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LIKE US IN EVERY WAY

OUR SORROW

April 1 and 2, 2017

Sin brings so much grief into our lives. The most powerful example is death, which steals our loved ones from us. Jesus was moved to tears on more than one occasion as he witnessed and experienced the sorrow that sin brings to our lives.

PRESERVICE HYMN SING

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 376, vv. 1-5

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

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 Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's Word speaks of humankind's universal condition:

C **There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who is good, not even one.** (*Romans 3:10-12*)

M The struggles, the difficulties, the pain and sorrow of this life, and, finally, the greatest enemy, death, are all the result of our sin. Rather than forsaking us to an eternity of misery, Jesus, God's Son, became one of us. He carried our sin so that he could free us from sin and its consequences forever. Let's heed God's call, therefore, to humble ourselves before him and confess our sin.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

All **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 For me and all your hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus, our only Savior, you chose the way of suffering. Because of your sacrifice, we know the peace that passes all understanding—even in the midst of our own suffering.
- C **Thank you, Jesus, for your great sacrifice.**
- M When darkness overshadows us and troubles threaten to overwhelm us, keep our eyes focused on you and your great love for us.
- C **Give us the courage to boldly pray: “Deliver us from evil.”**
- M For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.



LESSON **Ezekiel 37:1-14**, Bible page 865
In Ezekiel’s vision the people of Israel are depicted in their spiritual darkness as dry bones covering the valley floor. At the command of God, Ezekiel preaches the Word to them and calls the bones back to life again.

PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 116**, Hymnal page 107
The Church praises the Lord who delivers her from death.

PASSION HISTORY VIDEO **Matthew 27:45-61**; *The Death of Jesus*

HYMN 110 **My Song Is Love Unknown**

SERMON **John 11:17-27, 38-44**, Bible page 1076
Pastor David Kuehl

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.

OFFERTORY (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul, *Bruce and Betty Marggraf*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Dear Father in heaven, with your gift of a Savior you restored hope for our fallen world and brought glory to your name. We thank you for the good news that you have reconciled the world to yourself through your Son.

C **Be with us as you give us opportunities to proclaim your glorious name of salvation in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

M O Jesus, Lamb of God, we praise you for offering yourself as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all. On the cross you declared the sacrifice for sins completed. At the open tomb you assured the world that sinners are reconciled to God.

C **Be with us as you have promised, so that we may be bold and confident witnesses to our family members, coworkers, and friends.**

M Holy Spirit, blessed Counselor, use your Word of Truth and power to break down the barriers to our witness, including fallen mankind's natural hatred for God and Satan's wicked work among us.

C **Empower us by your gospel, and encourage us to be faithful, fervent witnesses to the people among whom we live and work.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

M Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, send us by the power of your Word into the mission fields beyond the walls of our church. Give us hearing ears and seeing eyes that seize the opportunities you set before us to be your witnesses.

C **Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us, as we declare Christ to our world. 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 128

Not All the Blood of Beasts

CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*



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 April 3, 2017

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study (Grace Room)</i>
TUE	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Community Voting on Campus in Trinity Café</i> Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal <i>Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)</i>
WED	12:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room) Midweek Lenten Worship Service Soup Supper hosted by Lutheran Elementary School 8th Grade Class Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Midweek Lenten Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Church) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Schneider / Komorowski Wedding Rehearsal Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
FRI	9:00 am	Pastoral District Council Meetings (Faith and Grace Rooms)
SAT	8:00 am 9:15 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Easter For Kids (Trinity Café and Gym) Morgan Schneider and Dan Komorowski Wedding Ceremony (Church) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home and Betty Worachek at Tudor Oaks. Norman Miller is at Mukwonago Linden Court and Marlene Sobczak at New Berlin Linden Grove. Merle Johnson is at Froedtert. Emma Benke and Vicki Just and baby Pierson have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Merle Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

850 attended last weekend's worship services. 393 attended Wednesday Lenten worship services.

WEDDING

Rachel Eggert and Conner Andrew were joined in marriage on Saturday, April 1. May God bless Rachel and Connor in their new life together in Christ.

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 placed in the provided envelopes marked "Easter Flowers" and then placed in the envelope slot in the Welcome Center.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to families in need within our congregation and community on Wednesday, April 12. If you know of a needy family or if your family would benefit from an Easter food basket, please contact Coordinator Steve Graham at steve0828@hotmail.com or (262) 232-0928 or Pastor Kuehl at dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 121.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 13	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	3:30 and 7:00 pm
April 14	Good Friday	1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm
April 15	Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm
April 16	Easter Sunrise *	6:00 am
	Easter Festival	7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am
	Easter at The Bridge	10:15 am

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

I AM BUILT

St. Paul's is blessed with a highly dedicated and talented staff. Every year, our Ministerial Team and our Christian Elementary School teachers get away for two days to study together and strengthen our relationships with others on our team.

This year on the first day of the retreat, we studied the topic *Run Hard, Rest Well*. We were reminded that a Sabbath rest is not something we have to earn or deserve. It is a gift that God wants to give us. The busyness of life is a challenge for us as Christians and as called workers. We were encouraged to lead the way for our congregation by taking time off to rest and recover so that we can be most effective in serving Christ and his people.

On the second day of the retreat, St. Paul's member and Christian Life Coach Emily Krill led us in an *I am Built* workshop. Prior to our time together, each of us completed a *Clifton Strengths Finder* questionnaire. In the workshop, we developed *I am Built* statements that reflect our strengths. These statements help to determine what to say "yes" to and what to say "no" to, a skill that is essential if we are to enjoy the Sabbath rest that we learned about on the first day of the retreat. Also, when we know each other's strengths, we know whom to ask for help from as we carry out ministry assignments.

We invite you to rejoice in the variety of strengths God has brought to your church leadership team.

Pastor Kuehl: I am built to bring practicality, order, and logic to discussions, so that fairness and excellence result in God's kingdom work.

Pastor Bonack: I am built to make each moment count as I invest in the journey of rooting my own identity and the identity of others more deeply into who God created us to be.

Pastor Panitzke: I am built to see patterns in the past and present that lead to new ideas for the future of God's family.

Principal Fitzsimmons: I am built to serve with energy and lead teams and team members to go where God is calling.

Dr. Joel Nelson: I am built in Christ to raise the bar with competence, creativity and care.

Sally Wallner: I am built to understand God's faithfulness and pursuit of people in difficult circumstances, building relationships through compassion, in order to share God's plan with others.

Mike Westendorf: I am built to inspire people to see their personal stories of God's faithfulness, so that, in their encounter and connection with Christ, they would be moved to share Jesus accurately and compassionately with the people they know.

Emily Krill is looking forward to offering *I am Built* workshops in the future for members of the congregation. What a blessing to know the strengths God has given us to serve him!

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE - NEW CLASS BEGINS MAY 23

This thought-provoking, faith-building class studies the truths of Christianity and the foundations of what our church teaches. It prepares you for membership in our church and is a great place to have your questions answered! A new class begins May 23. Pastor Pete Panitzke will be leading the 15-week course Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Register by contacting him at (414) 350-1436 or ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org or by marking the back of your Connection Card.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Join St. Paul's member and former pastor, Dan Kolosovsky, to see how God the Holy Spirit has equipped us with many spiritual gifts so that each of us can successfully preach the gospel in a seemingly endless variety of God-pleasing ways. Join the study Sundays through May 7 at 9:15 am.

CIRCUIT PASTORS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S

Friday morning of this week St. Paul's has the privilege of hosting the annual meeting of the 20 circuit pastors of the Southeastern Wisconsin District of the WELS. The circuit pastors meet with the District President, two Vice-Presidents, and Secretary and are updated on synodical information and programs. Also, through Bible study and discussion, each man is further trained and encouraged in his work of being "pastor to the pastors" in his circuit. (Pastor Kuehl serves as circuit pastor for the Southern Circuit, which includes St. Paul's in Muskego, Star of Bethlehem in New Berlin, Christ in Big Bend, St. Paul's in East Troy, Reformation in Dousman, St. John's in Mukwonago, Living Water in Wind Lake, and Victory of the Lamb and St. Paul's in Franklin.) In addition, on Friday afternoon the District Council will be meeting (along with the circuit pastors) for its semi-annual meeting. Thank you, members of St. Paul's, for allowing these gatherings to be held on our campus, and please include the participants in your prayers.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Voting will take place on our campus on Tuesday, April 4, in the Trinity Café. We are looking for individuals who would like to donate cookies and water or a couple hours of their time to serve at this outreach event. Please sign up on the sheets at the Welcome Center or contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION – SATURDAY

Everyone is invited to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for their annual dinner auction *Great Expectations* on Saturday, April 8, at 5:00 pm. The school gym will be transformed into an unbelievable dinner venue and the evening will include silent and verbal auctions, raffles, and more. Contact Heidi Witz at (414) 453-4567, ext 2004, for more details.

PROTECT A CHILD'S RIGHT TO LIVE AND BE LOVED

Join the *Life-A-Thon* on Saturday, May 13, to benefit the pregnancy-care ministry of WELS Lutherans for Life. There will be two locations: Mequon and West Allis, or attend virtually. Cost is \$25 per individual or \$60 per family. For more information on virtual participation and to register go to www.Life-A-Thon.org or call (414) 727-8176.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

Stoney Creek will be going to The Fireside Dinner Theater in Fort Atkinson to see *South Pacific* on Thursday, May 11. If you would like to attend, please contact Stoney Creek Activity Director Charlene Schacht at (414) 422-4686. Cost is \$98.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Our projected kindergarten enrollment for next year is 30 children, divided into two classrooms. Five of these children enrolled as a result of our decision to participate in the School Choice program. For this we give thanks! Our Pre-K enrollment is already above 60 for next year. We are especially thankful for several new 4K children joining us next year. We have more room in both 3K and 4K.

Every week another family or two reaches out to Mr. Fitzsimmons asking about our school. If you or someone you know would like to visit our Lutheran school, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. He would love to give you a tour. You may also enroll directly at www.stpmuskego.org by clicking on TADS in the left menu column.

Five current K-7th grade families and one new 4K family were able to apply for and will now benefit from the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. That application window for Milwaukee Parental Choice has ended. However, the Wisconsin Choice Program application window continues through April 20. Income guidelines are available at the Welcome Center. Generous tuition assistance packages are also available apart from School Choice. We don't want the cost of tuition to keep your children from the wonderful Christian education at our school.

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED

On Sunday, March 19, Fifth Grade Teacher Mr. Jeffrey Wetzel received a divine call from God's people at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Howards Grove, Wisconsin. The call is to serve as their principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. Howards Grove is about 10 miles northwest of Sheboygan.

Please join in praying for the Holy Spirit to give wisdom and peace to Mr. Wetzel as he now holds two calls - one to continue serving the Lord here in Muskego and the other to begin serving in Howards Grove. Mr. Wetzel requests that you share your Christian counsel with him.

MUSICAL PROPS JUST SITTING AROUND?

We're looking for a few items for our elementary school spring musical, *The Little Mermaid*, coming up April 26-29. Do you have any of the following items stored away somewhere that you would be willing to let us borrow for the musical?

- a small two-person wooden rowboat
- oars
- 3-4 light-weight crates
- large-throw fishing nets
- old mops
- a wooden steering wheel for a boat
- an old-fashioned sailing telescope
- a fancy pipe (smoking)
- yards of blue shimmery fabric
- a very large black cauldron-like pot
- a large rubber fish
- a conductor's baton

Contact Pastor Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0501 to set up a transfer of the items. Thank you!

SERVING OUR YOUTH

EASTER FOR KIDS – SATURDAY!

- Saturday, April 8, from 9:15 to 11:45 am in the Trinity Gym and Café
- 3-12 years old (3K- 6th Grade)
- Easter basket craft, Easter cookie decorating, Bible study, games, snacks, and fun!

Register on the church's homepage at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

EASTER FOR KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Additional helpers are needed with on-site registration and supervision. If you have a couple of hours available on Saturday morning, April 8, we could sure use your help. Contact Dr. Nelson to volunteer. It's all very easy and fun.

CLASS OF 2017 DATA NEEDED

St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens who are graduating from junior and senior high school in the Class of 2017. If this applies to your son or daughter, please let Dr. Nelson know the following ASAP: What school is he/she graduating from? What are his/her plans for fall 2017? For 8th grade grads, what high school? For 12th grade graduates, what college, branch of the military, or work area? Please forward this information as soon as possible to jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.



TUG – TEENS UNDER GOD

Teens of St. Paul's: Come out to Muskego Urban Gatheringplace on April 9 for a night of chill and relaxation. Have some snacks and drinks while you play some games or watch a movie. Take your pick! On April 23, those in 8th grade and higher are invited to Miller Park together with their parents to watch the Brewers take on the Cardinals. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sign-up in the church lobby with payment due no later than April 13. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's.

ALL INVITED TO SAFETY PRESENTATION

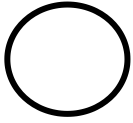
Our School of Early Learning invites all to attend a presentation by Detective Carlo Davila about "Civilian Response to Active Shooters." He will provide strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter. He will discuss history, prevalence, and trends of active shooter events. Detective Carlo will introduce the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, and stress factors that may play a role in decision making. He will also go over personal safety awareness tactics. The presentation will be Wednesday, April 19, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm in the Grace Room.

HELP IMPROVE OUR MINISTRY TO TEENS: SURVEY ON WEBSITE

Two short surveys are on the home page of our church website at www.stpaulmuskego.org. One survey is for teens to complete and the other is for parents. The goal is to obtain feedback that will be useful for the development of better ministry programming to teens in the congregation and community. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

NURSERY STAFF FOR THE BRIDGE

The Bridge service has grown to the point of needing hired nursery staff each week. We currently have two staff people who alternate covering the nursery on Sundays at the main church and are hoping to arrange the same for the Bridge. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

Like Us In Every Way – Jesus Wept

1. Horace Walpole was an English art historian and politician. He was the son of Britain's very first Prime Minister. Horace famously said, "The world is a tragedy to those who feel, but a comedy to those who think."

- What might he have meant?
- Do you view yourself as a feeler or a thinker? Explain.

2. To be fair and balanced, feelers also think and thinkers also feel. They both have emotions and experience life through what's called the, "emotional dimension of intelligence." God gave us emotions to help us better engage with our world.

- Share a time when you experienced something very emotional.
- Why do you think you remember it so well?
- Would you want to live a life devoid of emotion? Explain.

3. Read John 11:17-27, 38-45.

- List the different ways emotions might have been involved in each of these verses:

20a 20b 21 22 23 24 25 27
38 39b 40 41 42b 45

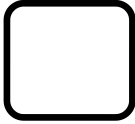
- What do you think/feel about the emotions Jesus showed in this account?
- How do Hebrews 2:17-18 and 4:15 add more depth to Jesus' emotional display?

4. Complete: That Jesus was like me in every way makes me want to...

5. Why does knowing that Jesus had and displayed human emotions better position you to witness to people around you?

PRAY: The bright and spotless Heir of endless glory, wept o'er the woes of those He came to save;
And angels wondered when they heard the story, that He who conquered death, wept o'er the grave.
And bending o'er the tomb where Lazarus slept, in agony of soul, then Jesus wept.
Lo! Jesus' pow'r the sleep of death has broken, and wiped the tear from sorrow's drooping eye:
Look up, ye mourners, hear what He has spoken, he that believes on Me shall never die.
Thro' faith and love your spirit shall be kept; hope brighter grew on earth when Jesus wept.

Marguerite Loud



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Like Us in Every Way: He Grieves John 11:17-27; 38-44 – Pew Bible page 1076

Introduction: The truth of Jesus' humanity is necessary for us.

- Jesus has commanded s_____ to be s_____ and the d_____ to be d_____.
What will he say about death?
- Mary and Martha are Jesus' close friends, and they desperately need his h_____.
- Jesus delays t_____ days before responding to Mary and Martha's pleas.
- In one of the shortest verses in Scripture, John says, "Jesus w_____" (11:35).
- Jesus' tears give us p_____ to shed our own.
- Jesus calls out in a l_____ voice (he shouts), "Lazarus, come out!" (v. 43)
- What we learn from this lesson is a two-fold truth.
 - Jesus is just like us in that he g_____.
 - Jesus is the r_____ and the l_____ and that by believing in him we live.
- There is—and can never be—s_____ outside of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion: What blessings are ours that in Christ Jesus we have a Savior who is the God-man.

Next Steps

Read Philippians 2:5-11 to prepare for next week's message on *Like Us in Every Way: Our Disgrace*.

Memorize John 11:25, 26 – "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Be courageous, trust God, and share with someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one the truths you have learned today.