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PRAYER IS POWERFUL

GOD PRAYS TO GOD FOR US

August 12, 13, and 16, 2017

Jesus chooses to pray to his Father for us. If we feel that our prayer life falls short, we have one who intercedes for us and who was perfect in his prayer life to the very end.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 416

(Sunday)

How Firm a Foundation

Chapel Choir sings vv. 2 and 4

- 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, in his Word the Lord God implores us to love each other, to care for each other's physical and spiritual needs, and to pray for each other. In the book of James we read:
- C **"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).**
- M An honest look at our prayer lives shows that we are far from righteous. We often forget to pray and, when we do, our prayers are focused on our own physical and temporal wants. But that doesn't change the reality of God's love for us and the forgiveness he won for us through the death and resurrection of his Son. Nor does it change the fact that we are his dear, beloved children. We therefore heed God's call to open our hearts and confess our sins to him.
- 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.**

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 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.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE 446, vv. 1, 6

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation,
Free and true.**

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of your love and care for us.

C **We walk in danger all the way. Yet, you have given us your Word of truth to guide, sustain, and protect us.**

- M Sanctify us, make us holy, through and through, by the power of that Word.
- C **Your prayer is our prayer: that we may all be one in you and that your love remain in us and be seen through us.**
- 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

James 5:13-20, Bible page 1219

James calls us to pray for one another, especially to pray for healing of body and soul.

PSALM OF THE DAY *(Sunday)*

Psalm 121, Guiding Me

Refrain *(Chapel Choir)*

(Chapel Choir)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord my God who made heaven and earth.

Refrain All (see screens)

Guiding me, guarding me, the Lord is by my side;
Guiding me, guarding me, the Lord upholds my life.

(Chapel Choir)

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, He, Israel's guard.

Refrain All

(Chapel Choir)

The Lord is your guard and your shade; At your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you Nor the moon in the night.

Refrain All

(Choir)

The Lord will guard you from evil, He will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming, Both now and forever.

Refrain All

VERSE OF THE DAY (*Saturday and Wednesday*)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 17, Bible page 1083

Jesus prays for his disciples and for us. Jesus' prayer is for our spiritual protection and that the Father's love may always be in us.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY 365

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

SERMON

John 17:13-26, Bible page 1083

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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

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 OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts



M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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 -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the 'Words of Institution'. It consists of a single staff of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, ending with a double bar line.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

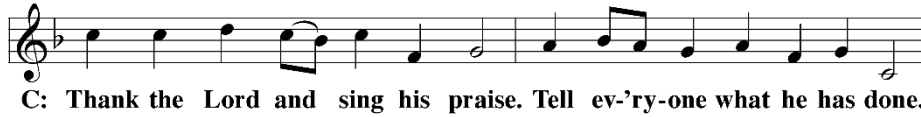
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 431
426**I Walk in Danger All the Way
Yours Forever, God of Love****THANK THE LORD**

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

ORGANIST Carol Nelson

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 to provide an overview of our teachings. Please ask one of our pastors for the date when the next class begins.

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 pews in the left center section are 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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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 August 14, 2017

MON	9:00 am	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	5:30 pm	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST
	5:45 pm	Grief Share (Church Library)
TUE	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	5:30 pm	O'Reilly/Stovich Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
	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)
	6:30 pm	Back to School Night (Lutheran Elementary School)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	Shannon O'Reilly and Nick Stovich Wedding Ceremony (Church)
	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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Resident Missionary Call Meeting (Grace Room)

Multimedia Ministry

- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
 - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
 - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FUNERAL

Mary Ann Boldt, born April 2, 1943, entered eternal peace with her Savior on August 2, 2017. A Christian funeral was held August 7, 2017. May Mary Ann's loved ones be comforted in the assurance of their risen Savior today and always.

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the altar were given in loving memory of Armen Dockter by his family.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home. Edwin Gunther is at St. Luke's, and Dorette Probst is at Hales Corners Care Center.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Marvin Pellmann.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

1065 attended worship services last week, of which 803 attended the church picnic.

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

There will be a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 20, at noon, in the Grace Room to call a pastor to serve in a new position called Resident Missionary. If you would like a copy of the position description or would like to suggest a name for the call list, please email Pastor Pete at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest communication from Missionary John Holtz is available in the welcome center. Thank you to so many who give generously to support these outreach efforts to our brothers and sisters in Africa.

AWAKE AND ALIVE – AUGUST 13



You won't want to miss the last Awake and Alive event of the summer with James and Denise Becker talking on the topic of Relationships and Intimacy at 5:00 pm in the Trinity Café and Gym. Come and be part of a great Christian community of 18-25 year olds. In college, working for a living, getting ready to start school - take an evening off and be a part of this encouraging, inspiring community! Visit awakealive.com for more information.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Our thanks to Bill Remschak, our volunteer webmaster for rebuilding our website. Check it out at www.stpaulmuskego.org.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Wisconsin Lutheran College is offering a \$2000 scholarship to any member of St. Paul's interested in attending WLC who hasn't already enrolled. The scholarship is valid for students starting classes the fall of 2017 or 2018. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org with interest.

YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Begins August 22

Our Lutheran School (K-8) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 22. It is a tremendous blessing to serve our students and their families with daily spiritual growth in God's Word, connecting them closer to Jesus every day while also growing their minds and hearts for lives of Christian service. It is not too late to enroll! If you or someone you know might be interested in Christian education, please contact our School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for a school tour as soon as possible at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. Tuition assistance is available.

Pre-K Begins after Labor Day

Our 3K and 4K ministry begins the week after Labor Day, and there are only a few open seats still available! We offer a variety of options – half day or all day, the number of days, and wrap-around care. If you would like to consider Christian education for your 3 or 4 year-old, or if you know someone who would still like to enroll their child, contact Pre-K Director Michele Drska at (414) 422-0320, ext. 144.

School of Early Learning

Our childcare ministry for children six weeks to three years-old is open year-round. If you are interested in enrolling your child or adding your child to the waiting list, contact our SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 10

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives by participating in the programs listed below. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 422-0320 ext. 145 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)

Our Sunday morning youth ministry for children 3 years-old through 6th grade, resumes on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am. Kids Club features a large group opening followed by small group discussion to help your child apply God's word to their lives.

Boost (Grades 7 & 8)

Boost (7th and 8th grade) also begins on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am. Using an engaging, multi-media, but more traditional classroom format, Boost participants experience a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Our preparation for youth confirmation includes three years of study. Children in our Christian Elementary School receive this instruction during the school day. Children attending public school receive this training on Wednesday afternoons. Parents and students participating in the Wednesday afternoon classes must attend the orientation/registration meeting in church on Monday, August 21, 6:30-7:30 pm. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at 414-422-0320, ext. 145.

SHARE JESUS WITH KIDS

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 or mark your interest on the Connection Card. Dr. Nelson looks forward to sharing the joys and rewards of youth ministry with you.

ADULTS GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Several Bible studies are resuming in September and new ones are beginning. Register for all of these on the Connection Card.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES

My Son, My Savior – Begins Sunday, August 13. See how Mary experienced and pondered the miracle of Jesus' coming and humbly grew in her understanding that her son was also her Savior. The main message for all is that Jesus is their Savior, too. Join Mr. Jim Haag as he leads this Grace Room Bible study August 13, 20, 27, and September 3 at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

Let's Get to Know God and Ourselves a Little Better – Begins Sunday, September 10. This class will explore St. Augustine's assertion that all of theology is presented either explicitly or implicitly in the first three chapters of Genesis and will be taught by retired Martin Luther College Professor, Pastor Daniel Deutschlander.

Parents' Club – Begins Sunday, September 17. Facilitated by St. Paul's Pre-K Teacher Anne Meyer and her husband Chris, the course *Parenting: The Early Years* will explore ten biblical traits your kids will remember you for. This excellent 6-week, DVD-assisted course will be held in school classroom 8.

Creation Science Part I – Begins Sunday, October 15. Dig deeper into what every Christian should know about origins. This two-week class will be taught by St. Paul's member and creation science enthusiast, Joel Weaver.

Martin Luther: Return to Grace – Begins Sunday, October 29. As part of our remembrance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will take a look at the WELS-produced DVD assisted study based on the PBS documentary *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. St. Paul's member Mel Rindfleisch will teach the class. Mel has a love for history and has taught about Martin Luther at St. Paul's previously. Watch for more details coming on the celebration of this vital event for all of us.

WEEK DAY STUDIES BEGINNING MID-SEPTEMBER

Following the Promise – Begins Tuesday, September 12, at 7 pm.

This is the perfect place to start if you have never done a Bible study. God was planning for you before the creation of the world. God's first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible. In this 15-week study, you will follow that promise through the Bible and see how it impacts your life. This also serves as a preparation-for-membership Bible study. Mark the Connection Card to register.

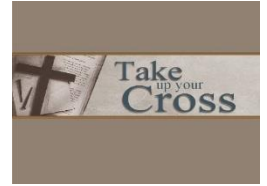
Through the Bible In a Year – Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning September 13.

Through the Bible In a Year is replacing *The Story* study so that we can use our own Bibles as the textbook, highlighting and taking notes that will be helpful for years to come. The course will be offered on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm beginning September 13, and Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning September 18. Mark the Connection Card for more information.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND – TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

As we go through life we all struggle with our own personal weaknesses and temptations. We know and love our Savior. We long to serve him and live to his glory, but we are weak. It is frustrating for us that the good we want to do, we do not do and the evil we hate, this we keep on doing! This is the cross we have to bear.



There are certain crosses that are unique to certain stages and ages of life. Some temptations and struggles are most common to youth, others to middle age, and still others in the golden years. In this three-week series we will look at the crosses that are rather typical to each of these age groups in the interest of strengthening the one who imagines that he is all alone under his cross.

2017 CHURCH PICNIC SUCCESS!

Praise be to God for His mercy and grace as he, once again, blessed us with a beautiful day, a wonderful attendance of families and friends, and a phenomenal group of volunteers! And a very special thank you goes out to the St. Paul's Picnic Committee: David and Tina Mueller, Jim and Kathy Haag, Brian Ralston, Gary and Kim Christopherson, Wendy Hendrix, Mike and Cheryl Suhm, Bob and Karen Zastrow. From the first meeting on May 31 until the last table was put away on Picnic Sunday, this A-team worked together to "hit it out of the park," as they served their Lord and their church family. Halleluiah! Amen.

THANK YOU GENEROUS DONORS!

Once again St. Paul's members stepped up to help those in need in our community. The "Back to School" backpack efforts resulted in 39 filled backpacks that will be given to kids in our community. Please have all backpacks in the lobby by Sunday, August 13. If you need to make a late delivery, please contact Sally at 414-422-0320, ext. 294.

CANDY DRIVE

The Muskego Community Festival Parade is happening on Sunday, August 27. Help out with this summer event by bringing a bag or two of candy to church on or before the weekend of August 20. Donation of money are also appreciated. Please bring only *Smartees*, *Tootsie Rolls*, or lollipops. There will be a collection bin in the church lobby. What we don't receive in donations, we will need to purchase.

MEALS FOR OUR MISSION PARTNER

Garden Homes Lutheran Church, in Milwaukee's inner city, is a St. Paul's mission partner. The Lighthouse Youth Center, which is part of Garden Homes' ministry, has contacted St. Paul's to see if any groups would be willing to provide a simple dinner for the Lighthouse kids in 2017-18. The normal "menu" is easy stuff to provide and would need to serve about 30-40 youth. The idea would be that the St. Paul's group providing the food could also deliver it, help serve it, and then hang out with the kids a little. If your group would be interested in talking more about this and potentially picking a date in 2017-18, please contact Dr. Nelson 414-750-2586 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

TUG – TEENS UNDER GOD

TUG is a unique ministry for teens – members of St. Paul's and their friends. TUG provides teens with worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service opportunities as well as time to develop Christian relationships with each other and adult mentors within a safe, caring, supportive, and fun environment.

- August 13 – No TUG -Trinity Café in use for Awake & Alive
- August 27 – Discussion: Teen Suicide
- September 10 – Laser Tag (watch for details)
- September 24 – Discussion: Teen Suicide

TUG meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the Trinity Café and Gym, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.



GIFTS TO GOD

WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. Below is an update on the generous giving that occurred over the last few weeks. Thank you for every gift you give to our General Fund, Mortgage Fund, and these wish list items. 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.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
School Exterior Window Replacements	\$55,000	\$915	\$54,085
Trinity Gym Floor to Ceiling Room Divider	\$13,000	\$1,955	\$11,045

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Through the government's Title II funds and our congregational budgeting process, we provide for the professional development of our teachers, but there are more workshops and courses that our teachers would like to attend. This fund provides our members with an opportunity to encourage continuing education through special gifts. Our goal is to provide an additional \$500 per teacher or \$7000 per year. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift clearly, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

TUITION ASSISTANCE

We continue to have families in need of financial assistance to provide their children with a Christian education at St. Paul's Elementary School or a WELS high school. Contributions can be made via the blue offering envelope provided in your envelope packet, our church's website at www.stpaulmuskego.org, or by using the QR code below.

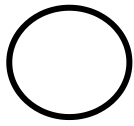
TEXT TO GIVE 414-316-6733

We are excited about this new way to give. Text a dollar amount (always put the dollar sign before it) to 414-316-6733. You will receive a text to register your credit or debit card. After registration, giving is as simple as texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733. Weekly, monthly or quarterly recurring gifts can also be set up.

ONLINE GIVING

Often we say that we want to make our offerings our first priority as a testimony to God that he is #1 in our hearts and minds. An easy way to make that happen is to use automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. You can use the online giving option at www.StPaulMuskego.org or scan the QR code to go directly to our mobile-friendly site.



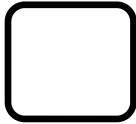


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share your highs and lows from the week and pray for each other.
2. What kind of reactions or thoughts do you have when you consider the fact that Jesus prays for us?
3. Read Jesus' prayer (John 17:13-26) out loud in your group.
 - What verse stood out to you the most?
 - What similarities do you see between this prayer and the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).
4. Jesus asks his Heavenly Father for us to *have the full measure of his joy* within. (John 17:13). How would you explain to an unbeliever the difference between HIS joy and the world's joy?
5. Pastor Bonack said that Jesus' prayer for us to become more Heavenly-minded means *seriously grabbing hold of the fact that God living in me and through me is the overriding goal of my entire existence from this moment on*. What might that look like this week in your life?
6. Jesus is watching over us 24/7. He is praying for us—when we know what we need and even when we don't. All the times we fail to get it right, we forget to pray, our faith is too weak, or we pray for the wrong thing, Jesus is up there praying for us, praying for just what we need.
 - When Christians truly believe this, it transforms their life inside and out. Take a moment of silence to reflect on where in your life you've struggled to believe this.
 - Why does believing that Jesus is praying for us make it easier – dare I say even FUN – to reach out to God in prayer?
7. This was the final message in our Prayer Is Powerful series. What was the biggest "Aha!" you experienced from digging deeper into prayer these past 10 weeks?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

John 17:13-26 (page 1083)

#Prayer Is Powerful: Jesus Prays for You

How does it make you feel when someone says: “I’ll pray for you”?

Jesus prays.

Prayer must be i_____ and p_____.

Jesus prays for us.

Whatever’s on your mind, Jesus is talking to his F_____ about it right now.

Jesus prays that we may experience the full measure of his joy.

Joy is not everything going r_____. Joy is knowing that when we’re in Christ everything will be a_____.

Jesus prays that we may be in the world, but not of it.

My prayers revolve around my life circumstances changing. Jesus’ prayer is that ____ will change.

Jesus prays that we may be sanctified through his Word of truth.

While in this world, the truth of God’s Word f_____ us more and more from the world’s enslaving influence.

Jesus prays that we may be one with him and everyone else.

Does the world look at us and say, “Your I_____ inspires me to want to know more about Jesus”?

Next Steps

Jesus prays for us that we become more and more sanctified through the power of his Word. That can’t happen if we are not regularly connected to the Word. Here are some options:

- **Keep Reading Those Psalms!**

On the back page of the worship folder last weekend Pastor Panitzke shared a daily Bible reading list from the Psalms for the next couple of weeks. You can find the list on the St. Paul’s website. Click “Worship” to find last week’s worship folder.

- **Consider Diving Deeper This Fall**

1. *Following the Promise.* Follow God’s promise to you through the Bible and see how it impacts your life. **Starts September 12**
2. *Through the Bible.* This course explores the big picture of the Bible and helps you become a better student of the scriptures. **Starts September 13.**
3. *Join a Small Group Study.* Jump in this fall as our small groups discuss origins in light of the Christian vs. the secular world-view. **Starts September 17.**