

**ME? FRIEND OF ALL
UNCONDITIONAL BIBLE**
February 23, 24, and 27, 2019

Can it be true that "love wins"? God grant us wisdom as we seek to balance the love of people and the love of the passages.

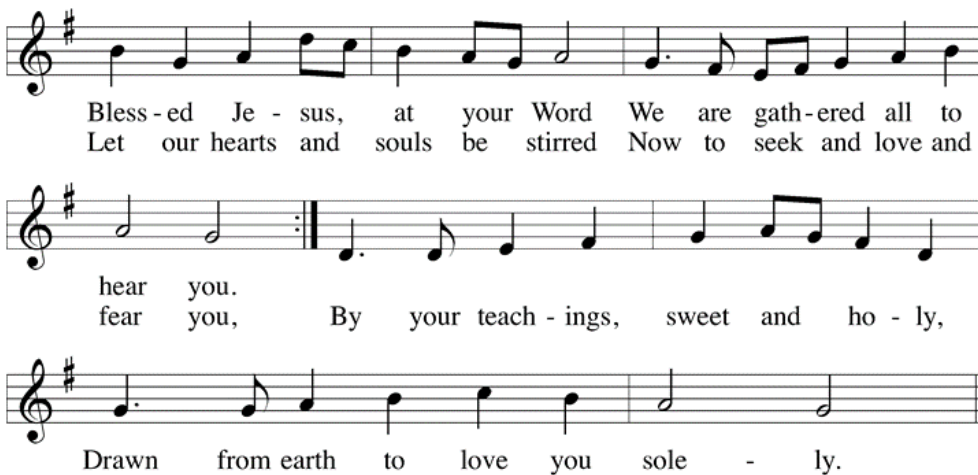
PRESERVICE (Saturday)

**I Love You, Lord
The Gift of Love**
Woodwind Duet

BELLS AND WELCOME

M In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

All



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M Oh, how I love your law!
C **I meditate on it all day long.**

M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
C **for they are ever with me.**

M I have more insight than all my teachers,
C **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M How sweet are your words to my taste,
C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** (*Psalms 119:97-99,103*)

All

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
You must work all good with - in us.

M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,
C **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work** (2 Timothy 3:16,17).

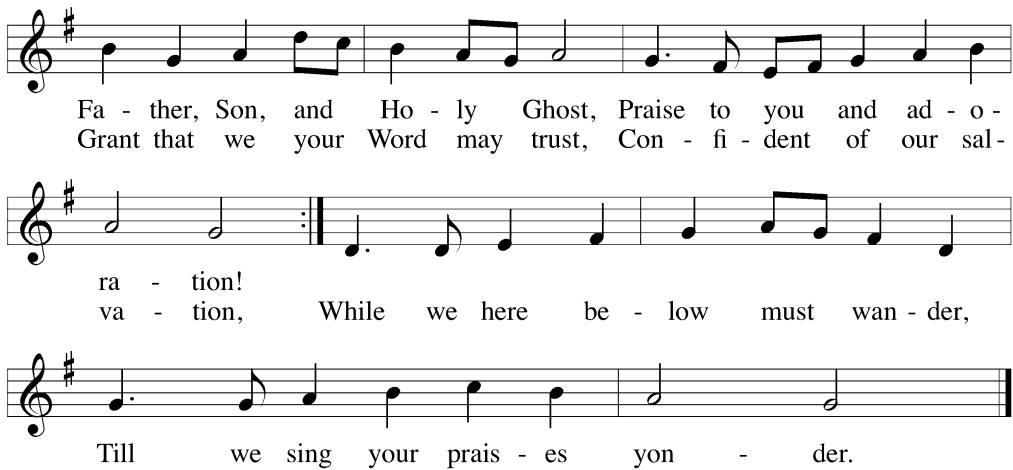
M Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done 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.**

All

Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.**

All



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Heavenly Father, in your Word we find a God who threatens and punishes the unrepentant, yet offers unending mercy and compassion to every sinner through Christ.

C **In our minds, we struggle to harmonize your anger and your love.**

M Help us, once again, to see your great love for us in Christ,

C **how on the cross your anger and your love come together to rescue this lost and dying world.**

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



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 1:18-32, Bible page 1126

The Apostle Paul lists homosexuality and a host of other sins as the result of people rejecting the knowledge of God. "They exchanged the truth about God for a lie."

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:9-20, Bible page 1146

The Apostle Paul lived in a culture that believed sex was an irresistible urge like eating food. What can we learn from him as we live in a similar cultural setting?

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.

HYMN 286

The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

SERMON

Genesis 2:24,25, Bible page 3

Pastor Peter Panitzke

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

Amazing Grace, Woodwind Duet
From All that Dwell Below the Skies, Brass Ensemble
arr. Al Schumacher

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.



M Lift up your hearts.



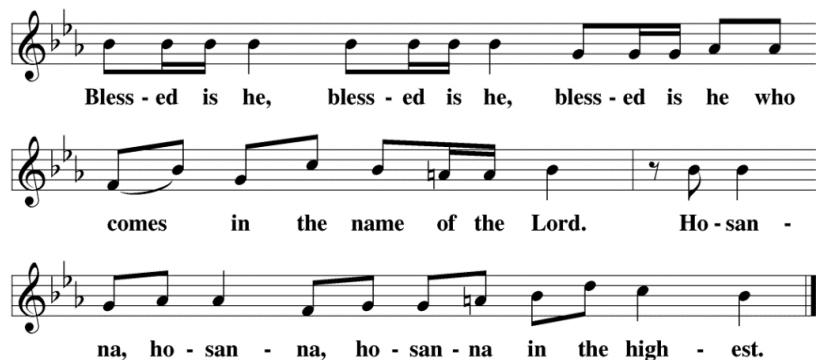
M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



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 288
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**The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace
Thy Strong Word**

CLOSING PRAYER

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE (*Saturday*) **Praise Him! Praise Him!**, *Woodwind Ensemble*
(*Sunday*) **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Al Schumacher

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 and Sundays at 8:30 am in the school. You may register for either session on the back of your Connection Card.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.

The light-colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 25, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS		No Lutheran School – Metro Teachers’ Conference
	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI		No Lutheran School – Staff Inservice
SAT	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Teen Basketball League
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (School Classroom #8)
	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
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service	

PARKING PEOPLE PLEASE!



“Don’t worship here!” Did you see that sign posted in our parking lot today? Quite often our members and guests see that sign. When they drive through the lot and can’t find a spot, they are getting the message loud and clear “Don’t worship here!”

You can make a difference! Could you volunteer about 30 minutes every other week or once a month on a Sunday to help people find a place to park? Even if the lot is full, we will show you where we can squeeze in a few more. We always want to say,

“There is still room!”

Join the Parking Team Ministry: Be the first person to make that positive impression. To volunteer or to find out more, mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Community Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Bernie Elger at Hales Corners Care Center, Carol Gosseck at Southpointe, David Knapp at Froedtert, Theresa Raduege at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, and Marlene Sobczak at Waukesha Memorial. Larry Brickner, Roger Rasmussen, and Lois York-Lewis have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

951 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 of the church. An usher will be happy to direct you to the nursery.

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Love to sing? Please join us in the Easter Festival Choir. Rehearsals are Sundays at 8:00 am in the Faith Room and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the church. Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 10. Contact Michele Eiche at meiche4@wi.rr.com if you have questions.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Hosts are needed for 2 soup suppers; March 27 and April 3. These soup suppers are provided between our Wednesday Lenten services that begin on March 6 to prepare us for observing the death and resurrection of our Savior. For more information contact Church Administrative Assistant Tammy Miller at tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 111.

2019 CHICKEN DINNER THANK YOU!

Thank you to over 80 volunteers for their time, talents, and donations in making this event a success last Sunday. 545 people enjoyed the meal and generously gave towards the meal and A Cool Million. This is our usual count which was excellent given the cold, snowy day. Special thanks to the chicken fryers, Spud Buds, and Thrivent Financial. We look forward to presenting the poster-sized \$10,000 check with your many signatures to Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School later in March.

TEEN BASKETBALL CHURCH LEAGUE ENJOYS FUN SEASON

Our St. Paul's high school boys' basketball league has finished their 2019 season with a 3-7 record. The team was made up of 9 boys from St. Paul's and one boy each from St. Paul's-Franklin, Trinity-Waukesha, and St. John's-Wauwatosa. The boys appreciated the opportunity to play against eight teams from WELS churches around the metro. St. Paul's coaches, Jay Schneider and Wade Witzlsteiner, felt the team gave it all they had and enjoyed a fun season even pulling off a 54-38 upset of St. Marcus, Milwaukee in game 6. St. Paul's members on the team were the following: Seniors-Danny Marlow, Kyle Ristow, Ethan Hall; Junior-Jacob Meyer; Sophomores-Caleb Schneider, Walker Witzlsteiner; Freshmen-Ethan Glaze, Mason Meitner, Riley Stehmeier. Thanks, boys and coaches, for representing St. Paul's!

LEARN ABOUT OUR SOUTHEAST ASIA MISSIONS

The Dorcas Society will be hosting Anne Press from Christians Forward, a Christ-centered humanitarian relief organization, to speak about our church body's mission efforts in Southeast Asia. Join the discussion on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH

Registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons would love to give you a tour of our school facilities and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

There are families with financial need who do not qualify for the Parental Choice programs. For these families we strive to provide generous tuition assistance. We do not want to have finances hinder any family from benefiting from our school. However, this year our Tuition Assistance Grants have left our LESTA Fund (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance) with a negative balance. Please consider a special gift to LESTA, either online or mark your gift clearly and place it in the offering plate.

MRS. TALIA STEINHAUER ACCEPTS DIVINE CALL

Mrs. Talia Steinhauer, currently serving as our 2nd grade teacher, has accepted the one-year call to teach 2nd grade for the 2019/2020 school year. We are thankful for Mrs. Steinhauer remaining on our faculty. She is a joy and a blessing to our students and their families.

DIVINE CALL DELIBERATIONS CONTINUE

Fifth Grade Teacher Mr. Jeff Wetzel continues to deliberate his call to serve as principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Caledonia, Wisconsin. Miss Kristy Stahmann, currently serving as a second grade teacher at Emanuel Lutheran School in New London, Wisconsin, continues to deliberate our fourth grade teacher call. The Ministry Board will extend a divine call for a third grade teacher on February 28.

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

This class is exploring 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, as he leads the last class in this series on Sunday, February 17 at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

MARCH/APRIL GRACE ROOM SERIES

Will God's Word always be reliable and trustworthy? This is the theme for the next Grace Room Sunday morning Bible class, beginning March 3, at 9:30 am. Join former WELS Pastor Dan Kolosovsky in a study of 2 Peter that will answer, "Yes! God's words and promises prove it (past)." "Yes! God's activity in the world today proves it (present)." "Yes! God's final judgment will make this clear to all, once and for all (future)."

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE – BIBLE BASICS AND YOU

Pastor Nate Strobel is leading two sessions of our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*—right now: Sundays at 8:30 am and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you. Register on the back of your Connection Card or contact Pastor Nate directly at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

BABY SHOWER FUNDRAISER — LAST WEEK!

This is the last week to bring your baby donations to the church lobby and Trinity Café. Thank you for your support in this life-saving work! It's great to see the baby items pile up each week!

MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me meets at 9:30 am in the Faith Room. Build camaraderie with other moms while your children enjoy playing with new friends and playmates! Contact Sam Lindner at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com for more information.

MY NEXT STEPS TO BE A FRIEND TO ALL

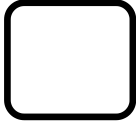
- **Learn more:** This message series is based on the book *Gay and Gad: Loving Everyone God Made and Everything God Wrote* by Pastor Mike Novotny, the new speaker for Time of Grace Ministries. Order a copy at www.TimeofGrace.org/store. Read the book to hear the Savior's call to "love people" and "love the passages."
- **Discuss what you are learning:** GroupWork questions for the "Me? Friend of All" message series are based on *Gay and God*. Booklets with the four weeks of questions are available at the Welcome Center. Discuss this topic in your small group, family, or circle of friends.
- **Ask questions:** We may understand the principle of the unconditional Bible, but how do you apply this truth in your daily life? Lots of questions may arise. The questions you raise can help us develop the next message in this series. We also want to talk these questions through with you. We are providing the following avenues to have a dialogue:
 - **Write** a question on the back of your Connection Card.
 - **Text** a question to Pastor Pete at 414-350-1436.
 - **Email** a question to ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.
- **Come back to hear more.** Me? A Friend of All requires:
 - **Unconditional Love** – February 10
 - **Unconditional Gospel** – February 17
 - **Unconditional Bible** – today's message
 - **Unconditional Trust** – March 3 – Luke 13:1-9

You can find copies of today's message and the messages from the last two weeks at the Welcome Center or watch or download a podcast at www.StPaulMuskego.org/worship/sermons.



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NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Me? Friend of All Finding Love in an Unconditional Bible

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame (Genesis 2:24-25).

1. Who defines love?

Why is your definition of love better than mine?

2. How does he define love?

- a. Emotion or action? – I John 4:10
- b. Selfish or sacrificial? – I Corinthians 13:4-7
- c. Public, Permanent, Protected – Genesis 2:24-25

3. How does your definition of love compare?

- a. Heterosexual sins
 - Matthew 5:27-30 – Lust
 - Matthew 5:31-32 – Divorce
 - I Corinthians 6:12-13 – Extramarital
 - I Corinthians 7:3-5 – A manipulative tool
- b. Homosexual sins
 - I Corinthians 6:9-10 – But read also I Corinthians 6:11!
 - I Timothy 1:8-11 – But read also I Timothy 1:15-16!
 - Romans 1:24-26 – But read also Romans 3:23-24!

4. Love requires death.

- a. Death of our S_____ I John 4:10
- b. Death of our s_____ *Christian Worship*, page 12

5. Love Wins! Satisfied with Love – Ephesians 3:14-21

**My Next Steps to be a Friend to All
are on the inside back cover**