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## LOVE

### LOVE EMBRACES ALL

March 10 and 11, 2018

*What made the early Christian Church able to overcome cultural barriers, racial barriers, and economic barriers? What could make the Church today attractive to those who don't believe?*

*It is God's kind of love... a love that embraces all.*

PRESERVICE (*Sunday*)

**The Deep, Deep Love; Were You There, String Ensemble**

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 339, vv. 1-3

**Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

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

C **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

C **whose sins are covered.**

M Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him

C **and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

M When I kept silent my bones wasted away

C **through my groaning all day long.**

M For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C **my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

M Then I acknowledged my sin to you

C **and did not cover up my iniquity.**

M I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" —

C **and you forgave the guilt of my sin** (*Psalm 32:1-5*).

M Lord God, because it was for our sin that Jesus endured the mind-numbing anguish of the passion, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross.



M Forgive the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and your Word and Sacrament, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.



M Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in our condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.



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.



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

#### SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 339, v. 4

#### Today Your Mercy Calls Us

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

God of heaven, Lord of our salvation, you came into a hostile world to bring peace and comfort. You came to seek and to save all who are lost.

C **Thank you for Jesus and for the comforting assurance that your forgiving love embraces all.**

M Help us to drink deeply today from your living water,

C **that our zeal to share your love may grow.**

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.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Ephesians 2:4-10**, Bible page 1174

*No one deserves God's grace.  
His salvation is a gracious gift to all.*

### ANTHEM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**Only by Grace**

*Lutheran School Grades 2 and 5*

### VERSE OF THE DAY (*Saturday, Sunday 7:45 am*)

M Jesus said: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (*Mathew 9:12, 13*).

### GOSPEL

**John 3:14-21**, Bible page 1065

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but to save the world through him.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY 106

**Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

### SERMON

**John 3:14-21**, Bible page 1065

**Luke 23:43**, Bible page 1059

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (*Sunday*)

**What Wondrous Love Is This, *String Ensemble***

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**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. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 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.

This musical score is for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It is written in C major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: '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.

This musical score is for the 'Words of Institution'. It is written in C major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score consists of one line of music with the lyrics: '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.

This musical score is for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It is written in C major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score consists of five lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: '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 337 338

## Delay Not! Delay Not I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ORGANIST** *Nicole Greanya*

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>March 29</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion</b>	<b>3:30 and 7:00 pm</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Easter Vigil *</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise *</b>	<b>6:00 am</b>
	<b>Easter Festival</b>	<b>7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am</b>
	<b>Easter at The Bridge</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>

\* The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunrise services will be identical.

## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

*The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.*

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.*

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

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

### **Your Ministerial Staff**

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Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of March 12, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	String Ensemble Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Parents Meeting (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball Adult Open Gym (Trinity Gym)
	7:30 pm	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	3:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service with Holy Communion
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Adult Community Bible Study: <i>Luther and Scripture Alone</i>
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Easter Festival Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 am	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	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 Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

Melia Marie Mueller, daughter of James and Chrysa (nee Kloskowski) Mueller, was born July 25, 2017 and will be baptized in a private ceremony on Sunday, March 11, 2018. May God bless Melia in her gift of faith given to her through the waters of Baptism and God's Word.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Brittany Michaels and Betty Teisl are at Froedtert. John Hansen is at Zilber Hospice, and Margaret Kujath is rehabbing at Waukesha Linden Grove. Norman Boye, Dorothy Hahn, Ariannah Kain, and Ken Klement have been discharged from the hospital.

## **ATTENDANCE**

938 attended last weekend's worship services. 347 attended midweek Lenten services.

## **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, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Judith Lauber, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## **DIVINE CALL EXTENDED FOR OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

The Lord of the Church, through our Ministry Board, has extended a divine call to Mr. Dan Rick to serve as our next 7th grade homeroom teacher and athletic director. Mr. Rick wrote the following letter to the congregation:

March 2, 2018

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

On Wednesday, February 28, I received the Divine Call to teach at your school. The responsibilities extended to me would include teaching in the upper grades and serving as your athletic director. What a wonderful blessing from God as I evaluate my ministry in His kingdom!

I currently serve at St. John's Lutheran School in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. I serve as the school principal and athletic director. I also teach grades 5 to 8 and coach athletics.

If you would like to speak with me regarding my call, your counsel by phone or email would be appreciated.

Please keep me in your prayers as I prayerfully deliberate my Divine Call to St. Paul's, Muskego and my current call at St. John's, Sleepy Eye.

Yours in Christ,

Daniel Rick  
Principal of St. John's Lutheran School – Sleepy Eye, MN  
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# LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT — *LURED*...

At our Wednesday Lenten services we are taking a closer look at temptation, its source, its power, and God's answer to it with our series *Lured*. Join us each week at 3:30 and 7:00 pm, with this Wednesday's sermon theme *Never Alone*, based on Mark 14:32-42.



## ENJOY A SOUP SUPPER BETWEEN SERVICES

Enjoy a warm meal and camaraderie with your friends between our Wednesday Lenten services, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. 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. St. Paul's Dorcas Society will be hosting this Wednesday's soup supper.

## SUNDAYS IN LENT — *LOVE*...

Our Sunday Lenten series on love continues next weekend with *Love Forgives*, based on Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Luke 23:34. Forgiveness—it sounds so easy. Yet there are times when we just can't forgive, when we simply don't want to forgive. If anyone had reason to feel that way, it was Jesus. Jesus, however, unconditionally forgives even the men who nailed him to the cross. Forgive, God says, as I have forgiven you. Love forgives. Dig in deeper next weekend.



## EASTER FOR KIDS – SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 to 11:45 am, at the school
- 3-12 years old (3K- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- The Easter story, Easter crafts, singing, games, snacks, and fun!
- Register online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/easter-for-kids/](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/easter-for-kids/), complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).
- If you'd like to assist with this fun and faith-strengthening event, mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).



## EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center if you would like to purchase one of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be placed at the altar for all Easter services and may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be made out to St. Paul's and placed in the provided envelopes marked, "Easter Flowers," available at the Welcome Center. A lock box is there for you to place your payment.

## SING PRAISES IN THE CHOIR ON EASTER SUNDAY

The St. Paul's Easter Festival Choir is open to anyone in 8<sup>th</sup> grade on up. Rehearsals are Sundays at 8:00 am in the Faith Room and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the church balcony, now through Easter. Contact Michele Eiche at [meiche4@wi.rr.com](mailto:meiche4@wi.rr.com) or Pastor Bonack at [jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information.

## EASTER MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to families in need within our congregation and community for Easter. Please contact Pastor Kuehl at [dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 121 if you, or a family member or friend would appreciate a food basket this year.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

*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.

## **STUDY I THESSALONIANS IN MARCH**

Join Wisconsin Lutheran High School Campus Pastor Phil Huebner in looking at how the Apostle Paul encouraged a new mission congregation to band together as a family of believers in difficult times, waiting for Christ's return. This special letter will encourage us to do the same. *I Thessalonians* will be offered the Sundays in March, 9:15-10:15 am, in the Grace Room.

## **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.

## **OWLS MEET TUESDAY**

The Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors meets Tuesday, March 13 at noon in the Grace Room. Tim Mutterer will present his history talk on our US presidents. He presented at the OWLS convention last October. Bring your sandwich, enjoy the provided deserts, give a hoot, and come out.

## **MOMMY & ME**

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 on Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at [sam.lindner2323@gmail.com](mailto:sam.lindner2323@gmail.com) or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

## **DIVORCECARE**

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, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at [kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org), or (414) 422-0320 for more information.

## **TWELVE OILS OF ANCIENT SCRIPTURE**

You are invited to *Ancient Oils of the Bible* on Sunday, April 15, 12:00-1:30 pm, in the Grace Room. Learn how a powerful collection of essential oils can deliver grace and ease. There will be a handout, power point presentation, and light refreshments for all. Please contact Karen Schram (262) 232-7901 by April 8 to reserve your spot.

## **THE POINT OF GRACE COLLEGE MINISTRY MEETS TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

The next TPOG Gathering is sponsored by the Marquette Chapter at Marquette Hall, room 300, on March 27 at 7:00 pm. Enjoy free food while guest speaker Pastor Tom Bauer speaks on what to do when there isn't a church of your denomination near you, our place in the Christian Church, our confession and beliefs, and our conduct in churches of different denominations. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center for more information.

## **TUG OPEN GYM – SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

Teens! Come to the Trinity Gym and Café on Sunday, March 11, 6:30 -8:00 pm, for open gym and free time of your choosing in the Trinity Café. Bring a game, bring food, whatever you enjoy. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson with questions at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

# GIFTS TO GOD

## WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. 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
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$4,565	\$25,435
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$4,601	\$2,099
Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant	\$10,000	\$300	\$9,850
Church Lobby Carpet	\$4,000	\$4,000	Fully Funded
Apache Reservation Meal Event	\$2,700	\$5,700	Fully Funded

## CHURCH LOBBY CARPET FULLY FUNDED

You will notice new carpet in the church lobby when you arrive for church next weekend as the result of generous Wish List gifts. Thank you for enabling us to keep our worship environment fresh and appealing. We will be tearing out the old carpet after the Wednesday, March 14 Lenten service. If you would like to help, contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197.

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund provides our members with an opportunity to encourage continuing education through special gifts. Our goal is to provide an additional \$500 per teacher or \$7000 per year beyond what is already available. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift clearly, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

## MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT

This Wish List item will provide \$1000 of tuition assistance for each of our members and members of Garden Homes Lutheran Church who are attending Martin Luther College preparing to become pastors, teachers and staff ministers. These \$1000 gifts will be matched by the college, providing our students with \$2000 in assistance. The deadline is June 1, 2018 for gifts to apply to the next school year.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Each year your generous contributions to the **Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance Fund (LESTA)** allow us to provide tens of thousands of dollars tuition assistance to families who are not able to cover the cost of tuition. Please consider a gift as this fund is considerably below our expected needs for next school year. The **Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund (SCETA)** allows us to encourage your youth to continue their Christian education at Wisconsin Lutheran High School or Luther Prep School..

## MORTGAGE FUND

God has enabled us to continue to reduce our indebtedness on our 2010 addition to \$1.8 million. The \$19,135 monthly payment is paid entirely from gifts designated "Mortgage Fund." Please include the Mortgage Fund in your giving plans.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT! – AN ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

If all has gone as planned, you will see new lighting in the altar area of the church. The previous lighting was removed when it was found to be a fire hazard. This new lighting is the first in a series of projects planned for this Anniversary Year – the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centennial Gym, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building, and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Bridge. You will be hearing more about these anniversary projects in the next month.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Contributions to these funds can be made via your offering envelopes, clearly marking what the gift is for or by giving online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) or by using the QR code with your mobile device. Offerings for the General Mission and Ministry of St. Paul's can be made by texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733.





# APACHE MEAL PACKING EVENT

With the generous gifts given by God's people here at St. Paul's, our Lutheran School students participated in a tremendous service project to feed the hungry!

On February 26, our Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes filled the Trinity Gym with willing hands and hearts of love for the people of East Fork Lutheran Church on the Apache Reservation in Whiteriver, Arizona.

After the opening prayer led by School Administrator Mr. Fitzsimmons and final instructions from teachers and parent volunteers, the meal packing began. Eight to ten kids served at each table. The jobs consisted of pouring measured quantities of rice, beans, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamin powder into pre-labeled bags. The bags were then weighed, sealed, and placed in boxes. Each bag packed provided 6 nutritional meals and each meal only cost 17 cents to make. All food and materials were provided through World Wide Hunger Relief based out of Waukesha.

The day of service resulted in over 10,000 meals being given to those in need on the Apache Reservation. Your generosity even allowed nearly \$3000 more in direct financial aid to be sent to the church and school there.

This generosity is inspiring. With more generous giving like this, the possibilities to do more and more are endless! If you would like to speak with Mr. Fitzsimmons about future opportunities, please contact him at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

**THE BIG  
MEAL PACKING  
EVENT**



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **ENROLL NOW FOR PRE-K THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open for our 3K to 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org). You may also find more information and register online at [www.stpmuskego.org/tads](http://www.stpmuskego.org/tads).

## **ADULT VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM – TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

Volleyball open gym time is a great outreach opportunity to invite your unchurched friends to a non-threatening and fun event on campus. Volleyball open gym is on Tuesdays, 7:00 -10:00 pm, in the Trinity Gym March 13 through April 24. No open gym on March 27 or April 3. Cost is 2 dollars per person. Court 1 will be Competitive A; Court 2 will be Level B.

## **CHURCH CEMETERY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

All Christmas decorations have been removed from the cemetery. They have been placed behind the historic church if families wish to pick them up.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the Lost and Found in the church library if you are missing anything. All unclaimed items will be donated to a worthy cause after March 31.

## **SUM OF MONEY FOUND ON CHURCH PARKING LOT**

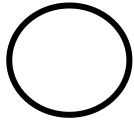
A sum of cash was found on the church parking lot on Sunday, January 28. If you believe this could be yours, please contact Tom Neubauer with further details at (414) 529-5835.

## **STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP**

Stoney Creek invites you on a day trip to the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford to see *The Willis Clan*. Before the show the bus will stop at MJ Stevens Restaurant, also located in Hartford. Join in the fun Wednesday, May 23, at a cost of \$71. Contact Charlene at (414) 422-4686 to reserve your spot.

## **STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY OVERNIGHT TRIP**

Stoney Creek invites you on an overnight motorcoach trip to experience the *Amish Barn Quilt Tour* in Shawano on June 27 and 28. Cost is \$190 per person. Contact Charlene to reserve your spot at (414) 422-4686.



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Where have you seen God active in your life this past week?
2. This week's message is "Love Embraces All." Has there ever been a time where God put someone in your life who was difficult to love? How did you overcome that and love them anyway OR how were you unable to overcome that? What would you go back and do differently if you could?
3. Read John 3:14-21.
  - a. What are some ways our world shows that it loves the darkness instead of the light?
  - b. While "disdain" or "frustration" might be the easy thing to feel towards our dark world, John 3:16 reminds us that God's love is all-embracing. What do you do to keep from letting the darkness of our world overwhelm the light of Jesus' promise?
4. Jesus came into the world to save the world. This week's message challenged us as believers in Jesus to say the same: "I came into the world to save the world." (Before you discuss this question... read #6 and take notes.)
  - a. How does that challenge make you feel?
  - b. Our call to "save the world" begins with those closest to us. How can you show Jesus' all-embracing love to those around you this week? (Be as specific as possible!)
  - c. What are your dreams to expand your influence so that more people know Jesus' all-embracing love? What sacrifice(s) do you feel Jesus is calling you to make to fulfill your calling "to save the world"?
5. Read Ephesians 2:4-10.
  - a. How do these verses comfort you as you see your own failures to show all-embracing love?
  - b. How does verse 10 give you hope as you dream about your role in showing all-embracing love?
6. Close with each person praying for the person to her/his right. Ask God to bless their plans (from question #4) for the week and their dreams to show God's all-embracing love.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

## Love Embraces All

**John 3:14-21, page 1065**

**Luke 23:43, page 1059**

Love the words: everyone, world, whoever.

### 1. Love embraces me.

- a. Jesus came into the world, not to \_\_\_\_\_ it but to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- b. Step into the \_\_\_\_\_ to be embraced by His love.

### 2. Love embraces you.

- a. I came into Love's embrace, not to \_\_\_\_\_ you but to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- b. I am called to step into the \_\_\_\_\_ so that others find hope to be embraced by His love.

### 3. Love embraces the world.

- a. I came into Love's embrace, not to \_\_\_\_\_ the world but to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.
- b. I am called to step into the \_\_\_\_\_ so that God can work through me to embrace the world by His love.

## My Next Steps in God's Plan of All-Embracing Love

**Look inside:** Read the book of James (a chapter a day) to let God's Word convict you of the darkness within your own heart. After your time of confession, experience Love's embrace by reciting Jesus' words: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

**Look outside:** Who is close to you whom you struggle to love? How might you show the Savior's all-embracing love to that individual?

**Look up:** Ask the Lord Jesus to give you a clear vision of your role in making known to the world the Savior's all-embracing love. What dreams has he put on your heart? What sacrifice is he calling you to make?