



YOUR TRUE PURPOSE

Love the Lord Your God

May 13, 2018

Welcome

Opening Praise

Christ Be My Leader

Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Communion Greeting/Blessing

Communion Distribution

See communion note on page 2.

Distribution Songs

Jesus Said, *Lutheran School Grades 3 and 6*
by Michele Eiche

Jesus Paid It All
In Christ Alone

First Lesson

1 Samuel 17:45-51, Bible page 285
David faces Goliath with sling and stone, trusting in the Lord his God with his entire heart and soul.

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:14-15, Bible page 1197
Paul calls Timothy to hold fast to the teaching that had been handed down to him through mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois.

Offering

Message Song

I Will Follow

Message

Deuteronomy 6:5, Bible page 182
Matthew 22:37-38, Bible page 990
Pastor Peter Panitzke

Sending Song

This Is Amazing Grace

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 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.



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 May 14, 2018

MON	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)
TUE	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
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith 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
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Annual Voters' Meeting (Grace Room)
FRI	9:30 am	Pre-K Closing Program (Centennial Gym)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries Closing Program
	9:45 am	The Bridge Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Teens Under God Pickleball (Trinity Gym)

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, Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and YouTube 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 and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

CONFIRMANDS

This year's 25 youth confirmands will be communing this weekend for the first time with their families.

BAPTISMS

Jena Nicole McGuire, together with her children, Jackson Alexander, born July 11, 2012, and Emilia Joy, born April 18, 2016, were baptized at The Bridge on Sunday, May 6, 2018. We rejoice in God's blessings given to Jena, Jackson, and Emilia.

WEDDING

Candace Stack and Ryan Noffsinger were joined in marriage on Saturday, May 12, 2018. We offer our congratulations and God's blessings to Candy and Ryan as they begin their new life together in Christ.

FUNERAL

Charles Galian, born July 16, 1945, entered eternal life with his Savior on May 4, 2018. Visitation is planned for May 14, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, with the funeral immediately following. May the loved ones of Charles find comfort in the promises of the Savior today and always.

HOSPITALIZED

Bill Horn is at Waukesha Memorial, and Richard Sobczak and Betty Teisel are rehabbing at Tudor Oaks. Stephanie Brandt, Arleen Lutsch, and Marvin Pellmann have been discharged from the hospital.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children (4 years old and younger), you might appreciate being able to focus during the service 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. The nursery closes 10 minutes after the service, so please pick your child up promptly.

ATTENDANCE

1184 attended last week's worship services.

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING – THURSDAY MAY 17 AT 7:00 PM

Decisions to be made at this meeting are approval of the annual ministry plan, four resolutions designating use of the Gift Trust Fund and Legacy Fund grants, approval of the Cool Million campaign, and elections. A copy of the ministry plan, the resolutions, nominations, and staff reports are in *The Messenger* available at the Welcome Center.

ENROLL NOW

If you or someone you know would like more information about our 3K-8th grade 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. 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.

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JOIN PASTOR NATE IN GETTING 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 leading these studies on Sundays, 8:30-9:30 am, in school classroom 9, and beginning May 8, on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card to register or for further information.

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, Chuqee Fletcher, and Mark Gunderson.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – JUNE 1

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.



- Mark the back of your Connection Card and Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner will call you.
- Sign up through the Needs List on My St. Paul's. (Click Entire Church under My Groups in the right-hand column, then click Needs, and the Jammin' on Janesville Needs List will pop up.)

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

TEENS UNDER GOD – PICKLEBALL FUN

The next TUG open gym night is Sunday, May 20, 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 area. Bring some friends to help give it a good test. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, with questions.

ST. PAUL'S TEENS TO EMBARK ON SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Ten of our St. Paul's teens will embark on mission trips this summer in cooperation with Wisconsin Lutheran High School's *Share the Mission* program: Grace Beyer, Morgan Dunn, and Carissa Sundholm to Africa; AnnElise Glaze to Chicago; Emma Johnson to St. Louis; Jacob Meyer to Texas; Aaron Miller to Atlanta; Sydney Mueller to Detroit; Melissa Tonn to Indiana; Zachary Wranovsky to China. Various outreach projects will be accomplished to help spread the gospel to the people in these areas. Financial support is needed for transportation, living expenses, and supplies. If you would like to support this effort, you may donate to Share the Mission at www.wlhs.org/page/giving. Click on “Make an Online Gift to WISCO” to contribute.

DO YOU LOVE TEENAGERS?

Do you have an interest in the positive development of teenagers? Do you have some experience with the teen age group? Do you have insights/ideas about teens that you'd be willing to share? Have you ever been a teenager yourself? If you can answer, “yes” to any of these questions, and would be willing to be part of a brainstorming group to discuss teen ministry at St. Paul's, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or check your Connection Card.

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YOUR TRUE PURPOSE MESSAGE SERIES

Someone asked Jesus, "Which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus answered, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul and mind. And the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself." These greatest commandments speak to our true purpose. Love God and love our neighbor. Join us next week as we study Galatians 5:13-26 and discover what keeps us from fulfilling our true purpose and the power to overcome.



DIVORCECARE SUPPORT GROUP

Divorce is painful. It is not what God intended when he instituted marriage, but in this sinful world it does happen, and it hurts. If you have gone through a divorce/separation, then you may be experiencing some of the pain, loss, loneliness, and confusion that come along with it. We at St. Paul's are here to help and support you. You are not alone. "May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you." (Ps. 33:22)

St. Paul's offers DivorceCare, a Christ-centered, 13-week program which includes video segments, group discussion, and personal Bible study. Feel free to join anytime throughout the 13 weeks to find help, discover hope, and experience healing.

DivorceCare begins Tuesday, May 8, 6:00-7:30 pm, in school classroom #8.

AWAKE AND ALIVE – JUNE 10

Are you 18 to 25 and looking for Christian inspiration and community? Do you want to be a Christian inspiration to your community around you? Join Awake and Alive the evening of Sunday, June 10.

Pastor James Hein, Lead Pastor at St. Marcus Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, will be leading a discussion — "Yes, I'm saved. Now what?"— working the eternal implications of a timeless gospel into a daily life. Attend in person in the Trinity Gym and Café here at St. Paul's, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, or via the live stream that starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are free. Registration and more information can be found at www.awakealive.com.



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 the child care center and at www.stpmuskego.org.

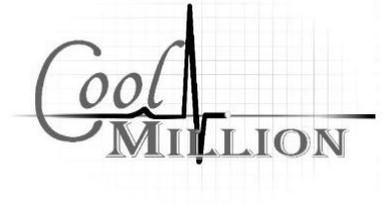
28TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing set for Monday, June 18, at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva. For registration and sponsorship information visit bidpal.net/wlhsgolf2018. Register by Friday, May 25 to ensure the correct size shirt.

GIFTS TO GOD

A COOL MILLION FOR A COOL SCHOOL AND SO MUCH MORE!

We are happy to report that we have received \$592,000 in gifts and plans for giving from 170 individuals or families as part of A Cool Million effort. \$164,530 in gifts have already been received. This generosity has allowed us to replace the lighting in the altar area of the church. We have also signed contracts to install a new heating and cooling system in the school, to repave the playground parking lot, and to replace the Centennial Gym windows.



If you haven't already returned a plan-for-giving, pick up an information packet in the lobby and return it as soon as possible.

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.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$34,940	Fully Funded
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$5,108	\$1,592
Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant	\$10,000	\$1,400	\$8,600

YOUR GIFTS TO TUITION ASSISTANCE... THANK YOU!

Every year we are privileged to distribute tens of thousands of dollars in tuition assistance to families in our school. All of this because of the incredible generosity of God's people here at St. Paul's. Here is one recipient's words of thanks to you. "There are no words to express my feelings, my gratitude. God is always gracious and good. I don't know where to begin... I want to hug the world right now! There is nothing I want more than for my children to be raised in God and to go to 'Jesus school' and be happy. Thank you, beyond words, thank you. God bless you!" Thank you for every gift that you give to the Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance Fund and the Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund.

REMEMBER THE MORTGAGE FUND IN YOUR GIVING

Our mortgage has been reduced to 1.82 million. This fiscal year our Mortgage Fund offerings have fallen slightly below the \$19,135 monthly payments. Our Mortgage Fund reserve enables us to make our payments in a timely manner. However, there is a need for us to grow in this area of giving. Thank you for prayerfully considering this need in your giving plans.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is the most cost-effective way for St. Paul's to receive your gifts, especially if you give from a checking or savings account. Go to www.stpaulmuskego.org/give to make a one-time or recurring gift to a variety of funds.

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DIVINE CALLS

Angela Schneider has accepted the call to be a full-time teacher in our 4K. Mrs. Schneider writes:

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

Our Lord Jesus says in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

As I consider these words from our Savior, I feel very humbled and blessed to have the opportunity to teach Jesus' little lambs. After prayerful consideration, the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve St. Paul's as a 4K teacher.

I pray that God blesses me in this ministry and that you continue to pray for me as I serve His kingdom and this congregation.

In Christ, Angela Schneider

Joshua Lepke has accepted the call to serve as our 7th grade homeroom teacher and athletic director. Mr. Lepke writes:

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church,

I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers and for the personal conversations we've had during the last few weeks as I deliberated the call to serve as your 7th grade teacher and Athletic Director. After careful prayer to determine where God is leading me and consideration for both ministries, the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve at St. Paul's Lutheran School. I pray the Lord will bless my family and this ministry as I do my best to serve Him and His kingdom.

In His Service, Josh Lepke

After prayerful consideration, Kelly Henning has decided to decline the one-year call to be our 2nd grade teacher. And Jeff Wetzal, our 5th grade co-teacher, has also decided to decline the call to serve as Dean of Students at Atonement Lutheran School in Milwaukee.

A new call was received on our staff this week. Mike Westendorf, who serves St. Paul's as our contemporary music coordinator in a part-time roll, received a full-time call to be worship leader at our sister congregation Crosswalk in Phoenix, Arizona. Please keep Mike in your prayers as he deliberates in the coming weeks. He also welcomes your insight.

We are thankful for God's guidance and wisdom in directing the path for all of these called workers.

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ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER TEACHER'S AID OPENINGS

Our Child Care Center is looking for three teacher's aide positions.

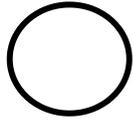
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11:30 am - 6:00 pm; with the 2 - 2 ½ year-old children
- Monday through Friday; 7:00 am – 2:00 pm; with the 1-year-old children
- Monday through Friday; 11:00 am – 6:00 pm; "closer" position.

Please contact Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

House Parent—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for house parents for the 2018-19 school year. House parents supervise up to 12 students in WLHS housing and are responsible for creating a respectful culture in your “family,” monitoring schedules, holding weekly meetings, planning and executing fun activities, academically supporting students along with other duties. The candidate must be a member in good standing of the WELS/ELS. This position will last from the beginning of August until the beginning of June. This position requires living on site in an apartment building with the students. A stipend as well as an apartment are included in the compensation package. Please submit resumes to Jodi Lunow at jodi.lunow@wlhs.org.

Administrative Assistant—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hiring an administrative assistant who reports to and supports the president of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This position handles confidential correspondence, prepares reports for board meetings, and is an integral part of the central office and assists other administrative staff. Those applying should have attention to detail and experience with Microsoft Office and Google apps. This position is a full time, hourly position. Please send resumes to Jodi Lunow at jodi.lunow@wlhs.org. May 16 is the deadline to apply.

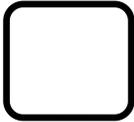


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. In Deuteronomy 1 – 5, the phrase “the LORD your God” or “the LORD our God” is repeated about 50 times. Share with the group a phrase that your mother used over and over again when you were growing up.
2. Read Psalm 51. Do you think David loved the LORD his God more before or after his affair? What makes you think so?
3. Parenting can be a guilt-provoking activity as you see that you are not the “perfect parent” you want for your children. How can David’s words in Psalm 51 help you grow as a parent (or as someone who influences those around you)?
4. Read 1 Samuel 17:32-47. What events of the past did David use to assure himself that the LORD his God had the power to save him from Goliath? What events of your past do you use to reassure yourself?
5. Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5. What do you suppose Lois and Eunice did to pass on their faith to Timothy? If you had Christian parents, what did they do to pass on their faith to you?
6. “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul and strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5). Break up into groups of two or three for prayer. Share an area of your life where you might be questioning the LORD’s unconditional love, God’s limitless power, or struggling to submit to his will. Pray for the needs of someone else in your group.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Your True Purpose Love the LORD Your God

Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:37-38

**“The LORD your God” or “The LORD our God”
appears ____ times in Deuteronomy 1 – 5.**

1. Why love?

- LORD – The God of unconditional l _____
- God – The God of limitless p _____
- Your – The God who has bound himself to you by p _____

2. How love?

- LORD – By c _____
- God – By t _____
- Your – By s _____

3. How do I teach love?

- LORD – Show unconditional l _____
- God – Share stories of his limitless p _____
- Your – Build a r _____

4. How do I deal with failure to love?

- LORD – Claim his unconditional l _____
- God – Never stop p _____
- Your – Hold on to the p _____

My Next Steps in Living My True Purpose to Love the LORD My God

- **Claim his unconditional love:** Read Psalm 51 and celebrate the LORD’s forgiving love.
- **See his limitless power:** Read 1 Samuel 17 and see that “the battle is the LORD’s.”
- **Trust his promises:** Memorize Isaiah 55:10-11, “My word... will achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”