



HIS PAIN OUR GAIN

HIS JUSTICE

April 7, 2019

Who was controlling the events of the first Good Friday? Who is in charge of this world? Of our lives? From our vantage point, the answer is not always so clear. And that can be frightening. Yet the story of Jesus' passion teaches us in no uncertain terms who's really in control.

WELS Connection

Unique Home Missions

Welcome

Call to Worship

This Is Amazing Grace

Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Baptism

*Eloise Mae Dragotta
Daughter of Dustin and Tanya (nee Lightcap) Dragotta, born January 9, 2019*

Song of Praise

Cornerstone

Lessons

Micah 6:6-8, Bible page 932
The Lord is not pleased with merely outward acts of obedience. He looks for a heart driven by love, mercy, and a desire for justice.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Bible page 1160
In Christ we are a new creation, ambassadors of God's message of reconciliation through the cross.

Offering

Message Song

Great Are You Lord

Message

Luke 22:66-71, Bible page 1058
Pastor David Kuehl

Prayer and Blessing

Sending Song

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 8, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	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)
7:30 pm	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)	
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul's Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Lutheran School Musical—Shrek Jr. (Centennial Gym)
FRI	9:00 am	Spring Circuit Pastors and District Council Meetings (Faith/ Grace Rooms)
	7:00 pm	Lutheran School Musical—Shrek Jr. (Centennial Gym)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:00 am	Easter For Kids (Trinity Café and Gym)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	Lutheran School Musical—Shrek Jr. (Centennial Gym)
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 am	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	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 with Holy Communion	

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

HOSPITALIZED

Cheryl Ehlke is at West Allis Memorial, Lois Guhr at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Glenn Hubrich at Ascension All Saints Hospital in Racine, Gary Ives, Brittany Michaels, and Robert Siekert at Froedtert, Theresa Raduege at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, and Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago. Joanne Moths has transferred to the Village at Manor Park, and Bill Graumann, Donald Kirst, Paul Lindemann, and Richard Sobczak have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

1087 attended last weekend's worship services. 393 attended midweek Lenten services.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church equipped with a silent pager system to alert parents if any need arises. A worship host will be happy to direct you to the nursery if needed.

A PLACE TO START

Are you looking for a place to start in studying the Bible? Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 8:30 am. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org.

NEEDED: LEADERS FOR THE HOME, THE CHURCH, YOUR BUSINESS

Save the dates of Thursday, August 8, and Friday, August 9, for some of the best leadership training available anywhere. Best of all, it will be right here on St. Paul's campus. Watch for more information next week.

THE ST. PAUL'S NURSERY TEAM IS HIRING

Do you love kids and find joy in the thought of improving the worship experience for our guests at St. Paul's? We are currently hiring a part-time childcare provider to cover the 9:15 am Sunday service. Hours are 9:00 –10:30 am, two Sundays per month. For more information contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.

HEARING AID FOUND

An inner ear hearing aid was found on the floor at church last week. For more information, please call the church office at 414-422-0320.

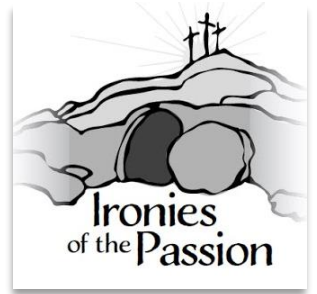
OWLS MEET TUESDAY

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the discussion at the next Organization for Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at noon in the Grace Room. If you have questions, please contact Char Pingel at (262) 490-2579.

LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES—3:30 AND 7:00 PM

Join us as we continue to walk with Jesus through the critical hours leading up to his suffering and death. We will look at one more statement spoken during Jesus' passion that was full of irony, "Don't You Fear God?" Pastor Jim Kleist, retired pastor and former superintendent at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, will be our final guest preacher. We thank all of our guest preachers who graciously served us with wonderful faith-building messages this Lenten season.



SOUP SUPPER HOSTED BY ST. PAUL'S DORCAS SOCIETY

St. Paul's Dorcas Society will be hosting our final soup supper this Lenten season on Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. The Dorcas Society is a wonderful mission-minded organization of women at St. Paul's. The ladies would love to see new faces attend! The Dorcas Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Grace Room at 7:00 pm. Talk to any of the hosts at the soup supper to fill you in more about the group or contact Carolyn Bourdo at (262) 679-1136 for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby if you would like to purchase one or more of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be beautify the church 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, placed in a provided envelope marked, "Easter Flowers," and placed in the lock box provided.

LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER FOR EASTER FOR KIDS!

St. Paul's annual Easter For Kids will be Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:45 am, at the school. This event is for children ages 3-12. The morning will feature singing, games, crafts, a puppet show, the Easter story, and more. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at www.stpaulmuskego.org. If you'd like to help, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the Connection Card.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 18	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	3:30 and 7:00 pm
April 19	Good Friday	1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm
April 20	Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm
April 21	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 an Easter Sunrise services will be identical.

MISSION PARTNER NEWS

BE A MISSION TRIP PARTNER

St. Paul's member, Kara Darling, has been asked to spend three weeks in Malawi, Africa as part of a WELS Kingdom Workers mission trip. "I will be using my knowledge in the area of speech and language pathology. I will provide local volunteers support and education as they work with children with speech and language impairments. I am very excited for this and looking forward to seeing how God will use me through this trip!" The cost of the trip is \$3000. If you would like to partner with Kara and receive real-time email updates on her trip, give a gift of any amount, clearly marked, "Malawi Mission Trip." Include your email address on the envelope. Thanks in advance for helping share the love of Christ to the people of Malawi!



IGNITE A PASSION FOR MISSIONS

This is the theme of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Milwaukee spring rally. Hear mission speaker, Karen Geotzinger, speak on how the LVMS society can grow in its efforts to share the love of Jesus to more people. The rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 8:00 am – 12:00pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center or contact May Neubauer at maysiedaisie83@gmail.com or (414) 712-2101.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOLES FOR JESUS!

Thank you for the over 200 shoes that have been donated over the last 2 weeks! Combine these with the shoes the kids have donated at school and we will have a full van load of shoes to donate to the people living in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way and helping individuals take steps to a better quality of life.



THANKS FOR THE SUPPERS!

St. Paul's thanks the following groups for making Friday Night Suppers this year for the Lighthouse Youth Center at Garden Homes. Lighthouse is an extension of the ministry of our mission partner Garden Homes Lutheran Church. Thank you to Kim Neubauer and the Early Childhood Center staff, Mike and Amy Grimes Family, "God's Guys" Saturday Morning Bible Study Group, Neal and Sally Wallner's small group, and the Kids Club families and staff. You can learn more about Garden Homes Lutheran Church, school, and Lighthouse at stpaulmuskego.org/about-us/local-ministry-partners/.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

ANTICIPATION OF A LARGE KINDERGARTEN CLASS!

We are blessed to have 30 children enrolled in next year's kindergarten class and, because of that, we will have two kindergarten classrooms next school year. With that decision we will be working together with our synod leaders to call a local kindergarten teacher for one year. If you know of a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod teacher who may be a great fit for this call, please contact Principal Fitzsimmons by April 8 at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, in preparation for our April 16 call meeting.

MRS. CHRISTEL STRUTZ IS OUR NEW THIRD GRADE TEACHER!

Mrs. Christel Strutz has accepted the call to teach third grade in our school, beginning the fall of 2019. Mrs. Strutz currently serves as a third and fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's in Cudahy. We look forward to introducing Mrs. Strutz to you all in July. Mrs. Strutz wrote the following letter to the congregation:

March 29, 2019

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Through you, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, I have received a divine call to teach third grade beginning next school year. With this letter, I am happy to announce that I am accepting the call that you have extended to me. I greatly appreciate the many people who reached out to me, and for the prayers for my husband and I from St. Paul's School and congregation as I deliberated this call.

I also thank you for the trust and confidence you have shown in extending this call. I am excited to be joining the St. Paul's team and I look forward to the upcoming school year. May God continue to bless the ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

– 1 Corinthians 15:58

Blessings,
Christel Strutz

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUSICAL IS NEXT WEEK!

The school kids have been working very hard over the last few months in preparation for this year's school musical—the ever-loved musical of all ages—Shrek Jr.!

Performances will be at the following times in the Centennial Gym:

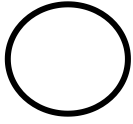
Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 pm

Friday, April 12, at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 pm



Tickets are 5 dollars for adults and 3 dollars for students. Come and support our kids and the arts at our school!

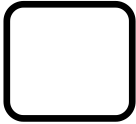


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Start your time together by sharing your highs and lows from the past week and praying together.
2. Have you ever experienced an injustice in your life? What kind of reaction did you have in that moment? Did your reaction change once you had time to reflect on it more?
3. Read I Peter 3:23. How does Jesus' handling of injustice "inform" our handling of the same? When *would* or *should* a Christian handle injustice in a proactive way? (Matthew 22:39 is helpful) What factor(s) determines how we handle injustice "in the moment"?
4. When we talk about Jesus' life and, more specifically his death, we can't ignore the topic of injustice. Which part(s) of Jesus' trial (Luke 22:66-23:25) seem the most back-handed or unjust?
5. What might the headlines or social media feeds look and sound like if Jesus' trial happened in our world today?
6. Take a moment to reflect on the fact that everything Jesus experienced in this trial was supposed to be *our* punishment to bear. What kinds of thoughts, emotions or words come to mind when you consider this? (Guilt? Awe? Reassurance? Sadness? Gratitude?)
7. Read Matthew 5:1-12 and Mark 10:45. This is Jesus' brand of justice. What can you say or do in your day-to-day life this following week that reflects this kind of justice in the face of a world filled with injustice?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

His Pain – Our Gain ***In Jesus God’s Justice Is Served***

Luke 22:66-71, Bible page 1058

- I. Jesus is found guilty of our blasphemy.
 - A. Jesus’ trial is merely p_____. It’s a k_____ c_____.
 - B. Jesus is s_____ throughout his trial.
 - C. When Jesus is asked for his identity, God’s h_____ is at stake.
 - D. Blasphemy = to declare oneself an e_____ with God
 - E. Blasphemy deserves d_____.
 - F. Why didn’t Jesus appeal the verdict?
 - G. In Jesus’ i_____ God’s divine j_____ was served.

- II. Jesus is subjected to our indignity.
 - A. Jesus’ assertion to be the Son of God causes an explosion of s_____ conduct.
 - B. Jesus’ b_____ reminds us of the Beatitude: “*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the kingdom of God*” (Matthew 5:5).
 - C. Jesus truly was led like a lamb s_____ to his slaughter (Isaiah 53:7).
 - D. Jesus suffered all as our sin-b_____.
 - E. Because of the disgrace Jesus endured, we are healed of our s_____ and at p_____ with God.

My Next Steps

- **Read** Luke 19:28-40 (along with Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, and John 12:12-19) in preparation for Palm Sunday’s message on *His Pain – Our Gain: Joy*.
- **Memorize** 2 Corinthians 5:19 – “*God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting peoples’ sins against them.*”
- **Determine** whom you might invite to Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.