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## BE A PART OF THE STORY

### ACT II

### QUALIFIED

April 28, 29, and May 2

*“Christian-killer” doesn’t seem impressive on an apostle’s resume. Yet that is who Jesus chose to grow his Church. Paul was an unlikely candidate to become a Christian, much less an apostle of Christ. In the same way, you might consider yourself under qualified for the mission of Jesus’ Church, but God loves to be glorified through unexpected servants.*

**PRESERVICE** (*Sunday*)

**I Am Jesus Little Lamb**, Handbells  
*arr. by Cathy Moglebust*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 168**

**With High Delight**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**M** Brothers and sisters in Christ, all of us must confess with the Apostle Paul: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.

**C** **But for that very reason, I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life** (*1 Timothy 1:15-16*).

**M** Confident that God’s forgiving love in Christ is ours, let us confess our sins to him that we may be assured of his mercy.

**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.**

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

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

## GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -  
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, even though he was once a blasphemer and a murderer of your people, you called the Apostle Paul to be one of the greatest missionaries of all time.

**C You changed his heart and gave him both the faith and the gifts he needed to carry out the work to which you called him.**

M Help us believe that you will do the same for us.

**C Like Paul may we boldly confess your saving truth, and be ready at all times to lay down our lives for him who laid down his life for us.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

**C and forever. Amen**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**1 John 3:18-24**, Bible page 1230

*If our hearts condemn us and we don't think we're worthy of God's love or qualified to serve him, the truth of his gospel love sets us straight.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Alleluia (*Acts 2:32*).

### GOSPEL

**John 15:1-8**, Bible page 1081

*The evidence of faith in Christ is a life dedicated to serving him. This "fruit" is produced solely through our connection to Jesus. Apart from him we can do nothing.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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### HYMN OF THE DAY 385

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

### SERMON

**Acts 9:1-20**, Bible page 1100

*Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**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 (*Saturday*)  
(*Sunday*)

**Here I Am**, *David Weise*  
**Just As I Am**, *Called to Sing with Handbells*  
*arr. by Arnold Sherman*

## 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 also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

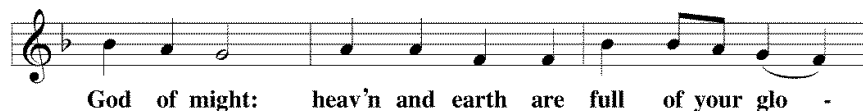
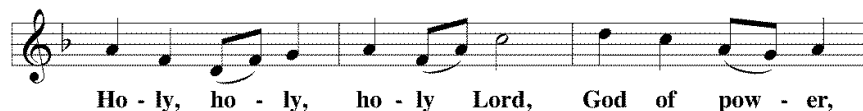
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 C Amen.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

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. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please see Communion note on page 7.*

**DISTRIBUTION SONG (Sunday)**

**The Meditations of My Heart, Called to Sing**  
*by Elaine Hagenberg*

CLOSING PRAYER

M Jesus, you came to us today and poured out the riches of your love and grace in your Word and Sacrament.

C **In you we truly have all that we need, and more.**

M As we go out into the world, empower and equip us as your forgiven children to live to your glory.

C **May the light of your love shine in us and through us.**

M We bless you now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

M 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.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ORGANIST** (Saturday) Darik Mischke  
(Sunday and Wednesday) Kathy Bremer

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, entitled Following the Promise, to provide an overview of our teachings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to find the session that works best for your schedule.*

*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.*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 30, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	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	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	2:30 pm	Blood Drive (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study- <i>Luther and The People's Bible</i>
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Examination Review
	7:00 pm	Open Forum (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	8:00 am	Lutheran School Graduation Pictures (Main Church)
	8:30 am	Confirmation Pictures and Practice (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>		<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Confirmation
	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
	10:30 am	Cancer Support Group (Church Library)
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Confirmation	

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HEAR AND SEE THE MESSAGE ONLINE!



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and You Tube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
  - **Sermon Videos and Podcasts:** Sunday sermons are available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 6, 25 youth members, who have received thorough instruction in the truths of God's Word in Confirmation Class, will have the opportunity to publicly confess their faith before the church in both the 9:15 and 10:45 am worship services. We as a congregation pray that the Holy Spirit will preserve these youth in their faith to the end of their days. In order for you to determine which service you may want to attend, below are the confirmands listed by the worship service in which they will confirm their faith.

### 9:15 am

*Caleb Bremer*  
*Marcus Fitzsimmons*  
*Kali Hudock*  
*Mason Meitner*  
*Megan Mueller*  
*Layla Nowak*  
*Nicole Pearson*  
*Julia Quartuccio*  
*Grace Schneider*  
*Megan Schneider*  
*Savannah Sievert*



### 10:45 am

*Adam Balcerak*  
*Kyle Bettinger*  
*Matthew Draeger*  
*Mikala Ellis*  
*Samantha Galian*  
*Ethan Glaze*  
*Sean Gray*  
*Jaedyn Henneberry*  
*Kylie Kasch*  
*Dylan Krause*  
*Lauren Krieger*  
*Seth Ristow*  
*Riley Stehmeier*  
*Cole Vahovik*

## THE MESSENGER AVAILABLE TODAY

The Messenger will be handed out after services this weekend. Included are reports from your Ministerial Team and the proposed Ministry Plan for 2018-2019.

## OPEN FORUMS: THE NEXT YEAR AT ST. PAUL'S

Join in on an open forum to hear ministry highlights from this past year and to take a look into the new year with the proposed "Cool Million" improvements and the initial steps to develop a counseling center on our campus.

Your thoughts and feedback will allow the Ministry Board to make any final adjustments to the Ministry Plan prior to the Thursday, May 17, annual voters' meeting. Copies of *The Messenger* will be available for reference at the meeting.

### **Open Forums**

Sunday, April 29, at 9:15 am, Faith Room  
Sunday, April 29, at 10:45 am, Grace Room  
Sunday, April 29, at noon, Grace Room  
Wednesday, May 2, at 10:15 am, Stoney Creek  
Thursday, May 3, at 7 pm, Faith Room  
Tuesday, May 8, at 12:30 pm, OWLS meeting

The Ministry Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 10, if necessary, to adjust the proposed Ministry Plan as a result of these open forum discussions.

# 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 child care providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

## FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the sanctuary today are given in celebration of Audrey Wefel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 27, from her daughter. We thank God for the 90 years of grace he has given to Audrey and celebrate with her as she looks forward to the future.

## HOSPITALIZED

Stephanie Brandt is at Froedtert and Betty Teisel is rehabbing at Tudor Oaks. Arleen Lutsch has been discharged from the hospital, and Robert Zirbel has returned home.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Sharon Dreyer, 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.

## ATTENDANCE

1099 attended last week's worship services.

## FAREWELL LUNCHEON — SUNDAY, APRIL 29

A farewell luncheon for Mrs. Bremer, Mrs. Loescher, Ms. Stack, and Mr. Walz is planned for noon on Sunday, April 29, in the Centennial Gym. Join in saying thanks for the faithful service of these called workers among us. A card box will be available at the luncheon for notes of appreciation and gifts.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

Anyone and everyone is invited to *Following the Promise*, a Bible study tracing the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This study also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is currently leading these studies on Sundays, 8:30-9:30 am, in school classroom 9, and beginning May 8, on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Nate at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card to register or for further information.

## GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor John Brug, Ph.D., retired professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in looking at the beliefs and religious practices of Islam: political history, jihad, terrorism, and the role of women. The final lesson will offer suggestions for outreach to Muslims. As part of his doctoral studies, Professor Brug lived in the Middle East for a year. Attend in the Grace Room, Sundays at 9:15 am, through May 6.

## NEW GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MAY 13

*The Hard Life of Jacob* begins Sunday, May 13, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. Life can be hard - ups and downs, twists and turns, a mixture of failures and successes. The patriarch Jacob's life is a prime example of a hard life. This class will explore the life of Jacob and discover three life lessons to put into practice. This three-week study will be led by the directors of The Lighthouse Youth Centers in Milwaukee, Pastor Jim Buske, Chugee Fletcher, and Mark Gunderson.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## DIVINE CALLS

On Tuesday, April 24, the Ministry Board approved the recommendation of the School Ministry Action Team to extend a divine call to Mrs. Angela Schneider to be one of our 4K teachers and to Mrs. Kelly Henning to serve a one-year call teaching our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

Mrs. Schneider is a member of St. Paul's and has served as an aide and substitute teacher in our 3K and 4K since 2011.

Mrs. Henning grew up and was confirmed at Faith Lutheran in Antioch, Illinois. She attended Faith Lutheran School, Antioch Community High School, and then graduated from Carthage College in 2012 with a double major in education and special education. She has been serving the Greendale School District in their elementary and middle school special education department since August 2013. While at Carthage, Mrs. Henning completed one of her teaching clinicals in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom at Faith Lutheran School in Antioch, Illinois. Mrs. Henning currently lives in Muskego with her husband, Sam, and has a six-month old daughter, Elizabeth, who is one of the little lambs in our child care center.

Mr. Joshua Lepke is currently holding the call to serve as our 7th grade homeroom teacher and athletic director. Mr. Lepke serves as Dean of Behavior and Culture for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at St. Marcus in Milwaukee. Josh is married to Nicole with three kids (ages 13, 11, and 3).

Mr. Jeff Wetzel, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade co-teacher, is considering a divine call to serve as Dean of Students at Atonement Lutheran School in Milwaukee. This is a new position at Atonement.

Thank you for including these called workers and their families in your prayers over the next few weeks as they consider these divine calls to serve the Lord and his children.

## ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER TEACHER'S AID OPENING

St. Paul's Child Care Center is hiring a year-round teacher's aide, Monday - Friday, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. Experience in child care or a related field is preferred. We offer a competitive hourly wage and a pleasant working environment. Contact Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or [kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org) to apply. You may also stop by the child care center located in the east wing of the church to pick up an application.

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Wisconsin Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Residential Life. This position is responsible for the residential life of on-campus students and the running of the residential facility. In addition, this position is responsible for planning and running summer and winter programs for international students. Candidates should have experience with an educational setting, preferably with international students. They must also be a member of good standing in the WELS. Interested parties should submit a resume to Jodi Lunow at [jodi.lunow@wlhs.org](mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org). Resumes will be accepted until May 7. This position begins on July 2.

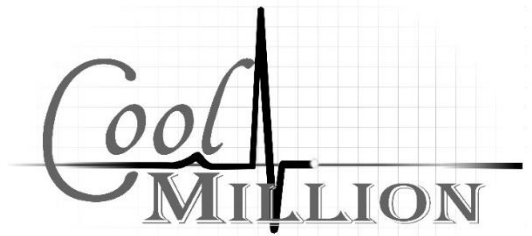
## ALTAR GUILD IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild members are a vital part of worship. They set up Communion for worship services and fulfil a number of other tasks to prepare the chancel area for worship. If you would like to help out, please contact Pastor Bonack at [jbbonack@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jbbonack@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 119.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **A COOL MILLION PLANS PROCEED!**

This week we continued to see responses come in. Already we are at \$488,000 in gifts and plans-for-giving. Of that amount, we have received \$62,370. Every offering and plan, no matter what the size, is a precious gift from God's people for which we give thanks.



As a result of this generous beginning, we signed the contract to proceed this summer with replacing the aging furnaces in our school with a new heating and cooling system. What a blessing this will be to our school and potential summer ministries in the future! Information packets with a plan-for-giving card are available in the lobby. If you haven't already returned a plan-for-giving card, please pick up a packet and follow your heart that beats with a love for the Savior. Consider prayerfully your part in A Cool Million.

## **APRIL MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE**

Missionary John Holtz has sent the latest edition of his monthly newsletter from Malawi, Africa. Catch up on news from our mission partner and get a taste of life in Malawi, the critters and all. Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry in Malawi. If you would like to give toward the Malawi Mission, clearly mark your gift "Malawi Mission Partner" or you may also give online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give).

## **GIVE BLOOD — HELP SAVE LIVES — TUESDAY, MAY 2**

Did you miss last week's blood drive? Another blood drive will take place in the Grace Room on Tuesday, May 2, beginning at 2:30 pm. This time it is hosted by the Muskego Women's Club. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are always welcome. Thank you for your support of this important community event.

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Join 1000 voices in praising the Savior of the Nations at the LWMS annual convention in Green Bay June 21-24. Meet our church body's missionaries from Russia, India, Hong Kong, St. George, and Utah. Visit the convention website at [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org) for registration materials.

# JAMMIN' ON JANESVILLE 2018

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – JUNE 1

St. Paul's is gearing up for our next community outreach event – Jammin' on Janesville! Jammin' on Janesville is a street festival held on Janesville Road. From the Muskego Public Library to the Tess Corners Fire Station, booths are set up from various Muskego businesses and organizations, and food, fun, and entertainment are enjoyed by all. Entertainment includes bouncy houses, games, a dunk tank, sports games, raffles and drawings, martial arts demonstrations, prizes, giveaways, massages, health screenings, photo booths and more. The event is organized by the Muskego Chamber of Commerce.



St. Paul's will set up a booth for this year's Jammin' on Janesville on Friday, June 1, 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Our booth will include carnival games and candy for the kids, as well as information about our church and schools for the adults.



Volunteers are needed to help with set up, running games, passing out candy, and being a smiling face to communicate with visitors. There are 3 ways to sign up:

- Mark the back of your Connection Card and Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner will call you.
- Contact Sally directly at [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.
- Sign up through the Needs List on My St. Paul's.

All proceeds from the event go to the Muskego Police Department's D.A.R.E. program.

A stylized logo for the event. The word "Jammin'" is written in a large, pink, cursive font with a black outline. Below it, the words "ON JANESVILLE" are written in a smaller, white, blocky font with a black outline. The entire logo is tilted slightly to the right.



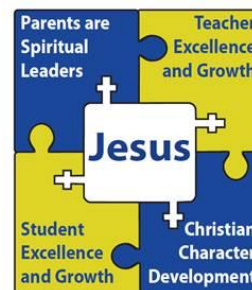
# ST. PAUL'S LOVES KIDS AND TEENS

## LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ENROLL NOW

Our Pre-K enrollment is at 85 for next year. Praise the Lord! We are projecting a Kindergarten class of 23 children – again, praise the Lord! In total we project to have over 315 children enrolled in our 3K-8<sup>th</sup> grade school learning from a Christian worldview every day. What a blessing!

If you or someone you know would like more information about our school, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. He would love to give you a tour and discuss the potential benefits of our school ministry for your family. You may also enroll directly at [www.stpmuskego.org/TADS](http://www.stpmuskego.org/TADS).

Generous tuition assistance packages are available. We don't want the cost of tuition to keep your children from the wonderful Christian education and experience at our school.



## SUMMER CARE FOR AGES 3-10 AT ST. PAUL'S

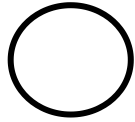
Our Lutheran school offers a summer care program for children in pre-kindergarten through grade 4 from May 29 through August 8. Cost is \$5 per hour. Registration forms are available at [www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org).

## TEENS UNDER GOD – PICKLEBALL FUN

The next TUG open gym night is Sunday, May 13, from 6:30 til 8:00 pm in the Trinity Gym. Teens – come try out pickleball! The “grand plan” is to use pickleball as an activity to connect with other teen groups of our church body in the Milwaukee metro. Bring some friends to help give it a good test. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 with questions.

## THE FINAL STRETCH FOR KIDS CLUB

Kids Club and Boost are in their final weeks before summer break. Parents are invited to attend on Sunday, May 20, when Kids Club will have closing activities to celebrate the year. Contact Dr. Nelson with questions about our children's ministry at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).



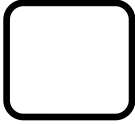
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Where did you see God sharpening you this past week?
  
2. This week's message is entitled "*Qualified.*" Can you think of a time in your life when you had to take on something you felt completely unqualified for? Share that experience with your group.
  
3. Read Acts 9:1-9.
  - What kinds of thoughts and feeling do you suspect Saul had during his three days of blindness (v. 9)?
  
  - During this time Saul was forced to come to grips with the question, "who are you Lord?" Think of a time when you've wrestled with that same question? What was the result?
  
4. Read Acts 9:10-19.
  - Put yourself in Ananias' shoes. What might your conversation with God be in that situation (v. 13-14)?
  
  - What qualifications did Ananias have to perform this task?
  
  - What in the end made Paul extremely qualified for the task God was calling him to?
  
4. Can you recall any other biblical accounts in which God called the "unqualified" qualified? How do their stories speak to you?
  
5. Where in your life might God be asking you to do something that *he alone* qualifies you for?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## Qualified

Acts 9:1-20

### The permafrost heart.

Comes all too naturally.

Jesus turns our comfortable worldview u\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_.

Who likes c\_\_\_\_\_?

Is not as unthaw-able as we presume.

Saul's story (along with many others) fills us with h\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus knows how to get us to ask the r\_\_\_\_\_ questions.

### The two most-important questions.

Who are you, Lord?

W\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, the skeptic's answer isn't pretty.

Jesus is ultimately able to a\_\_\_\_\_ every question.

Jesus l\_\_\_\_\_ every skeptic enough to eventually lead him/her to this question.

What do you want me to do?

Live to g\_\_\_\_\_ God.

Realize G\_\_\_\_\_ has a plan to use you.

D\_\_\_\_\_ something!

### Next Steps

- **Understand the skeptic.** We'll share Jesus best when we listen the most. Make a point of listening closely to the skeptics in your life. What are their questions and their fears? How do they picture God? What hurdles stand between them and knowing the truth about God's love and grace?
- **Show them Jesus.** Study your own words and actions. Where are you giving witness to Jesus? Where are you not? What needs to change?
- **Do something!** Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the task. Make a plan to take it one step at a time. Develop relationships first. Then share your story. Be sure to watch for the doors God is opening. He's the one in charge!