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## OH, FOR AN UNSHAKABLE FAITH AN ALL-IN FAITH July 14, 15, and 18, 2018

*Sometimes what God does in his Church makes no sense to us. Sometimes what God does in our own lives makes no sense to us. How can I trust him? How can I have an "all-in" faith?*

### BELLS AND WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN 443

### Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

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



### CONFESSION OF SINS

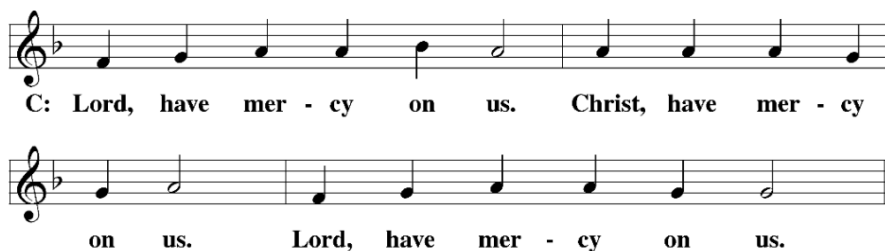
M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, when it comes to sin, we are all too quick to find excuses for our unholy choices.

C **If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

M If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9). We approach God's throne, therefore, in openness and honesty and confess our sins to him.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am like a sheep who has gone astray. I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do what is evil and fail to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his one and 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.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lamb, whose blood covers all our sins.

RESPONSE HYMN 351, vv. 1, 4

**Hail, O Once Despised Jesus**

**Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!  
You have suffered to release us, Hope to give and peace to bring.  
Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;  
By your merits we find favor; Life is given through your name.**

**Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing You are worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.  
Help, O bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits; Help to chant Immanuel's praise.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

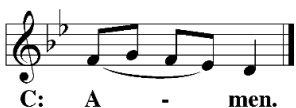
M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.  
Lord God, in this changing world we look to you as our unchanging rock of refuge and hope.

C **Hear us as we plead for your mercy, and grant us your saving grace and protection.**

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



#### FIRST LESSON

**Jonah 3:3-5, 4, Bible page 926**

*When the Ninevites listen to the Word of God and repent, Jonah becomes angry. He knew that God would show mercy, and mercy was the last thing he wanted the Ninevites to experience.*

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalms 62, Hymnal page 88**

*Trust in the Lord at all times. Pour your hearts out to him, for God is your refuge.*

**SECOND LESSON**

**2 Corinthians 11:21b-30**, Bible page 1164

*When Paul's apostleship is questioned, he reminded his readers that he had an "all-in" faith, willing to suffer anything for Christ.*

**HYMN 453**

**Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke**

**SERMON**

**Luke 9:51-62**, Bible page 1039

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**
- M Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- M We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- M Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- M Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**
- Special prayers and intercessions.*
- M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- M Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear us and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.
- C **Amen.**

## 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN 464

**Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory**

## CLOSING PRAYER

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Perfect Lamb, 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 Martin Schulz*

**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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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of July 16, 2018

<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	2:30 pm	Blood Drive (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom #9)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church and school office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, continuing through the summer until the start of school.

## UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS

Available dates for this summer's Under the Canopy are July 22 and August 19. Please contact David Weise at (262) 271-3093 or [dweise@aol.com](mailto:dweise@aol.com) for more information or to reserve your date.

## WALKING CLUB

The Walking Club will not meet Monday or Tuesday this week. Join in walking on Thursday this week at 10:00 am in the Centennial 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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# FAMILY CHURCH

## The Foundation Stone

“On this rock I will build my church.”

Peter had just confessed about Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

That truth is the foundation stone of the Church.



## The Next Stone

But what is the next stone Jesus uses to build his church?

It is a stone that Satan is trying to pull out of God's Church. Satan can pull it out because

- we don't have time for it,
- we don't feel qualified to lead it,
- we don't feel connected to it.

## The Importance of Family

The Family Stone is the next stone Jesus lays upon the foundation. The family is where faith is most often and most thoroughly passed on. God instructed family leaders, “These commandments I give you today... Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6:6,7).

But today, the family is under attack.

- Our schedules declare that work has become more important than family,
- Parents haven't learned how to pass on their faith to their children,
- Families are dysfunctional and many adults don't feel there is a “family” to which they belong.

## The Family Church

Beginning September 9, we want to help you put that “next stone” back into its place. We want to help moms and dads see their families as the primary church they are called to shepherd. We want to help adults become a part of spiritual families (Life Groups) so they can encourage others and be encouraged.

Included in our fall program will be:

- A message series based on Ephesians that will help you see your role in the family, whether that be the nuclear family or a family of believers in a Life Group.
- Testimonials that will show God's power in our families.
- GroupLink the weekend of September 14-16 to help you get connected to a Life Group.
- Daily devotions with applications that apply God's plan for family to us in our various stages of life.
- A RAWKs Fund (Random Acts of Worship Kindness) that families and groups can use to put the love of Christ into action.
- A celebration event the weekend of October 21 in which we rededicate ourselves to putting the “family stone” upon the “foundation stone.”

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED

Terri Raduege has returned to Autumn Leaves in Franklin. Rick Witzlsteiner is at Waukesha Memorial. George Buhrandt has 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, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Judith Lauber, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Mary Schauwitzer, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg. *Beginning July 29, we will update this "Prayers Requested" list. If you or someone you know would like to remain on this list, please indicate that on the Connection Card.*

## 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. An usher will be happy to direct you to the location if needed.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

916 attended worship services last week.

## MUSKEGO COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE ON CAMPUS – TUESDAY, JULY 17

The Muskego Women's Club in connection with the Blood Center of Wisconsin is hosting a blood drive in the Grace Room on Tuesday, July 17, 2:30-6:30 pm. Give a pint, get a pint. All attempting donors will receive a coupon for a pint of custard from Culver's and a ticket to the Wisconsin State Fair, while supplies last. Visit [bit.ly/muskegojuly2018](http://bit.ly/muskegojuly2018) or Luann at (414) 916-9650 to make an appointment.

## CHURCH PICNIC – OUTDOOR SERVICE – AUGUST 5

Only 21 days until we hold our annual outdoor church service and picnic on Sunday, August 5, at 10:30 am. Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their picnic committee!

We need volunteers for the following jobs:

- Grilling Corn (need someone who knows how to grill corn on our outdoor barbeque)
- Carnies for children's games and activity area (1-hour shifts)
- Preparation of food, cashiers in the food tent, and runners/servers in the food tent

If you can help in any of these areas, please sign up on the sheets in the lobby or contact Bob Zastrow at (414) 940-9360. Thank you!

## CLOTHED IN CHRIST IN BAPTISM

A first step toward a stronger faith is a one-hour personal visit and study on baptism. Schedule this First Step visit with Pastor Nate Strobel by marking the Connection Card or contacting him at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

This is the perfect place to start if you have never done a Bible study. Register with Pastor Nate on the back of the Connection Card or at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) and he will contact you with more information on class options and answer any questions you may have. This also serves as our pre-membership study.

## JULY FAMILY IN NEED

Medical bills have overwhelmed a young St. Paul's family. All three family members have experienced significant health issues in the last year that required hospital stays and/or long unpaid leaves for recovery. Although the family has insurance, the combination of high deductibles, gaps in coverage, and lost wages have left this family with thousands of dollars of unpaid medical bills. They have applied for and received reduced bills through their health care providers. Any gift to help this family would be greatly appreciated. Mark your gift "July Family in Need."



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## SAFETY CITY RECAP

St. Paul's had the privilege of hosting Safety City on our campus for the fourth year in a row. The Muskego Woman's Club, the Muskego Police Department, and Muskego Park and Recreation sponsor this two-week community event to teach road and pedestrian safety to 3-6 year olds. One of our members, Melanie Cholka, presented on seat-belt safety to the children and we were able to make connections with over 100 people during the duration of the event.



Due to the generous donations given at our Jammin' on Janesville booth, Pastor Strobel was able to present a check at the closing ceremony to Police Chief Richard Rens for the community D.A.R.E. program.



This event sparked several conversations about our school and church by curious parents and grandparents. Several of the attendees expressed deep gratitude for opening our doors to host this event.

We are blessed to have so many opportunities to serve our community through our facilities.

## PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

If you have a child entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall who will be enrolled in a school other than St. Paul's Lutheran School, and you want him/her to take part in St. Paul's Confirmation Instruction Program, please contact Dr. Nelson soon at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). This will ensure that you receive all the necessary information about the program and the August 20 orientation night. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 29 at 4:30 pm.

## TUG IN JULY

The next Teens Under God (TUG) night is Sunday, July 15, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Trinity Gym. It will be an open gym together with teens from Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church in Franklin. Then on Sunday, July 29, 6:30-8:00 pm, teens will discuss connecting with others under the title, "Getting Real with Relationships." TUG is a great place for teens to grow in faith and develop Christian relationships.

## KIDS CLUB THIS FALL

If being a part of shaping the next generation for the Lord is something you'd enjoy considering, contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card. Dr. Nelson looks forward to sharing the joys and rewards of youth ministry with you.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## COOL MILLION GOLF OUTING

Enjoy some golf and fellowship with us Saturday, August 11, at the St. Paul's Golf Outing benefiting our school's Cool Million projects. Not a golfer? We have a dinner-only option too. Registration forms and more information are at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Dinner hosted by Wegner's St. Martin's Inn at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Café will follow. If you have any questions, please contact School Administrator Fitzsimmons at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118

## A COOL OFFERING ON PICNIC SUNDAY

In your offering packet is a green "Picnic Offering" envelope. These special picnic offerings will be included in the Cool Million effort. We have received \$237,309 in Cool Million gifts. This generosity has already resulted in new sanctuary lighting and paving of the playground. Work on the new school HVAC and Centennial Gym windows will begin around the time of the church picnic. Our tithe has enabled our mission partner Costa Maya Ministries to purchase a much needed replacement van that serves as an essential part of their community outreach.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

We continue to have families in need of financial assistance to provide their children with a Christian education at our school or a WELS high school. Contributions can be made via the blue offering envelope provided in your envelope packet or on our church's website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org),

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is another method to give. Over 20% of our offerings are received through online giving. Because Christians give regularly to support the Lord's work, online giving can help you carry out your plans for your weekly or monthly offerings on an automatic schedule. You can use the QR code or find the online giving tab at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) to learn more.



## 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION RECAP

A group of 8 women from St. Paul's and Christ in Bed Bend joined over 1500 others in attending the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Convention in Green Bay in June. Over 800 WELS and ELS churches had members present for mission support, spiritual renewal, inspiration, and fellowship.

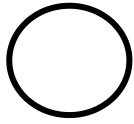


Missionaries and a panel of missionary wives shared their experiences of serving the Lord at home and abroad. Workshops included the topics of Hispanic outreach, campus ministry, and childcare education as an outreach tool. A presentation on the WELS new congregational short-term Mission Journeys program was also given. Convention highlights included the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apache Mission in Arizona and an opportunity to hear the latest home and world mission developments from WELS Boards for Home and World Administrators Pastor Keith Free and Pastor Larry Schlomer.

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention will be held at the Iowa Event Center in Des Moines, June 27-30, 2019.

## LET YOUR FAITH SHINE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County is looking for volunteer helpers for the Meal on Wheels program that operates out of Stoney Creek Adult Community. Positions are available Mondays and Fridays for servers from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and delivery drivers from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. If you would like to help feed Muskego seniors, please check out more details at [www.AmericaLetsDoLunch.org](http://www.AmericaLetsDoLunch.org) and contact Sue Ertle at 262-617-3327 or Karen Straw at 262-548-7829.



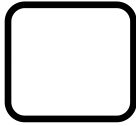
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Share your favorite childhood summertime memory.
  
2. Who is a person (other than Jesus) who is a role model for you of whom looks to be “all in” for the sake of the gospel?
  
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-32 in which Paul is defending his ministry as an apostle. What emotions do you have as you read all that Paul suffered for the sake of the gospel? Guilt? Envy? Relief? Amazement? Do you think anyone could be that “all in” today?
  
4. Read Luke 9:51-55. James and John were angry that a Samaritan village did not welcome Jesus. When might Christians today become angry or frustrated that individuals or groups have rejected the gospel? Does that anger/frustration help or hinder the cause of Christ?
  
5. Read Luke 9:57-62. What excuses do Christians make today for declining to follow Jesus? What excuses do you see even in “every-Sunday-attenders”?
  
6. The more we desire an “all in” faith, the more we will realize that we fall short, and the more that we will realize that only the Holy Spirit can create such a faith in us. Read Psalm 130. What makes this an excellent prayer for someone who desires an “all in” faith?
  
7. Go to [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com) and read one of the stories there and pray for an individual who is suffering persecution because they are “all in” for the sake of Christ. Sign in and post your group’s prayer as an encouragement to others.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## Oh, for an Unshakeable Faith

### An All-In Faith

Luke 9:51-62, page 842

#### 1. That accepts God's will regarding the power of his Word

- a. When his Word \_\_\_\_\_
- b. When his Word \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. That accepts God's will regarding the cost

- a. When the cost is \_\_\_\_\_
- b. When the cost is \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. The all-in faith is a miracle of the Holy Spirit

- a. As we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in Good Friday mourning
- b. As we are \_\_\_\_\_ with Easter victory
- c. As we are \_\_\_\_\_ by Ascension power

### Possible Steps to Take Toward an Unshakable Faith

- **Be inspired to be "All In":** Google *Fox's Book of Martyrs* to read about the courage of Christians who have gone before us. Go [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com) to pray for those who are suffering now because they have the courage to follow Jesus in spite of the cost.
- **Exhale and Inhale:** Take time to take an inventory of times you have compromised your faith. Confess them to God, and perhaps to a trusted Christian (exhale). Memorize the good news of Jesus' forgiveness in Psalm 130 (inhale).
- **Walk with Jesus:** Continue reading Luke from chapter 9 to the end and see that Jesus was "all in" to seek and to save sinners like us. Trust that he can "cloth you with power from on high" (Luke 24:49) so that you might have an "All In" faith.