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## YOUR TRUE PURPOSE

### Love the Lord Your God

May 12, 13, and 16, 2018

PRESERVICE (*Sunday*)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Be Still, My Soul

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Wisconsin Lutheran High School Woodwinds*

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 282

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

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, through the prophet Isaiah the Lord says: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" (*Isaiah 49:15*)

C **With these words God expresses his faithfulness and great love for us.**

M God calls us to love as he has loved us.

C **"Whoever does not love," John says, "does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8)**

M These words cause us to examine our own hearts and lives and approach God in honesty. Join me as we make confession of our sins.

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.**

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.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



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

## SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 581, vv. 1, 3

## Father, We Praise You

Father, we praise you, now the night is over.  
Active and watchful, standing now before you,  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation;  
Thus we adore you.

All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
Through all creation.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all that is good in our lives.

C **Through your Word and Sacrament empower us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## 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.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 73:23-26**

M Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

C **You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.**

M Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

C **My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

## 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.*

## HYMN 506

**Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall**

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

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

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

*Amazing Grace, Wisconsin Lutheran High School Woodwinds  
arr. by Harold Burgmayer*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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

## THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



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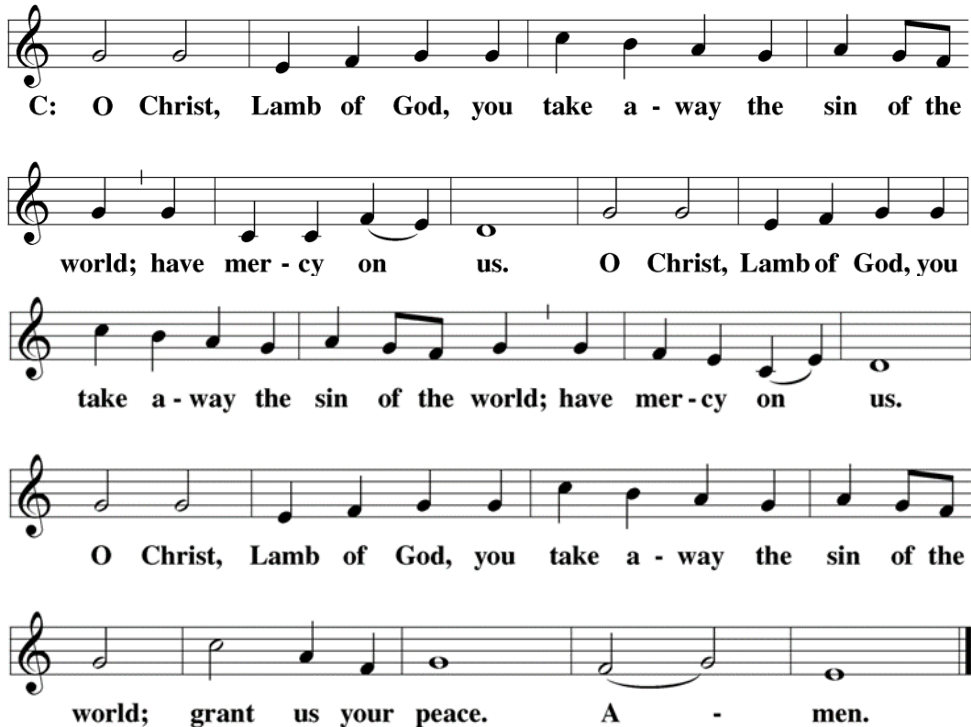
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 8.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 500  
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**For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray  
Christ Be My Leader**

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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** *Wisconsin Lutheran High School students from St. Paul's*

*(7:45 am) Nathan Wranovsky*

*(9:15 am) Katie Lunow*

**POSTLUDE** **For the Beauty of the Earth**, *Wisconsin Lutheran High School Woodwinds*  
*arr. by Dana F Everson*

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

**ORGANIST** *Darik Mischke*



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.

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## 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.*

### **Your Ministerial Staff**

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of May 14, 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
	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)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	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)
<b>FRI</b>	9:30 am	Pre-K Closing Program (Centennial Gym)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	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)

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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

## 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or check your Connection Card.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## 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](http://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](http://www.stpmuskego.org).

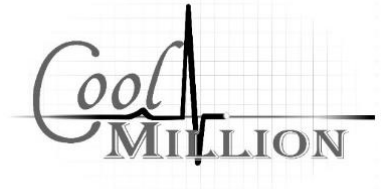
## 28TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) to make a one-time or recurring gift to a variety of funds.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. And Jeff Wetzels, our 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

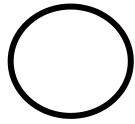
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11:30 am - 6:00 pm; with the 2 - 2 ½ year-old children
- Monday through Friday; 7:00 am – 2:00 pm; with the 1-year-old children
- Monday through Friday; 11:00 am – 6:00 pm; "closer" position.

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

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

**House Parent**—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.

**Administrative Assistant**—This position handles confidential correspondence, prepares reports for board meetings, and is an integral part of the central office and assists other administrative staff. See the bulletin board in the Grace Room for more information about both of these positions.



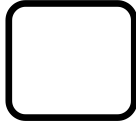
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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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

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## **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?**

- a. LORD – The God of unconditional l \_\_\_\_\_
- b. God – The God of limitless p \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Your – The God who has bound himself to you by p \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2. How love?**

- a. LORD – By c \_\_\_\_\_
- b. God – By t \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Your – By s \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3. How do I teach love?**

- a. LORD – Show unconditional l \_\_\_\_\_
- b. God – Share stories of his limitless p \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Your – Build a r \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. How do I deal with failure to love?**

- a. LORD – Claim his unconditional l \_\_\_\_\_
- b. God – Never stop p \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 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.”