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## TRINITY SUNDAY Your True Purpose

As GOD LOVES YOU

May 26, 27, and 30, 2018

*Embrace the beauty of who God created you to be and live in your true identity ~ a redeemed child of God in Christ.* 

**BELLS AND WELCOME** 

HYMN 193, VV. 1-3

Come, Now, Almighty King

**BAPTISM** (Sunday 9:15 am)

Cora Marie Viegut Daughter of David and Krista (nee Gorelik) Viegut, born February 7, 2018

M In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M Dear God, our Father, we recognize that Satan is trying to trip us up in any way he can. He wants to rob us of the precious comfort of believing that we are forgiven and loved in Christ. He tempts us to root our identity in the approval of this world instead of in the truth of who you, Father, created and redeemed us to be. In the weakness of our sinful nature, we all too often choose to believe his lies. You assure us that freedom is found in confessing our weakness and sin and seeking your forgiving love. And so, Lord, we come to you today confessing our sin in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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 is a just and holy God, full of grace and mercy. With an everlasting love he gave his only Son as a 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.



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

SONG OF PRAISE 193, V. 4

Come, Now, Almighty King

To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Forevermore! His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see And to eternity Love and adore.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



- M Heavenly Father, you have assured us that we are your children, fashioned by your hand in your wisdom and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- C Help us see that we are your handiwork, gifted for the personal ministries to which you have called us.
- M Teach us to love ourselves in a healthy way, to love ourselves as you love us. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8, Bible page 685

Isaiah is commissioned by the Lord. Although he feels unworthy, Isaiah is assured that the Lord has prepared him for this task.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-4, 14-17, Bible page 1132

We have received from the God his Holy Spirit. The Spirit within us testifies that we are God's children free to live in him and to serve him in joy and confidence.

#### SERMON

Matthew 22:39b, Bible page 991 Pastor Nate Strobel

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### Athanasian Creed

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

The section of the Athanasian Creed included here is the portion that confesses the Bible's teaching about the Triune God. This portion serves as a very fitting confession of faith for Trinity Sunday. A translation of the entire text of the Athanasian Creed may be found on pages 132-133 in Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

- So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God, and one God worshipped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

### OFFERING

### **OFFERTORY** (Sunday)

### The Trumpet Shall Sound

Jill Mitchell, Trumpet Bruce Boziel, Trombone

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.
- M You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.
- M Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.
- C Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.
- M On this Memorial Day weekend we especially thank you for the men and women who gave their lives that we may live in a nation of peace with the freedom to worship you without persecution.
- C Continue to bless the men and women of the military forces who daily sacrifice the comforts of home and family, putting themselves in harm's way on our behalf.
- M Do not let us take them for granted. Help us appreciate the blessings of our homeland, a place where we are safe to live our lives for you, Lord, and safe to proclaim your gracious name to all we meet.

Give peace, Lord, in our time.	Though vain and foolish, still
Oh, let no foe draw nigh	We are your people, Lord.
Nor lawlessness and crime	Oh, bend us to your will;
Insult your majesty!	We'll serve no other God!
O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand	O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand
And guard and bless our native land.	And guard and bless our native land.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

### 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.

### PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.
If up your hearts.
If up your hearts.
We lift them up un - to the Lord.
M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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 now we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

Sanctus



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### **OH CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 8.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 194 190

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### 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.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ORGANIST** Nicole Greanya



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

### **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.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of May 28, 2018

MON		Memorial Day
TUE	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Stoney Creek Bible Study – The Luther Movie (Stoney Creek) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Holy Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

### **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

The church administration office, located in the school building, will be open from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until school resumes on August 21.

### 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. Please pick your child up promptly.

#### 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 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 and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

### HOSPITALIZED

Joe Tutkowski is at Froedtert, and Norman Boye is in home hospice. Richard Sobczak and Betty Teisel are rehabbing at Tudor Oaks.

### **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

855 attended last week's worship services.

### **ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING RECAP**

The voters approved the \$3.44 million ministry plan at the annual meeting on May 17. They also approved the resolutions presented to them: distributions from the Gift Trust and Legacy Funds providing tuition for Pastor Bonack to pursue a Master's degree in counseling, tuition assistance for our students at Martin Luther College, a snow blower, a new welcome video, and the resolution regarding the Cool Million capital funds campaign. Elections resulted in Mike Grimes being elected president to a two-year term, Kevin Krueger re-elected as treasurer for two years, and Steve Meyer and Ron Guhr elected to two-year terms as at-large members of the Ministry Board.

### **DIVINE CALLS**

Mike Westendorf, who serves St. Paul's as our contemporary music coordinator in a part-time roll, is holding a full-time call to be worship leader at our sister congregation Crosswalk in Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Bethany Scharf, a 2018 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College, declined the call to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in our school.

Please keep Mike in your prayers as he continues to prayerfully seek God's will.

### UPDATE ON A COOL MILLION

We have now received 204 gifts or plans for giving, resulting in \$181,305 already received and a total of gifts and plans of \$616,000! Thanks be to God! This generosity has allowed us to go ahead with replacing the lighting in the altar area of the church, as well as signing the contracts to install the new heating and cooling system in the school, repaving the playground parking lot, and replacing 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.

### A COOL \$100 TAX REBATE

Between May 15 and July 2, parents of children under the age of 18 on December 31, 2017, are eligible for a \$100 tax rebate from the State of Wisconsin. Learn more at https://childtaxrebate.wi.gov. Would you consider donating a portion of this unexpected tax rebate to **A Cool Million**? If every family at St. Paul's could donate 50% of that tax rebate, we would give over \$35,000 to **A Cool Million**. That is probably not possible for everyone, but perhaps it is possible for you. It only takes a minute. Be sure to claim your rebate here: https://childtaxrebate.wi.gov.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

### SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES: PART I

During the first three weeks of our summer message series we will focus on a hero from the book of Judges—Samson. Think you're strong? Even our best intentions can falter when we face temptation and distraction. Join us for *Samson* as we learn how to stand strong against forces of darkness that want to take us out.

## June 3 When Strong Men Are Weak

Lust, entitlement, and pride are the attitudes that made Samson, who was incredibly strong, hopelessly weak. We're strong when we acknowledge what we truly deserve from God, as well as our inability to truly help ourselves.

June 10 Small Steps Toward Big Destruction Judges 16:1-22 Samson didn't ruin his life all at once. He did it one step at a time. All the little compromises in our lives add up too. Being in the Word opens our eyes to this deadly downward spiral and empowers us to step onto a different path.

## June 17 Failing Forward

### Father's Day

A man's greatest fear is failure and his greatest pain is regret. When we fail, all too often we choose remorse. Yet what we really need is repentance. Even in our failures God can still accomplish his purposes.

### **GET 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 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.

### SUMMER GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY SERIES—VERY IMPORTANT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

In a survey of Grace Room Bible class participants, 13 unique chapters of the Bible were requested to discuss during the Sundays in June, July, and August. Come and find out why the chapters selected are so important, beginning next Sunday in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am.

### **UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS**

Available dates for this summer's Under the Canopy are June 17, July 1, July 15, July 22, and August 19. This is a great opportunity to share information about your organization with the congregation while meeting new people. Please contact David Weise at (262) 271-3093 or dweise@aol.com for more information and to reserve your date.

### JAMMIN' ON JANESVILLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT – JUNE I

There is still time to sign up to help out with the booth that St. Paul's will once again set up for this year's Jammin' on Janesville—Friday, June 1, 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Our booth includes carnival games, candy for the kids, as well as information about our church and schools for the adults. Also, a few volunteers are still needed to help with set up, running games, passing out candy, and being a smiling face to communicate with visitors. To sign up:

- Contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at <a href="mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org">swallner@stpaulmuskego.org</a> or text or call her at (414) 218-5197.
- 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.)



## Judges 14:1-20

Judges 16:23-31

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018**

The entire St. Paul's family says, "Congratulations and God's blessings!" to the 8th and 12th grade graduates in the Class of 2018 who are members and friends of the congregation. May the Lord move all of you to follow the same advice that Paul gave to the young Timothy: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." (I Timothy 4:12)

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

GRADUATE	JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATING FROM	HIGH SCHOOL ENTERING FOR 2017-18
Adam Balcerak	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Kyle Bettinger	Bay Lane	Muskego
Caleb Bremer	St. Paul's	Nebraska Lutheran
Matthew Draeger	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Mikala Ellis	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Marcus Fitzsimmons	St. Paul's	Luther Preparatory – Watertown, WI
Samantha Galian	Eisenhower	Eisenhower
Ethan Glaze	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Sean Gray	Bay Lane	Muskego
Jaedyn Henneberry	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Kali Hudock	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Kalie Kasch	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Dylan Krause	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Lauren Krieger	Forest Park	Franklin
Mason Meitner	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Megan Mueller	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Layla Nowak	Park View	Mukwonago
Nikki Pearson	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Julie Quartuccio	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Seth Ristow	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Josh Schenkel	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Grace Schneider	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Megan Schneider	St. Paul's	Muskego
Savannah Sievert	St. Paul's	Wisconsin Lutheran
Riley Stehmeier	St. Paul's	Mukwonago
Cole Vahovick	Lane Intermediate	Nathan Hale

## \$o do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

← Isaiah 41:10

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018

# 12TH GRADE GRADUATES

GRADUATE	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM	PLANS FOR FALL OF 2017-18
Mark Behrens	Muskego	Milwaukee Area Technical College
Lauren Best	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Madison
Madeline Bettinger	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
Matthew Beyer	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Madison
Alexander Bremer	Wisconsin Lutheran	Waukesha County Technical College
Alexander DeLay	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Matthew Drobka	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Waukesha
Holly Frey	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Liana Gedemer	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Megan Gelhaus	Muskego	Undecided
Evan Guerten	Greendale	Milwaukee Area Technical College
Tyler Gunther	Muskego	Entering Workforce – Diesel Technician
Zachary Hintze	Nathan Hale	Electrician Apprenticeship
Jacob Hirtz	Muskego	Carroll University – Waukesha
Isaac Koentopp	Greendale	Undecided
Gabrielle Kolesari	Muskego	Undecided
Cody Krause	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
Nicholas Krause	Wisconsin Lutheran	Electrician Apprenticeship
Luke Longhenry	Muskego	Undecided
Meghan Ludke	Wisconsin Lutheran	University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN
Katherine Lunow	Wisconsin Lutheran	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
Brandon Mars	Wisconsin Lutheran	University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Logan Pawlinski	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Waukesha
Ethan Pearson	Wisconsin Lutheran	Entering Workforce
Madelyn Pertle	New Berlin Eisenhower	Carroll University – Waukesha
Noah Petraske	Wisconsin Lutheran	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
Gabrielle Renk	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Zachary Schmitz	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Monet Swessel	Muskego	Entering Workforce
Jacob Warren	Muskego	Entering Air Force
Stephen Wieting	Muskego	Carpenter Apprenticeship
Nathaniel Wranovsky	Wisconsin Lutheran	Martin Luther College – New Ulm, MN



May God Bless and Be with You Always!

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

### 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.

### DIVORCECARE SUPPORT GROUP

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 is held on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, in school classroom #8.

### HELP A ST. PAUL'S MEMBER SUFFERING WITH ALZHEIMER'S

A member of St. Paul's is looking to hire a caregiver to watch his wife for several hours, two or three days per week. If you are interested, contact Tammy Miller in the church office for more information at (414) 422-0320, ext 111.

### **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 mark the back of your Connection Card.

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

Our Child Care Center is looking to hire a teacher's aide:

• Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11:30 am - 6:00 pm; with the 2 - 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> year-old children.

Please contact Kim Neubauer at 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.

**Cheerleading Coaches** — The head varsity and junior varsity cheerleading coach positions are open for next year. Deadline to apply is June 11.

See the bulletin board in the Grace Room for more information about these positions and how to apply.



# GroupWork

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

"Self-love is not selfish; you cannot truly love another until you know how to love yourself." Write down your personal, immediate reaction to the statement at the left.

2. What are your concerns or "hang-ups" with the statement? Or, what are your "about time!" or "Aha!" thoughts?

- 3. Read I John 4:17-21. Make a bullet list of what love is, what love does, and where it comes from. How does your heart react to the Spirit's definition of true love?
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Thoughts of the heart:

- 4. Read Psalm 139 to acknowledge the intimate knowledge the Creator has of us. What thoughts are at first unsettling? What statements eventually lead to peace of the believer's heart and mind?
- 5. What individual gifts from the Creator do you appreciate in the people around you in the room? What gifts from the Spirit of God do you appreciate? Now, read I Corinthians 12:1-11 to appreciate the "Group Work" of the Spirit of God. 3
- 6. "Surely your goodness and *love will follow me* all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6. Do you believe this? Is it true in the lives of each of God's people?

How does Galatians 5:1 help in understanding God's faithful love?



### **NoteSheet** Sermon Outline Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

## YOU GOTTA LOVE ME!

### Matthew 22:39b

True or False: "Self-love is not selfish; you cannot truly love another until you know how to love yourself."

1.	l Am	and	Made!
	A. You	Me Together, O LORD!	
	and God	doesn't make	_!
	B. You Wrote	My!	
	and "spoi	ler alert", he has revealed the	!
	Application:	But what happens if I don't LIKE how	God has made me?
2.	It Is For	That Christ Has Set U	s!
	A. The Devil S	ucceeded in	_the Family
	B. God's	Was Always to Make Things _	
	Application:	Can we sin so big that God can't forg	ive us?

**Conclusion:** What would life be like if you hated yourself?

### **Next Steps**

- **Brain Buster:** I John 4:7-21. Gather some friends and pool your insights into what the Spirit says about true love!
- **Bold words for the Creator:** Read Psalm 139 and pray boldly with David! How does verse 17 anchor your heart?
- Read the Athanasian Creed in its entirety. Really? Yes, really. It states what Scriptures says.