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**TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
IN THE GOLDEN YEARS
September 2, 3, and 6, 2017**

We come to an age in life where we deal more and more with calluses of the soul. We always imagined that we were in control, but more and more it becomes all too clear that we are not. How do we during this time of life maintain a healthy attitude that gives thanks to Jesus for each day, even though it might not be the day we dreamed it would be?

PRESERVICE HYMN SING

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 440

On Eagles' Wings

BAPTISM (Saturday)

Jameson Frederick von Thun

Son of Christopher and Melanie (nee Matter) von Thun, born July 14, 2017

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.**

Confession of Sins

M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Solomon came to a point in his life when he questioned the meaning and the value of everything he had and everything he had accomplished. He said:

C **Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless! The eye never has enough of seeing nor the ear its fill of hearing...what has been will be again...no one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them (Ecclesiastes 1).**

M That's exactly what life under the sun looks like if we lose our focus on our Savior and the peace and hope his Word speaks to our lives. Yet it is so easy for us to lose our focus—especially in times of trial and crisis. Let us, therefore, confess our weakness and our many sins and ask God to forgive us.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE 449, vv. 1, 3, 4

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Loving Lord, we thank you for the thrill of life and all the mercies that you give to each of us day by day.

C **But, Lord, as we advance in years, our bodies begin to lose their strength and we, at times, grow weary on the journey.**

M Give grace to those who find it difficult to come to terms with the disappointments of life.

C **Help us believe that, no matter what we face on the journey, your grace is sufficient for us.**

M As we grow older, may your love and mercy draw each of us closer to you. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, now and forever.



ANTHEM (*Sunday*)

It Is Well with My Soul, Chapel Choir

FIRST LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18, Bible page 1199

As Paul nears the end of his life, he relishes the thought of heaven and thanks God for his faithful presence and guidance, even when everyone else had abandoned him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71, Hymnal page 92
Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:21-27, Bible page 1038
Jesus predicts his own death and calls his followers to take up their cross and follow him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 441

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

SERMON

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, Bible page 671
Pastor David Kuehl

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 God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed your will and Word.
- C **We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness.**
- M Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word. Teach us to depend on your holy Sacrament for spiritual strength.
- C **Grant that our mind may be renewed in righteousness, that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good, and that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.**
- M Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter your heavenly kingdom.
- C **We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will.**
- M Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home. For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. Teach them to turn to you and wait on you for mercy.
- C **Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from all their trials, and let them walk in your light all their days.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- M These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope.
- 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 PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 4, 2017

MON		Labor Day
TUE	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	2:30 pm	Blood Center of Wisconsin Blood Drive (Grace Room)
WED	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Class (School Classrooms 8, 9, and 10)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study: <i>Luther and Grace Hidden</i> (Stoney Creek)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion.
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

“DOOR OF HOPE” SPECIAL OFFERING

During the month of August, our anticipated receipts through offerings and tuition for this fiscal year was reduced by \$100,000! (The Special Edition of the *Messenger* supplies more detail.) Three families have stepped forward to match, dollar for dollar, all special “Door of Hope” gifts up to \$50,000. If we can match that total amount, we will have completely recovered our anticipated shortfall.

Our window of opportunity is short. All “Door of Hope” gifts or commitments need to be made by Monday, September 24. The Ministry Board, meeting later that week, is committed to “living within our means” so that we do not spend more than we expect God will provide. If staffing cuts are necessary, we need to make those decisions quickly.

If you are able to give a special gift, mark it “Door of Hope,” and place it into the offering, or go to www.stpaulmuskego.org/give to give online. Remember that this needs to be an “over and above” gift. If we simply transfer regular giving to “Door of Hope,” we will not be able to reach the challenging 4.5% increase in regular offerings upon which we based our ministry plan.

HURRICANE HARVEY OFFERING

Our hearts go out to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. To make it easy for you to respond to this need, you can give via two ways:



- Text 414-316-6733. In the message put a dollar sign, a space, and the word “Harvey.” For example: \$100 Harvey.
- Go to www.stpaulmuskego.org/give or use the QR code. You will find Harvey in the giving list.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING SOON!

***Following the Promise* – Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 12**

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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Let's Get to Know God and Ourselves a Little Better – Begins Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. Taught by retired Martin Luther College professor, Pastor Daniel Deutschlander.

St. Augustine said that all of theology can be found either directly or indirectly in the first three chapters of the Bible. He was right! In our study of Genesis 1-3 we will come to see God's own masterful description of himself, especially as he creates all that is just for us. We will examine how he relates the way he is to our creation as he forms us from dust but, nevertheless, creates us in his own image and likeness. How, after all, can something made from dust carry God's own image and be like God? Do we still have his image? Are there ways that even now we are like God?

In God's own description of Adam and Eve we will consider in some detail how we are spiritual beings hidden inside of a physical form. That is, we will examine the "organs of the soul" and how they relate to God and to our bodies. If God made everything, did he make evil too? How different is God's definition of "freedom" from the one most people have? Is God and are the holy angels and the saints in heaven really "free" if they cannot sin? How different is God's definition of "death" from the one most people have?

We will examine carefully the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to see what difference it made in the "organs of the soul," and how those organs now use the body to accomplish the will of the soul. Most importantly we will consider what the account of their fall reveals about God and the way he is with his fallen creation from then on until the end of time.

In sum, we will get to know God and ourselves a lot better!

FALL SMALL GROUP SERIES

As always, the fall is a great time to test drive a small group and experience the profound impact it can have on your faith life. During late September and early October small groups will meet to dig deeper into the concept of worldview, coinciding with our message series. Whether or not we realize it, we all have certain presuppositions and biases that affect the way we view all of life and reality. Many people fail to recognize the extent to which their worldview impacts their thinking. As Christians we have our own unique worldview—one that is based on the ultimate source of truth, the Word of God. The foundations of our worldview are found in the early chapters of the book of Genesis. That will be the scriptural focus of our study. Mark the back of the Connection Card if you would like more information on leading or joining a small group Bible study for this 4-week series.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home and June Fickau at Seasons Hospice. Margaret Holtz is at Hales Corners Care Center. Carol Constantineau is at Waukesha, Keith Jahns at Froedtert, and Peter Lentz at Menomonee Falls. Emma Benke, Tom O'Laughlin, and Brett Wallner have been discharged from the hospital.

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

936 attended worship services last week.

MUSKEGO FESTIVAL PARADE – THANK YOU

Thank you to the worship-band members and numerous other volunteers who shared their gifts in the Muskego Festival Parade last Sunday. The weather cleared up and thousands of people in our community were able to hear our contemporary worship band for the first time! This opportunity gave people an idea of the variety of worship languages offered by St. Paul's. Thank you also to those who donated candy for the parade. This was a great way to show our love for kids, our community, and our Savior!

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOCUS NEXT WEEKEND

Our focus in our worship services next weekend will be Christian Education. At St. Paul's we embrace Christian education for all ages via many avenues. However, no degree in Scriptures 101 is offered. You cannot graduate. The hope is that each of us be dedicated to spiritual growth and learning for the rest of our lives. Spiritual growth opportunities, whether for children or adults, allow us to ask and answer baffling questions about our beliefs. We keep coming back because we crave learning about Jesus. We never stop learning because God never stops teaching. Find out more next weekend as we celebrate Christian education at St. Paul's and challenge ourselves to go deeper.

TEACHER INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION WITH POTLUCK – SEPTEMBER 17

The following called workers will be installed on Sunday, September 17, at the 10:45 am worship service:

Mr. Randy Fink – Church Administrator
Mrs. Samantha Loescher - 3rd Grade
Mrs. Kristen Miller - Spanish Teacher
Miss. Candy Stack - 2nd Grade
Mrs. Taryn Volbrecht - Kindergarten

Miss. Linda Martens will also be recognized for her 40 years in the teaching ministry. Miss. Martens currently serves as our morning first grade teacher and Extended Learning Coordinator. And we will say thank you and farewell to former Business Administrator Mr. Dan Lippert, who retired on June 30 after serving at St. Paul's for 6 years.

A luncheon will follow at noon in the Centennial Gym. A *Needs List* is available through *My St. Paul's* for those who would like to help by serving or bringing a dish to pass. A card box will be available for any notes of appreciation or gifts at the luncheon. Please contact Wendy Hendrix at (414) 688-1472 or wendylauber@yahoo.com with any questions.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH WELS FOR ACCOUNTANT

See the bulletin board in the Grace Room for more information.

YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES RESUME NEXT SUNDAY

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives by participating in the programs listed below. All grade levels meet in the school. Enter through the Trinity Café and you will receive directions on your child's room location. For more information or to volunteer to be part of the Kids Club leadership team please contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)



Kids Club resumes on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am and 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 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.

TUG – TEENS UNDER GOD MEETS NEXT SUNDAY

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.



- September 10 – Laser Tag
- September 24 – Discussion: Teen Suicide

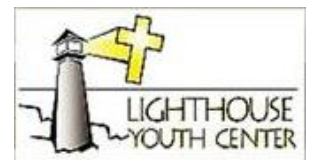
TUG meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the Trinity Café and Gym from 6:30 until 8:00 pm,

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6

Public school confirmation class for 6th – 8th graders is scheduled to begin this Wednesday, September 6, from 4:30-6:00 pm in the school. All prospective families should have received a letter with additional details in the mail and met with your child's instructor. If you did not receive the letter and have a public school student in grades 6-8, please contact the church office at (414) 422-0320.

PROVIDE A MEAL FOR LIGHTHOUSE KIDS

Garden Homes Lutheran Church in Milwaukee's inner city is a St. Paul's mission partner. The Garden Homes' Lighthouse Youth Center 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. Think easy-prepare food for 30-40 youth that your group would deliver, serve, and then follow up with some social time with the kids. If you or your group is interested in talking more about this and potentially picking a date in 2017-18, please contact Dr. Nelson at (414) 750-2586 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

DONATE BLOOD - SAVE LIVES

The Muskego Women's Club, through the Blood Center of Wisconsin, is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 5, from 2:30 until 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. Walk-ins are welcome. However, to make an appointment go to bcw.edu/muskego or call Luann at (414) 916-9650.

ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

Our 500th anniversary of the Reformation special festival service will be Sunday, November 5. Our worship will include a festival choir and orchestra. If you are interested in joining either of these groups, please contact Pastor Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org.

WELS SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN JOINT REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

A special joint congregational festival service observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will take place on Sunday, November 5, at 3:30 pm at the Miller High Life Theatre. An adult and children's choir will sing for the service, supported by organ, piano, and dozens of instruments. If you or your child is interested in participating in either of these choirs, please contact Pastor Bonack.

JOIN THE HANDBELLS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

Handbell rehearsals for the upcoming season begin Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. We have a need for 2 more players. If you are in 8th grade or older and are interested in helping us make a joyful noise to the Lord, please contact Dave Lemke at (262) 679-9537 or dlemke718@gmail.com. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided free of charge.

JOIN THE LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

All ladies are invited to the welcome/welcome back meeting for the Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (LAF) on Wednesday, September 6, at noon, in the Grace Room. A salad luncheon is planned with dessert and beverages provided. Please bring a salad to share. A devotion and discussion on the programs planned will follow the luncheon.

BE A READING BUDDY STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

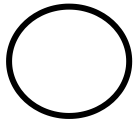
Reading Buddies will begin its third year of encouraging a love of reading in our 1st and 2nd graders, beginning Wednesday, September 6. *Reading Buddies* meets every Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Trinity Cafe. Contact Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons this week at (920) 342-7924 or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org if you are interested.

STORAGE NEEDED FOR LIVING NATIVITY STABLE

The barn where the Living Nativity set/stable is currently stored has been sold and will no longer accommodate our Living Nativity set. We need to have the set moved out by the end of September. The stable walls, floor, and ceiling do break down into pieces and only need to be accessed once every 2 years. If you are able to provide a home for these items or can provide a referral of a location, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at (414) 422-0320, ext. 294, or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.

TEACHER'S AIDE OPENING AT SOEL

St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) is a childcare and early education ministry. We are currently seeking applicants for an immediate opening as a year-round teacher's aide Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. We offer a competitive hourly wage and a pleasant working environment. Please contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext.200, (262) 470-0465 (cell), or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. How's everyone's week been? Start off your time together with prayers for each other's high's and low's.

2. Think of someone you know and respect that is currently in his/her Golden Years. Share what you admire about them.

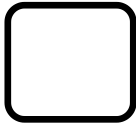
3. One of the themes that resonates with the cross of the Golden Years is the feeling unnecessary and irrelevant; in a word: invisible. Can you think of a time in your life that you've felt invisible? Discuss what that experience was like.

4. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-8. Solomon describes the years "*of which you will say 'I have no pleasure in them.'*"
 - Compare and contrast these challenges to that of the cross of our youth.
 - Compare and contrast these challenges to that of the cross of our middle/working years.

5. What kinds of things are you doing (or DID do) in your youth to remember your Creator "*before the days of evil come*" (Ecc 12:1)?

6. Read Luke 2:36-38.
 - What was Anna's daily life like in her Golden Years?
 - What was Anna's response to meeting the Savior?
 - God chose to bestow this precious honor on Anna NOT in her youth or middle years, but in her golden years. What can we learn from this?

7. If you are not yet in your Golden Years, what could you do this week to encourage someone you love in their Golden Years that they are meaningful and relevant? If you are in your Golden Years, what could you do this week to shape and care for the younger generations?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

+ Take Up Your Cross in the Golden Years +

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 (Bible page 671)

Two Godly Reminders about Growing Old

Introduction: Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless!

I. A reminder about aging

A. *The years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them."*

...*The sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark.* – sadness in growing old

...*The clouds return after the rain.* – bodies don't heal as quickly as they once did; healing and recovery time are slowed

...*The keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop.* – Arms and hands and legs and feet grow weak; spine curves.

...*The grinders cease because they are few.* – number of teeth declines

...*Those looking through the windows grow dim.* – eyesight weakens

...*The doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades.* – hearing loss

...*People rise up at the sound of the birds.* – don't sleep well

...*All their songs grow faint.* – once strong voice fades

...*People are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets.* – a fear of falling and going out alone

...*The almond tree blossoms.* – hair turns white or falls out

...*The grasshopper drags itself along.* – gait becomes stiff and unsteady

...*Desire no longer is stirred.* – loss of appetite for food or for passion

B. *People go to their eternal home and mourners go about the streets.*

...*silver cord is severed*

...*golden bowl is broken*

...*pitcher is shattered*

...*wheel is broken*

...*dust (body) returns to the ground and spirit (soul) returns to God*

C. Life on earth goes on.

D. *Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless!*

2. A reminder about meaning

A. Know and believe the gospel: God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you through his Son, Jesus Christ (1 John 3:10).

B. Believe and live the gospel: In Christ you have a new identity (2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

Conclusion: Meaningful! Meaningful! Everything is meaningful!

My Next Steps

- **Read** the first three chapters of Genesis to prepare for the *Soul Searching* message series that begins next week.
- **Memorize** 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"