)
	6:30 pm	Teens Under God (TUG) (Trinity Café and Gym)



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.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## ME: FRIEND OF ALL

During the month of January, we celebrated Jesus' love for sinners like us. In February, we will be challenged to show that same kind of love to 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



## YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS FOR TAXES

To save printing and mailing costs, please download your year-end financial statement from My St. Paul's. You will find the My St. Paul's button in the upper right corner of the StPaulMuskego.org landing page. Once you have logged in,

1. Click on your "Profile" button in the top right hand corner
2. Click on "Financial"
3. Click on the three dots in the "Financial" box
4. Click on "Giving Statement"
5. Click on "Quick Date Range"
6. Click on "Last Year"
7. Click on "Run Report"

If you need assistance, contact St. Paul's Accountant Becky Wetzal at [bwetzal@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:bwetzal@stpaulmuskego.org) or 414-422-0320, ext 112.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Connie Johnson, 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.

## ATTENDANCE

909 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.

## 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 toward reaching our goal of refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling and replacing the roofs of the Centennial Gym and the church this summer.



## STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENT

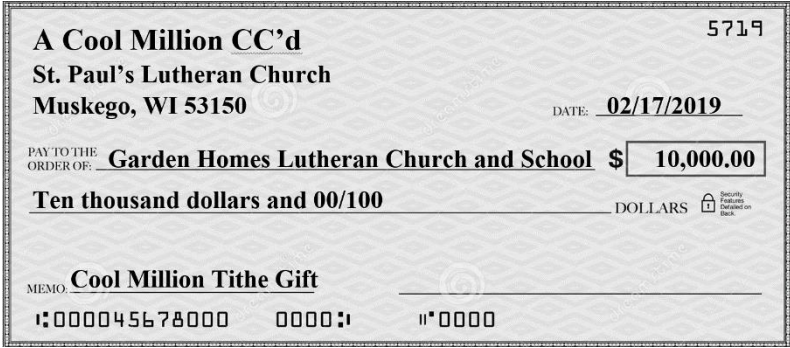
After Easter, a 5-day bus excursion is planned to Pigeon Forge in Gatlinburg. Deadline to register is February 21. For further details contact Anita at (414)-422-4686.

# 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.

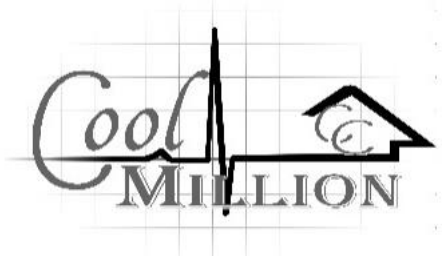
**“C” THE CEILING**



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!**

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## THIRD GRADE TEACHER DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

January 28, 2019

Dear Members of St. Paul,

This past Sunday I was informed that you have issued a divine call to me to teach grade 3 in your school and work with music. I now ask for your prayers as I prayerfully consider where the Lord would like me to serve Him and His church.

In Christ's Service,  
Miss Kim Pilz

Miss Pilz is currently serving as 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and music coordinator at St. Paul Lutheran School in Tomah, Wisconsin. She has served there since 1998. Prior to this, she served for five years in Oakley, Michigan.

## MR. JEFF WETZEL DIVINE CALL RECEIVED

January 29, 2019

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

A humble greeting to you from the hallow of our gracious Savior's hand!

On Tuesday, January 29, Trinity Lutheran School in Caledonia, Wisconsin, together with the prayerful guidance of the Holy Spirit, extended a divine call to me to serve as their school's full-time administrator.

In the upcoming weeks, I hope to speak with many of their school and congregational leaders to learn more about the exciting ministries happening at Trinity. I would ask for prayers of guidance as I deliberate where my family and I can best serve our Savior's earthly kingdom.

If anyone has words of encouragement, or would just like to talk about either call with me, I would ask that you do not hesitate to contact me.

I am humbled, once again, to be able to deliberate where the Lord would like me to serve His earthly kingdom. I would ask for prayers for my family, myself, and for my ministry here at St. Paul's Muskego while I determine where the Lord would have me serve.

In HIS humble service!  
Mr. Jeff Wetzel

Email: [jwetzels@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jwetzels@stpaulmuskego.org)

Cell Phone: 414.651.5611

## WISH LIST

The Wish List contains items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. 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/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give).

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000

### Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant

This Wish List item will provide tuition assistance for our members and members of Garden Homes Lutheran Church who are attending Martin Luther College preparing to become pastors, teachers and staff ministers. These gifts will be matched by the college, providing up to \$1,000 per student. The deadline is June 1, 2019 for gifts to apply to the next school year.



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

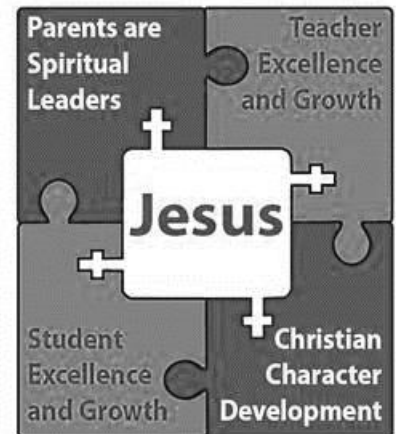
## EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH – OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

It is a pleasure to share that over 30 families attended our Lutheran School Open House last Sunday. 22 expressed interest in 3K or 4K, 6 families expressed interest in Kindergarten, and 3 families stopped in inquiring about grades 2, 3, 4 and 7 for their kids. God be praised!

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!

- **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 were unable 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

## MAKE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSESSIBLE TO ALL

For families with financial need who do not qualify for the Parental Choice programs, we also provide generous tuition assistance. We do not want to have finances hinder any family from benefiting from our school. This year our Tuition Assistance Grants have left our LESTA Fund (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance) with a negative balance of \$29,000. Please consider a special gift to LESTA, either online or mark your gift clearly.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **GRACE ROOM SERIES: 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 at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

## **BE THE BOSS OF YOUR MONEY — REGISTER TODAY**

Dave Ramsey's 9-week *Financial Peace University* is being offered on our campus on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. Childcare is available upon request as well as financial assistance to cover the cost of materials. Register on the back of your Connection Card 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. 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 – BEGINS TUESDAY**

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, or Eric Pearson at [ericpear@yahoo.com](mailto:ericpear@yahoo.com), or (414) 588-7331 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. Contact Sam Lindner at [sam.lindner2323@gmail.com](mailto:sam.lindner2323@gmail.com) for more information.

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

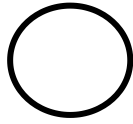
Our Ladies Afternoon Fellowship group invites you to join in a month-long baby shower during February for moms who chose life after visiting one of our Lutherans for Life facilities. Donation sites will be set up in the church lobby and Trinity Café. Help out by bringing clothing size 0-5 years, Christian 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) 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.



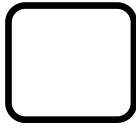
## GroupWork

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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1. Did you have time off because of the snow and cold? How did you spend your time?
2. Matthew was a man on the fringe of society, detested as a tax collector, a term nearly synonymous with "sinner." But he worked in Jesus' adopted hometown of Capernaum so he probably heard about and perhaps even saw some of the miracles Jesus did there. Put yourself in Matthew's position. How might these miracles have prepared Matthew to respond to Jesus' invitation: "Follow me"?
  - a. Matthew 8:5-13 – The healing of the centurion's servant.
  - b. Matthew 8:14-17 – The healing of Peter's mother-in-law.
  - c. Matthew 9:1-8 – The healing of the paralytic.
3. Read Matthew 9:9-13. The sermon encouraged us to see ourselves in this account. How do you relate to each of these characters?
  - a. Matthew, the person on the fringe
  - b. The surprised guests at Jesus' feast
  - c. The disciples, uncomfortable defenders of Jesus' actions
  - d. The pious judges
4. "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." Who are the sick in our day who need to learn about Jesus? Are there a group of people that God has especially placed on your heart? How does our congregation reach out to the "sick" that you mentioned? What more could we do? What more could you do personally?
5. Next Sunday we will study the account of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Use the tool of "seeing yourself in this account" to apply this lesson to yourself in preparation for the message.
  - a. The expert in the law
  - b. The man beaten and left for dead
  - c. The priest and the Levite
  - d. The Samaritan
6. Divide into groups of three or four, share prayer concerns, and take turns praying for the needs that someone else in the group has shared with you.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## Where Are You in the Picture?

Luke 5:27-32, Bible page 1032

1. **The One on the Fringe?**
2. **The Surprised Guest?**
3. **The Uncomfortable Defender?**
4. **The Pious Judge?**

**Which one is the sick person who needs a doctor?**

### My Next Steps

- **Follow the one on the fringe:** Read Matthew 4 – 9, a chapter a day. Imagine how a Capernaum resident like Matthew might have heard of these accounts. When might he have been at the fringe of the crowd? Which accounts did he probably hear about from others? Imagine these events drawing Matthew and you in from the fringe of the crowd.
- **Remember your personal invitation:** Memorize Galatians 3:26-28 to remember that in our baptism we receive a personal invitation to come into Jesus' circle of friends: "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**"
- **Confront the pious judge in yourself:** Spend some quiet time this week considering situations in which you played the Pharisee, looking down on someone like a pious judge. Google "Harvard Prejudice Test" to understand some of your unconscious bias. Celebrate that Jesus is the Friend of all, even pious judges like us.