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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY**  
**HUNGRY FOR THE FOOD THAT SATISFIES**  
September 9, 10, and 13, 2017

*Christian education is not just for children. Neither is it a “been there, done that” experience. No degree in Scriptures 101 is offered. You cannot graduate. The hope is that each of us will 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.*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**HYMN 282, vv. 1, 2**

**Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear**

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

Hymnal page 12

*Hailey May Krahn*

*Daughter of Joseph and Teresa (nee Foldy) Krahn, born August 16, 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.**
- M Heavenly Father, you speak to us through your Word. It is your love letter to us. On its pages you reveal the mystery of your love and the power of your saving grace.
- C **Lord, it should be an incredible joy to sit at your feet and listen to you.**
- M But it seems that there are so many other things that crowd into our lives, robbing us of our excitement and damping our desire to spend this important time with you. We are sorry and ashamed. Through the Holy Spirit we come to you with repentant hearts, confessing our sins and pleading for your mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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 For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



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



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



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



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

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 282, v. 3

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.  
Lord God, you are the Creator of all things. You have led us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

C **Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us.**

M Jesus, your Word is full of new insights every time we read and study it.

- C** Lead us to new understandings when we least expect them. Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old, or too wise to learn new lessons from you.
- M** Holy Spirit, God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth with love to a reluctant world.
- C** Give us courage to judge ourselves, and wisdom to learn from those you send to teach us.
- M** Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator, giver of knowledge and freedom, grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

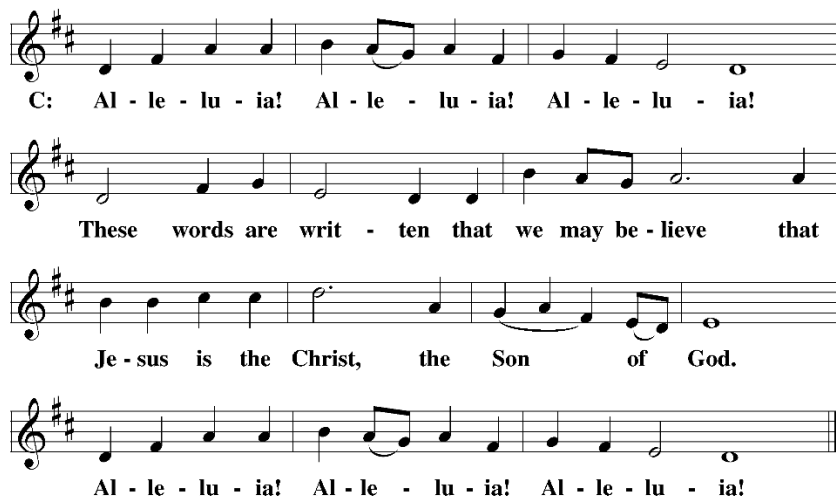


## FIRST LESSON

**2 Timothy 3:14-17**, Bible page 1199

*The truths of God's Word make us wise for salvation and thoroughly equip us for every good work.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY



## GOSPEL

**Mark 12:28-34**, Bible page 1017

*God's law of love is the most important "law," as well as the most challenging to comprehend and live out in our lives.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## HYMN OF THE DAY 283

**Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening**

## SERMON

**Matthew 5:6**; Bible page 968

*Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

## 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

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M     **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10a). Without you Lord we are nothing and can accomplish nothing. You deserve all respect and honor. Lord, empty us of our pride, our worry, our lack of faith. Fill us with your Word that we can hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Give us an attitude within that may be a help and not a hindrance to those around us, especially those entrusted to our care. Make us humble students of your Word who boldly do your will to your glory and for your people.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



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



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



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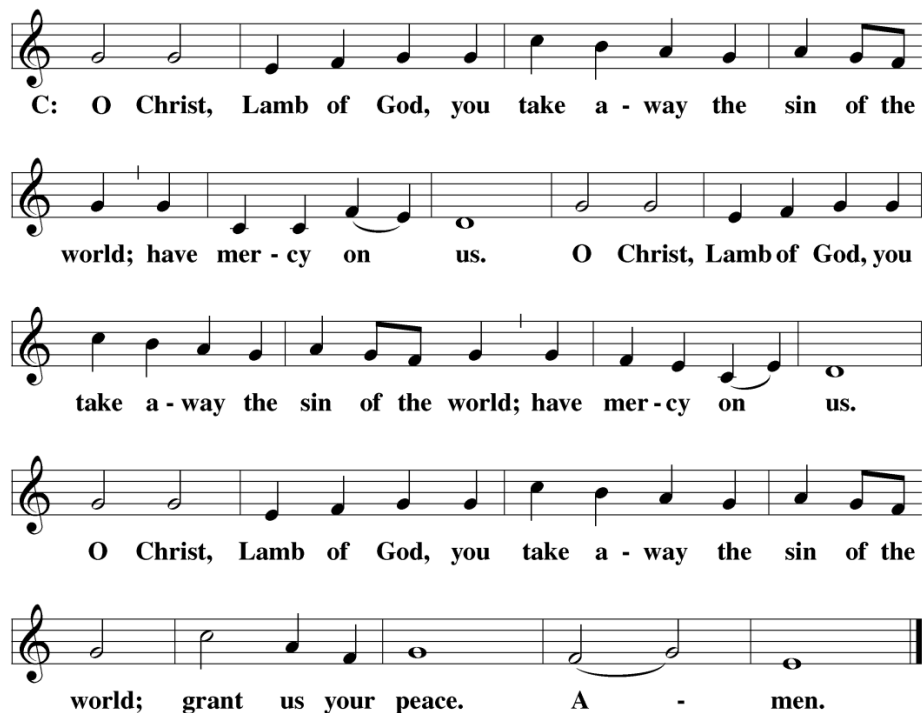
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 8.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 279 280

## O Word of God Incarnate Thy Strong Word

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M** Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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 upon 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** *Darik Mischke*



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

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## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

*The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.*

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes 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.*

### **Your Ministerial Staff**

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 11, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am 5:45 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Grief Share (Church Library)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Organization or Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room) Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	4:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes <i>Through the Bible In a Year</i> Bible Study (Faith Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club, Boost, and Pulse Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service Called Worker Installation and Recognition Potluck (Centennial Gym)

## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

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 at 9:15 am. Enter through the Trinity Café and you will receive directions on your child's room location. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).

### Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)



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 uses engaging, multi-media, but more of a traditional classroom format. Boost participants experience a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word.

# GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN THIS WEEK

### ***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.***

Currently there are 68 people who have expressed interest in this joint effort to know our God better than ever before! Through this course, you will read through the Bible story over the next school year. About a dozen chapters per week will be assigned for reading. Together we will see how the entire Bible story reveals our Savior God to us. By using your own Bible, you'll be able to highlight and take notes in the Bible that you will use for years to come. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit use this experience to increase...

- our faith in Christ,
- our joy in every situation in life,
- our desire to know our God better, and
- our commitment to serve him with our entire lives.

The course will take place on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, beginning September 13, and Mondays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 18. Mark the Connection Card or contact Pastor Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

***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.

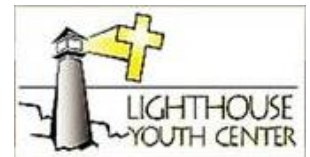
***Parents' Club – Begins Sunday, September 17.*** Facilitated by St. Paul's Pre-K Teacher Anne Meyer and her husband Chris, the course *Parenting: The Early Years* will explore ten biblical traits your kids will remember you for. This excellent 6-week, DVD-assisted course will be held in school classroom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

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Public school confirmation class for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders began last Wednesday, 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-prep 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](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).



# DOOR OF HOPE

## **“DOOR OF HOPE” OFFERING UPDATE!**

In just two weeks... over \$75,000 committed or given!

Our generous God puts into the hearts of God's people to be generous like him. We see that all the time here at St. Paul's, but that has especially been the case in the last two weeks.

Two weeks ago, we informed you that anticipated receipts through offerings and tuition were reduced by \$100,000 in one month. (More information is available in the *Special Edition Messenger* available at the Welcome Center.) The Ministry Board is committed to living within the means that God provides and will make ministry cutbacks as necessary. But before we made that decision, we chose to make our “Valley of Achor (Trouble)” known to you, praying that God would “make the Valley of Achor a door of hope” (Hosea 2:15).

In the first week, four families stepped forward to offer matching gifts of \$50,000. In the second week, others have given over \$25,000 to match over half of that amount.

If you are able to give a special gift, mark it “Door of Hope,” and place it into the offering. You may also direct your gift to “Door of Hope” at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give). Please respond by Monday, September 25 so that we are prepared for the Ministry Board meeting on Wednesday, September 27. If you are not able to give an over-and-above gift right now, please don't feel left out. Your on-going weekly offerings are also vital if we are to fulfill our mission to bring as many people as possible closer to Christ.

## **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:



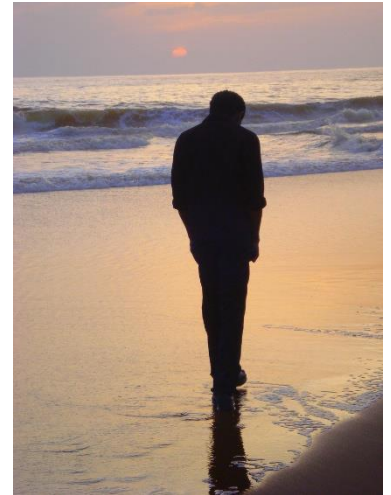
- Text 414-316-6733. In the message put a dollar sign, a space, and the word “Harvey.” For example: \$100 Harvey.
- Go to [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) or use the QR code. You will find Harvey in the giving list.

## **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.”

## NEW SERMON SERIES – SOUL SEARCHING

Everyone has a worldview. Whether or not we realize it, we all have certain presuppositions and biases that affect the way we view all of life and reality. A worldview is like a set of lenses which taint our vision or alter the way we perceive the world around us. Our worldview is formed by our education, our upbringing, the culture we live in, the books we read, the media and movies we absorb, etc. For many people their worldview is simply something they have absorbed by osmosis from their surrounding cultural influences. They have never thought strategically about what they believe and wouldn't be able to give a rational defense of their beliefs to others. Christians, however, are commanded to be able to give a well-reasoned explanation for the hope we have in Christ.



There are four questions every worldview must answer. Apologist Ravi Zacharias says this about worldview: "I am totally convinced the Christian faith is the most coherent worldview around. Everyone: pantheist, atheist, skeptic, polytheist has to answer these questions: Where did I come from? What is life's meaning? How do I define right from wrong and what happens to me when I die? Those are the fulcrum points of our existence. I deal with cultural issues whether they be in the Middle East, Far East, the Orient or the West. You broach questions in the context of their culture and then present Christian answers." In this series we will tackle this topic of worldview building on the only true and reliable foundation: the infallible Word of God.

### **September 17      Origin: Where Did We Come From?      Genesis 2:4-7**

Am I just here by chance, a random lucky draw of the straw? Is there nothing special about me other than the fact that the genetic mutations of my ancestors produced the me I am today?

### **September 25      Meaning: Why Are We Here?      Genesis 2:17-18**

Am I here to have fun? Am I here to somehow make the world a better place? Is there no way for me to know why I'm really here?

### **October 1      Morality: What Is Good?      Genesis 3:1-15**

Who determines what's right and wrong? Shouldn't the individual have the right to determine that for himself or herself? That sounds good to me. But how is that actually going to work in the real world? Is morality subjective or objective?

### **October 8      Destiny: Where Are We Going When We Die?      Genesis 3:16-24**

Is there life after death? If there is, what will that life be like? From a completely human perspective it would appear as though this life is all there is. When you die, you're dead.

### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES FORMING**

Now is a great time to test drive a small group and experience the profound impact it can have on your faith life. During the 4-week *Soul Searching* message series, small groups will meet to dig deeper into the concept of worldview, coinciding with our message series. 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

## **BAPTISM**

Grant Daniel Martinez, born September 1, 2017, was baptized on September 2, 2017 in a private ceremony. Grant is the son of Travis and Megan (nee Boese) Martinez. We praise God for the gift of saving faith Grant has received.

## **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, Keith Jahns, Lucille Krebs, Peter Lentz, Megan Martinez and baby Grant, and Jeanne Nelson 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**

928 attended worship services last week.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:wendylauber@yahoo.com) with any questions.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## OWLS MEET TUESDAY

The Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors meets Tuesday, September 12, in the Grace Room at noon. Come listen to Dr. Paul Ralston, a member of St. Paul's, speak about nutrition and exercise while enjoying Christian fellowship. A potluck meal will be served. Please contact OWLS President Bob Dahlke at (414) 422-9438 for more information.

## MARTIN LUTHER: THE IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Begin your celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation by watching the new Luther movie on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 pm on your local PBS station.

## ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATION OF THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

Our 500<sup>th</sup> 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 [jbbonack@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jbbonack@stpaulmuskego.org).

## WELS SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN JOINT REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

A special joint congregational festival service observing the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dlemke718@gmail.com). No experience is necessary. Training will be provided free of charge.

## 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](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org).

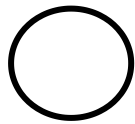
## TEACHER'S AIDE OPENING AT SOEL

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](mailto:kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH LIBRARY AND LOST AND FOUND

Do you have a book you may have forgotten to return to the church library? Please return any overdue books at your earliest convenience.

Also, if you are missing an item, we have a lost and found located in the church library. Quite a few items have accumulated over the summer. Take a look. Perhaps your lost item is waiting for you.



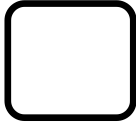
## GroupWork

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 highs and lows with your group, then pray for each other – each person pray for the person to his/her left until you make it through the whole group.
2. Work together as a group to come up with a list of things humankind is hungry for. Try to come up with at least 10.
3. In her book, *Made to Crave*, Lisa Terkeurst said this about our hunger: *"God made us capable of craving so we'd have an unquenchable desire for more of Him, and Him alone. Nothing changes until we make the choice to redirect our misguided cravings to the only one capable of satisfying them."*
  - What would change in your life if you were able to consistently identify feelings of hunger or craving [for something greater] as a need for God?
  - Take 2-3 minutes to remember a time in your life when you let God satisfy your hunger. What did that feel like? What did it look like? How long did it last? Share these thoughts with your group.
4. Jesus says in Matthew 5:6 *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* He's referring to our Savior's righteousness, not our own. What's the difference?
5. In his message, Pastor Bonack shared St. Augustine's thought experiment with us. *"I'll make a deal with you. I'll give you anything and everything you ask: pleasure, power, honor, wealth, freedom, even peace of mind and a good conscience. Nothing will be a sin; nothing will be forbidden; and nothing will be impossible for you. You will never be bored and you will never die. Just one thing, if you accept this deal, you will never see my face again."* What did you think when you heard the final "just one thing"?
6. How often do you think the average Christian thanks God that HIS hunger and thirst for us isn't moderated by OUR pursuit of him? Where can you increase your time thanking God for his relentless pursuit of us?
7. Where would you like more support in making each day about hungering and thirsting for Jesus' righteousness? Identify an accountability partner to help you get that support today!



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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Matthew 5:6 (page 968)

# Hungry for Food that Satisfies

## What are you *really* hungry for?

Within each of us is a fundamental d\_\_\_\_-e\_\_\_\_\_.

Our hunger for something deeper drives our life q\_\_\_\_\_ (for good and ill).

The reason we don't feel full is because we forget that we were created for more than this w\_\_\_\_\_.

Despite our shameful forgetfulness, God hungers for and seeks to r\_\_\_\_\_ with us.

## Where do we find the righteousness that truly satisfies?

Q: What is *righteousness*? A: Always doing the r\_\_\_\_\_ thing so that we're alright in our relationship with God.

The righteousness that truly satisfies is...

...the righteousness Jesus w\_\_\_\_\_ for us through his perfect life and his death on the cross.

...the righteousness God w\_\_\_\_\_ and through us as he syncs our hearts with his.

## What does this mean?

St. Paul's is committed to a\_\_\_\_\_ you on this journey.

You need to decide; how h\_\_\_\_\_ are you?

Young people, now's the time to set the c\_\_\_\_\_.

For the rest of us, as long as we're breathing it's not too l\_\_\_\_\_.

## Next Steps

- **Remember your first love.** Memorize these words of David as a constant reminder of what you really are hungry for. *You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water (Psalm 63:1).*
- **Partner with us.** St. Paul's wants to assist you in any way we can as you seek to feed your spiritual hunger. Seriously consider joining a small group this fall or one of our Bible studies (see the worship folder for more information). At the very least get yourself on a daily Bible reading plan.
- **Live God's mercy.** There are a lot of people in our nation right now who are hungering and thirsting—physically and spiritually. Pray the Lord use their struggle to open their eyes to see what they're really hungry for. If you can, do something to reach out and help.