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**CULTURE SHIFT**  
**WHEN WOMEN BECAME PRECIOUS**  
February 8, 9, and 12, 2020

*The Christian faith is often viewed negatively as counter-cultural. A study of history reveals that when Christianity becomes the dominate faith in a culture, you notice very positive culture shifts. During February we will celebrate four of those culture shifts. Today's theme celebrates the fact that whenever Jesus impacts a society, women have been treated more in line with God's design.*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**THIRTEEN 22 VIDEO**

*The Rynders family talks about creating an estate plan.*

**HYMN 232, vv. 1-2**

**Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care**

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

**Confession of Sins**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Scriptures teach us that God does not show prejudice or partiality to anyone, no matter their race or gender.

C **There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)**

M The fact that there is so much discrimination and inequity in our world is a testament, not to God's will and design, but to the egocentric depravity of our sinful nature. Who will rescue us from this body of death? Thanks be to God! He rescues us through the blood of Jesus Christ. In our baptisms we have been made children of God. Confident that we are forgiven and loved, we hold to God's promise that, when we admit the truth of our sin, he will bring true healing—healing that only forgiveness in Christ can bring. Let us, therefore, confess our sins and be healed.

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. We are forgiven and we are free to love and serve this broken world with one heart and mind as God designed.**

## Prayer and Praise

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

HYMN 232, v. 3

Lord of My Life Whose Tender Care

To you my humble praise I bring  
For mercies day by day.  
Lord, teach my heart your love to sing;  
Lord, teach me how to pray.  
All that I have and e'er can do  
I'll use to serve and honor you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord Jesus, you prayed for us, that we might be one as you and the Father are one.

C Teach us how to choose that road—today and every day.

M Empower us in Christ to live and work together in harmony as you designed, to show respect and honor for all people,

C because we are all the work of your hands, uniquely gifted to serve you.

M We pray through your name, Jesus. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, now and forever



## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31, Bible page 660

*A wife of noble character serves the family equally with her husband. She is precious to him and her family.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia! (*Matthew 4:23*)

### GOSPEL

Luke 8:1-3, Bible page 1036

*Jesus received the support of faithful women who followed him.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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

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 10.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 491**  
**358**

**O Master of the Loving Heart**  
**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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

**M** Nourish us with this holy food,  
**C** **that our hearts may always beat as one with yours.**

**M** You are Lord forevermore.

**C:** A - men.

**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.

**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**TODAY'S MUSIC** *(Sunday) How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, arr. by Todd Marchand*  
**Go, Tell It on the Mountain, arr. by, Al Schumacher**

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 10, 2020

<b>Lutheran Schools Week</b>		
<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Strings Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Pastoral Circuit Meeting at St. John's, Mukwonago
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors Meeting (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Volleyball League
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	High School Boys Basketball League
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>		<i>Chicken Dinner Preparations – see sign-up sheets</i>
	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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:00 am	<b>St. Paul's Annual Chicken Dinner</b> (until 1:00 pm, Centennial Gym)
	10:15 am	The Bridge Worship Service
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service	

## JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! We livestream The Bridge every Sunday at 10:15 am on the platforms below. Past messages are also available on each platform. Full HD replays of complete services are available on our YouTube channel.



[www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)  
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# THIRTEEN 22 SOCIETY

## THIRTEEN 22 SOCIETY

“A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children” (Proverbs 13:22). Many people have already included the Lord’s work here at St. Paul’s in their estate plan. We are forming the Thirteen 22 Society to celebrate your generous plans and encourage your ministry partners here at St. Paul’s to do the same. If a gift to St. Paul’s is included in your estate plans, please indicate that on the Connection Card.



## MAKING AN IMPACT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

What happens when you remember the Lord’s work here at St. Paul’s in your estate plans? Vital projects are completed. New missions are started. Christian education is supported. Ministry opportunities become a reality. In the twenty years since St. Paul’s has had the Gift Trust Fund, and more recently the Legacy Fund, nearly \$1 million has been distributed for things like:

- Gifts to support campus ministries in Madison and Milwaukee
- Support to help start new churches: Living Word in Waukesha and Victory of the Lamb in Franklin
- Lighting in our sanctuary
- New windows in the school
- Equipment to help care for our facilities
- Support for Pastor Bonack as he pursues a masters in mental health counseling to help us care for our members and our community

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN ESTATE PLAN?

If you haven’t made an estate plan or will of your own, you are not alone. According to the Caring.com 2019 survey, 57% of US adults do not have any estate plans. Only 20% of younger adults (18-34) have estate plans, even though many of these young adults have young children.

## ESTATE PLANNING LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

St. Paul’s has contracted with SFP Estate Coaching (the same firm used by Wisconsin Lutheran High School) to coach 30 individuals or families through the estate planning process during 2020. If you complete the process with them, there will be financial assistance given to you to help cover a portion of your attorney fees.

We invite you to come and learn more about this service and the first steps in estate planning at our Estate Planning Luncheon on Saturday, February 22, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm in the Grace Room. Seating is limited. Indicate interest on the Connection Card today.

## ESTATE PLANNING OPTIONS

St. Paul’s provides two options to assist you in your estate planning:

- Gift Trust Fund: 30% of the fund is available for distribution each year. Distributions are determined at the annual voter’s meeting. An estate gift placed into the Gift Trust Fund is fully distributed over approximately ten years.
- Legacy Fund: 5% of the fund is available for distribution each year. Distribution are determined at the annual voter’s meeting. An estate gift placed into the Legacy Fund continues to help St. Paul’s ministry as on-going endowment fund. The Legacy Fund has four sub-funds that can be designated in an estate plan: Outreach, Christian Education, Capital Projects, or Undesignated. For more information, contact any of your Thirteen 22 Committee members: Mike Meyer (chair), Joanne Fritsch (secretary), Jeremy Rynders, Dorothy Nowack and Pastor Panitzke.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

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

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Carol Gosseck is at Clement Manor, Nancy Rindt is at Linden Grove New Berlin, and Marlene Sobczak has transferred to Linden Grove Mukwonago. Kellie Behrens and Robert Burkowitz have been discharged from the hospital.

## **ATTENDANCE**

1061 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 if needed.

## **ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Enjoy camaraderie and a fantastic buffet style chicken dinner on February 16, 10:00 – 1:00 pm, in the Centennial Gym. All proceeds from the free-will offering will go towards the Cool Million campaign. Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby to help out. For more information, contact Chicken Dinner Coordinator Jim Ross at (414) 315-7119 or [jcragency@gmail.com](mailto:jcragency@gmail.com).

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Hosts are needed for the soup suppers provided between our Lenten services which begin with Ash Wednesday on February 26. As a host, you or your group buys the food and supplies needed. All donations given at the supper go toward your costs. Any proceeds go to a ministry of your choice. Dates needing hosts are March 11, 18, and 25. For more information and to sign up, contact Tammy Miller at [tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) or 414-422-0320, ext. 111.

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY**

Invite someone to join you for the next *Following the Promise* series, beginning February 18, at 7:00 pm. You are sure to grow in your understanding of the truths of God's Word and his promises for you and all people. Please text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236 or mark the back of your Connection Card to let us know of your interest.

## **A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOB**

Grow in understanding God's ways as you walk along with Job through his struggles. Join Rev. Dr. Mark Braun of Wisconsin Lutheran College for this Grace Room Bible study series, Sundays of February at 9:15 am.

## **JOB IS IN THE LIBRARY**

Resources regarding times of suffering, seeing God's will during difficult times, and other books that support the study of Job are on display in the church library.



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS MONDAY

Our Lutheran schools are treasured places...because Jesus is there. Lutheran Schools Week takes time to celebrate that – the joy and impact of Christ on our kids and families. Our classes “take every thought and make it obedient to Christ” (2 *Corinthians 10:5*). We assist your family by helping your kids “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 *Peter 3:18*). We are very blessed to have your support in prayers, offerings, and volunteerism! Thank you! Keep praying for our school that more and more children come to grow closer to Jesus each day as we partner with parents in this awesome task!



**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 2020-2021

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Milwaukee or Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for more information at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or. We would love to have your family take a tour of our school!

### Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$46,926	\$53,926
4	\$56,650	\$63,650
5	\$66,374	\$73,374
6	\$76,098	\$83,098

\*Add \$9,724 for each additional family member

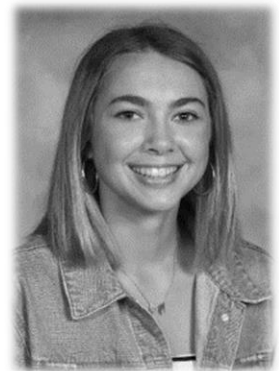
### Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$63,990	\$70,990
4	\$77,250	\$84,250
5	\$90,510	\$97,510
6	\$103,770	\$110,770

\*Add \$13,260 for each additional family member

## VIKING CHRISTIAN LEADER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to St. Paul's Lutheran School alumna Grace Schneider who was selected as Wisconsin Lutheran High School Viking Christian Leader for the month of January. We thank God for the way Grace has modeled Christian wisdom at school and in the community. Grace characterizes wisdom in Christian leadership by keeping Christ's purpose in mind in every decision, and knowing that he is ultimately in control. And using Christ's example in the way she treats others.



## SMALL GROUP BOWLING TOURNAMENT BREAKS RECORD

Kudos to the Jim and Kathy Haag small group members who sponsored and ran their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 9 Pin Tap Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction to support the Lighthouse Youth Centers in Milwaukee. One of the centers is a part of Garden Homes Lutheran Church, a St. Paul's mission partner. The event raised \$5,502 for the Lighthouse Ministries. This was an all-time record. Jim Haag reported, “We had 64 bowlers and 14 paid non-bowlers for this event. We also had more St. Paul's members attend than ever before! Thanks to all the participants and their support of this event! To God be the glory!”

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WISH LIST

The items listed below 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
Promethean Board	\$4,500	\$4,500	Fully Funded
iPads for PreK Classrooms	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$1,000
Photo Feature Walls for church lobby and Trinity Café	\$4,000	\$875	\$3,125
Church Signage Updates	\$6,373	\$0	\$6,373
Church Family Room Furniture Updates	\$8,850	\$1,180	\$7,670
Martin Luther College Tuition Grant	\$4,000	\$150	\$3,850

### Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant

This grant will provide tuition assistance for our members and members of Garden Homes Lutheran Church, our sister congregation, who are attending Martin Luther College preparing to become pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Next year we anticipate two students from St. Paul's and three from Garden Homes enrolled at MLC.

## 2020 CHURCH PICNIC

Help make the Church Picnic on August 2 a great event for young and old! Volunteer to be on the Church Picnic Planning Team! Express interest by marking the back of your Connection Card or contacting Pastor Kuehl at [dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 121.

## OWLS MEET TUESDAY

Let's get together for lunch. Join the Organization of Wisconsin Synod Lutherans on Tuesday, February 11, in the Grace Room. Bring a bag lunch and listen to the music of Kathy Albrecht. Contact OWLS Coordinator Char Pingel at (262) 490-2579.

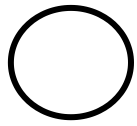
## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

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 held on Tuesday evenings or 12 weeks in the Faith Room with a new session beginning February 11. You may register on the back of your Connection Card.

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.



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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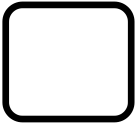
1. Who is/was the most influential woman in your spiritual development?
2. Read the horror story of Judges 19-21 before you arrive for small group.
  - a. Summarize what happened to the unnamed concubine (19:22-28).
  - b. After the slaughter of the tribe of Benjamin (Judges 20), how did the tribes find wives for the surviving men of Benjamin? (21:15-25)
  - c. This sad story of the mistreatment of women illustrates the spiritual depravity of the Israelites at this time. What examples of mistreatment of women in our culture illustrate spiritual depravity today and the desperate need for the gospel?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-27 and Galatians 3:26-29. How does each of these passages teach that women are equally precious to men? (Hint: Think “creation” and “redemption.”)
4. Christianity caused a culture shift. Read and comment on this quote from Timothy Keller’s *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. What in this statement surprises you? Encourages you?

In the broader [Greco-Roman] society, women had a very low status, being subjected to high levels of female infanticide, forced marriages, and lack of economic equality. Christianity afforded women much greater security and equality than had previously existed in the ancient classical world (page 20).

Keller explains this statement in an endnote on page 249:

This statement may surprise many readers who have heard that older religions and paganism were more positive toward women than Christianity was. It was extremely common in the Greco-Roman world to throw out new female infants to die from exposure, because of the low status of women. Greco-Roman society saw no value in an unmarried woman, and therefore it was illegal for a widow to go more than two years without remarrying. But Christianity was the first religion to not force widows to marry. They were supported financially and honored within the community so that they were not under great pressure to remarry if they did not want to. Pagan widows lost all control of their husband’s estate. Finally, Christians did not believe in cohabitation. If a Christian man wanted to live with a woman, he had to marry her, and this gave women far greater security. Also, the pagan double standard of allowing married men to have extramarital sex and mistresses was forbidden. In all these ways, Christian women enjoyed far greater security and equality than did women in the surrounding culture. See Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity* (Harper, 1996), chapter 5: “The Role of Women in Christian Growth.”

5. Conclude by working through “Celebration” and “Introspection” on the bottom of the message outline. Email your group’s conclusions or your individual conclusions to Pastor Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org).



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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# Culture Shift: When Women Became Precious

1. Women have a right to be angry!
  - a. Judges 19-21 – A tragic appendix to a tragic period in Israel
  - b. 1 Kings 11:1-3 – The king as a role model?
2. God's Worldview was still present!
  - a. Ruth 1 – Godliness in the midst of worldliness
  - b. Proverbs 31:10-31 – “Honor her... and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”
3. God's Worldview revealed.
  - a. Fellow heirs of the promise and God's gift of life: Galatians 3:26-29, 1 Peter 3:7
  - b. Different roles to complement each other: Genesis 2:18; Colossians 3:18-19
4. God's Worldview lived.
  - a. In Jesus' ministry: John 4:1-26; Luke 8:1-3; Luke 23:55-24:10
  - b. In the apostles' ministry: Acts 16:16-18; 18:18-26; 21:8-9; Romans 16:1-16
5. God's Worldview changed culture (see quote in question 4 of GroupWork).

“In India, widows were voluntarily or involuntarily burned on their husbands' funeral pyres. Christian missionaries were a major influence in stopping these century-old practices and ideas.”

<http://www.faithfacts.org/christ-and-the-culture/the-impact-of-christianity>
6. We have a long way to go!
  - a. In the church
  - b. In culture

### My Next Steps to Be a Culture Shifter

- **Dig Deeper:** Work through GroupWork. Read one or more of the books referenced in GroupWork.
- **Celebration:** What in our society illustrates Scripture's high view of women that is likely caused by Christianity's positive influence on our culture? What in our congregation's practices illustrates that we value women and their ministry?
- **Introspection:** What in our congregation's culture illustrates that we do not value women? What cannot change because they are a result of God's roles for us as men and women? What can change because they are simply customs? What must change because the practices perpetuate inequality between men and women as co-heirs of God's gracious gift of life?