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REST FOR THE STRESSED SOOTHED

September 1, 2, and 5, 2018

Lord, I look at the people around me and their lives don't make sense to me. Everything seems to go right for the people who don't give you a second thought. But those who cry out to you, who build their lives on your worldview, face all kinds of struggles and trials. What am I missing? Help me to see through your eyes.

PRESERVICE HYMN SING

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 379 Amazing Grace

Baptism (Saturday) Evelyn Claire Hauf

Daughter of Timothy and Jennifer (nee Grunze) Hauf, born June 29, 2018

- 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, the Scriptures encourage us to endure hardship as discipline. God is treating us as his children.
- C Yet, because this discipline is often painful, our sinful nature moves us to grumble and complain, even question God and his love for us.
- M These faith struggles reveal the power that sin still holds over us.
- C We do believe, Lord! Help us overcome our unbelief!
- M Spiritual growth begins with confession and repentance. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before our God and confess our sins to him.
- 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.

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

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

- Children of the Heavenly Father
- 3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever; Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4. 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, you are our perfect Father. Everything that you allow into our lives is meant to strengthen and help us on the journey heavenward.
- C Give us the faith to believe this and the courage to accept every joy-filled blessing and every painful blessing that comes from your hand.
- M We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 29:4-14, Bible page 785

Jeremiah comforts the exiles in Babylon with the knowledge that the God of mercy was still with them and had great plans for them.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 73, Hymnal page 94

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-5, Bible page 1045

Human wisdom wants to believe that everyone gets what he or she deserves. The truth is that everyone deserves God's wrath and punishment. Yet in Christ we receive mercy.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



SERMON

Psalm 73, Bible page 579 *Pastor Nate Strobel*

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 minds 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.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M 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.
- 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 HYMN 415, vv. 1, 2, 4

Be Still, My Soul

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST Nicole Greanya

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 3, 2018

MON		Labor Day	
TUE	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony) Following the Promise (Faith Room)	
WED	12:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room) Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion	
THURS	6:30 am 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice	
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion	
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 6:30 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)	

HANDBELL REHEARSAL

Handbell rehearsal will resume on Tuesday September 4, at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. There is room for one more player. If you are interested in playing bells, please contact Dave Lemke at 262-679-9537 or dllemke718@gmail.com.



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.

FAMILY CHURCH

SOMETHING WAS WRONG IN PARADISE!

Even in the perfection of the Garden of Eden, something was "not good" (Genesis 2:18).



It wasn't good that Adam was alone. God's solution to the "not good" of Eden was a "helper suitable."

"I ALWAYS FELT LIKE I WAS THE ODD ONE OUT"

Adam isn't the only one who faced life alone. In one of the video vignettes we will see in the Family Church series, a sister in Christ explains, "I always felt like I was the odd one out." Even in a Christian family or a Christian church, we can feel very much alone. We often experience the "not good" that Adam experienced.

THE CALL TO BE A "HELPER SUITABLE"

The purpose of Life Groups at St. Paul's/The Bridge is to give you an opportunity to be God's solution to the "not good" in the lives of your fellow Christians, to be a "helper suitable" to someone else.

REGISTER FOR GROUPLINK OR TO BE A LIFE GROUP HOST

Use the Connection Card to register for GroupLink or to be a Life Group Host.

WHAT DOES A LIFE GROUP HOST DO?

- 1. Pick a night for the group and stay consistent.
- Prepare enough seats for the group (either consistently in your home or rotate locations among the group).
- 3. Have a firm start and end time.
- 4. Have snacks (a cold glass of water or more elaborate snacks).

How Do Groups Form? GroupLink

New Life Groups will be formed at the GroupLink sessions on Thursday, September 13, and/or Sunday, September 16, at 6:30 pm. We'll explain what a small group is like, provide snacks to enjoy, and starter questions so that you can get to know others present at GroupLink. By the end of the evening, you'll have found a group of people with whom you feel comfortable.

At the close of GroupLink, the new groups will have a short Growth Group meeting to plan the next time that they will get together.

FAMILY CHURCH STARTS SEPTEMBER 9

- September 23 Small Groups will begin to meet.
- October 14 RAWKs Fund. Families and small groups will be invited to receive a gift to which they can also contribute to be used for RAWKs Random Acts of Worship Kindness.
- October 21 Rededication "Pastors" of families and groups rededicate themselves to fulfilling their roles so that they might "save yourself and your hearers" (1 Timothy 4:16).
- October 28 Celebration Remembering the ultimate goal of the Family Church, that we might celebrate together before God's throne forever.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE SERIES

September 16

The first message in our 8-week Family Church message series begins next weekend. The simple truth of this message series is this: We are all part of the family of God.

September 9 The Perfect Family Ephesians 1:3-7

Forgiveness in Christ is the foundation of the family church.

Ephesians 6:1-4

God has called us to be Jesus to someone in our lives.

September 23 The Power of the Family Church Ephesians 1:15-2:10

The Pastor of the Family Church

You are God's masterpiece created in Christ Jesus to do good things which God prepared in advance for you to do.

September 30 The Life-Blood of the Family Church Ephesians 3:13-21

Love is what the family—any kind of family-needs more than anything!

October 7 The Glue of the Family Church Ephesians 4:1-16

What holds a family together like nothing else can? The Bible calls it submission: acknowledging that the rest of my family members are more important than me.

October 14 The Worship of the Family Church Ephesians 5:1-2

Worship is not only hearing God's Word and responding in prayer and song. The Family Church is also called to put Gods Word into practice in our daily lives.

October 21 The Champion of the Family Church Ephesians 6:10-18

You are called to be the champion. If you don't step into the void, Satan will.

October 28 The Joy of the Family Church 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

What is the ultimate success of the Family Church? It's seeing each member of the family grow in faith and ultimately cross the finish line into heaven.

OUR APPRECIATION FOR MISS MARTENS' MINISTRY

As a way to express our appreciation for Miss Martens' ministry among us, we are gathering monetary gifts to present to Miss Martens to help her as she transitions from full-time ministry to retirement due to sudden and pressing family obligations. Please mark your gift clearly "Miss Martens Gift." Make checks payable to St. Paul's. You may place them in the offering at church or drop it by the school office. You may also text to give a special gift (Example: \$20.00 Martens) to 414-316-6733.

WELS WAUKESHA CAMPUS MINISTRY KICKS-OFF SEPTEMBER 27

An active Campus Christian Ministry meets monthly on the campus of Carroll University in Waukesha. All college students (even if you don't attend Carroll) are invited to attend Bible studies, fun mixers, enjoy tasty snacks, and be a part of service projects (plus game nights, movies, and much more). The ministry currently has over 75 students in the area attending various events. Contact volunteer Campus Pastor Scott Oelhafen from Trinity in Waukesha at soelhafen@trinitywels.com to join the mailing list or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/waukeshacampusministry.



St. Paul's News

ATTENDANCE

926 attended worship services last week.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Amy Groat, Mary Schauwitzer, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH PREPARING FOR FULL TIME MINISTRY

Please keep in your prayers our young people who are studying at our synod's schools in preparation for fulltime ministry: Morgan Shevey, Gabrielle Steidl, and Nathan Wranovsky at Martin Luther College and Marcus Fitzsimmons, Elijah Shevey, and Nathan Hintze at Luther Prep School. St. Paul's Gift Trust Fund provided a \$1000 scholarship to those studying at MLC. We also provide tuition assistance to those at Luther Prep School through our SCETA Fund (Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance). We just received Morgan's thank you note. She speaks for all of these young people: Thank you for your generous contribution to my tuition payments this upcoming school year. I am so blessed to have your support as I pursue a lifetime of service in ministry. I pray the gospel light continues to shine at St. Paul's.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

There are two opportunities to join in on this study this fall: Tuesdays, beginning September 11, at 7:00 pm and Sundays, beginning October 14, at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate to register at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org. This class serves as a path to membership at the end if you so wish.

NEW SEASON OF BIBLE STUDIES TO BEGIN

A diverse line-up of Bible studies has been scheduled for the Grace Room on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15, beginning September 9. Check the church website under the heading "grow" to learn more about the courses and their presenters.

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY

All of Jesus' miracles demonstrate that Jesus is the almighty Son of God and that he cares about people. But beyond that, each miracle is different, each unique in demonstrating a particular way in which Jesus shows his care--not just for those who benefited in the gospels from his miracles, but for us too. Join retired Martin Luther College Professor Rev. Daniel Deutschlander as he presents The Miracles of Jesus September 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 9:15 am, in the Grace Room.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4

All ladies are invited to join the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 am beginning September 4 in the Faith Room. We will start by taking a "verse by verse" look at Paul's letter to the Ephesians, which is sometimes called the book that helps us find our true identity.

WELS MISSION PRESENTATION

Pastor Kevin Hundley will offer the latest news about various WELS mission efforts. Hear the latest news about what the Lord is doing in places you might least expect on Monday, September 17, at 1:00 pm at Stoney Creek Adult Community in Muskego. Visit www.stoneycreekmuskego.com for more information.

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is in need of a Teacher's Aide in the One-Year-Old Room, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 - 2:00 pm. Start date needed is December 10, continuing through January 21 (6 weeks). Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

ST. PAUL'S LOVES KIDS AND TEENS

PRE-K BEGINS AFTER LABOR DAY

Our 3K and 4K begin the week after Labor Day. We have an anticipated enrollment of 90 with a few open seats available. We offer a variety of scheduling 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.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives. 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 9, 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 9, at 9:15 am. Boost participants experience a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word.

You can find the Kids Club and Boost schedule of lessons on the church website at www.stpaulmuskego.org/grow/sunday-morning-youth-ministry/.

TEENS UNDER GOD PLAN FOR 2018-19



- The 2nd Sunday of each month teens enjoy open gym and café time together Informal, no set agenda, teens can do things in gym and cafe as they choose.
- The 4th Sunday of each month teens experience a "TUG Talk" Facilitated discussion of a relevant topic, current event, spiritual issue, or Bible truth.
- If a different event or outing is planned by the teens, it will be communicated.

Join us this month on the 9th and 23rd from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the Trinity Café and Gym. Please contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 750-2586 (cell) with questions.

FINANCIAL PEACE FOR YOUR TEEN AND YOU

Generation Change, a Dave Ramsey course for teens and their parents that is part of the well-known Financial Peace University series, will be offered the Sundays of September 16, 23, and 30, 12:00-1:30 pm. Teens (and parents) will learn their value in God's eyes and what the Bible says about money. The importance of giving, the dangers of debt, how to budget and save wisely, and how to plan for large purchases will be covered. All sessions will be in the Faith Room with complimentary lunch provided. To reserve your place, contact Dr. Nelson at inelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, by September 9.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AT LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER

St. Paul's is partnering with Lighthouse Youth Center of Garden Homes Lutheran Church to provide suppers for their after-school ministry. The typical menu is easy food to prepare and serves about 30-40 youth. Volunteers provide the food, deliver it, help serve it, and then hang out with the kids a little. If your group would be interested please contact Dr. Nelson at (414) 422-1711, ext. 145.

St. Paul's News

MUSKEGO FESTIVAL PARADE – THANK YOU

We had the Muskego Festival Parade rockin' with our float this year! Some of our musicians played several Christian favorites, like *How Great Thou Art*, with many people joining in singing. Candy and invites to join us live on Sundays or online were dispersed. It was a great way to share Jesus with our community. Thanks to the band *His Way*, those who helped decorate, walk along, or just supported us with "hoorays" at the event. Visit our Facebook page at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Muskego, Wisconsin to see a video of the band performing on the float.









FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT STONEY CREEK

Walgreens will be coming to Stoney Creed on Tuesday, September 11, at 1:00 pm to offer flu shots. To sign up, contact Anita at Stoney Creek at 414-422-4686.

DIVORCECARE BEGINS SEPTEMBER II

Divorce is ugly, but you are beautiful. Divorce is not what God intended for marriage, but there is hope. If you are in need of help and healing due to divorce, please consider joining us as we learn of God's tremendous love for us on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in school classroom 8. A new set of classes will begin on September 11 and run through December 18. If you are not able to make it every Tuesday, that is alright. Just come when you can. Contact Eric Pearson at ericpear@yahoo.com or Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

MOMMY AND ME BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

If you are a mom with a child, birth–age 5, consider joining St. Paul's social, spiritual, and service oriented group - *Mommy & Me*. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in the Faith Room beginning September 12. Contact Samantha Lindner for additional details at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854.

۱.	Share highs and lows of the past week and begin your time together in prayer.
2.	As we continue in the series "Rest for the Stressed," have you begun to see the contrast between God's version of rest and the world's version?
3.	This week's focus was on crucial conversations. What are some examples of crucial conversations that we really need to have but aren't? (Consider both personal examples as well as global examples in your discussion.)
4.	What are the crucial conversations we need to be having with God but are instead hiding in our inner dialogue?
5.	In Psalm 73:1, Asaph says "Surely God is good" Do you believe we [as Christians] buy into that truth fully in heart and head? What about the secular world - do they buy into that truth?
6.	Read Psalm 73:2,3, and 13. Consider a time when you or someone you love might have been tempted to feel that the wicked have it better off. Discuss what that experience was like and what it took to see things differently.
7.	In Psalm 73:17, 28 Asaph has his moment of clarity regarding what Pastor Nate called "hanging out with God." What does that look like in your life today?



Rest for the Stressed - Soothed

God's Love is Big Enough for Crucial Conversations

Psalm 73, Bible page 579

"CI	rucial" - The best example of a "crucial conversation"	happened at the	of Jesus.		
ı.	"God is Good to His People"				
	To care for a tree, at times one needs to	it.			
	Remember: "In all things God is	for the good of his	people."		
	Application: "I, John, your brother and companion	in the	and		
	and	that a	re ours in Jesus"		
2.	"Yet, Sometimes I Envy the Wicked" The temptation is there for US to "	" of earthy foc	us and treasure!		
	Application: " is a corrosive	that eats away at co	ontentment and		
	faith. It seems that the main thing that was angering Asaph was not indignation that the wicked were				
	dishonoring God but resentment that the wicked see				
	he. His frustration was more	than zeal for God's honor.	,,		
3.	" Until I Hang Out With My God."				
	"Do not be misled. Bad company	good character."			
	Thank you, Lord, that you adjust the	of my worldview.			
	Application: What a blessing to	at t	he foot of the cross		
	onclusion: "But as for me, it is good to be near God. I of your deeds."	I have made the Sovereign LO	RD my refuge; I will		

Next Steps

- Crucial Conversation Challenge: Do you have "talks" with God that still need some resolution? Think about calling up one of your pastors or a Christian friend for a crucial conversation together in God's Word. Do we trust that He will always be a blessing?
- Crucial Conversation Encouragement: Read the book of Jonah, NOT for encouragement in how to disagree with God, but FOR encouragement to trust God's patience with us in our crucial conversations with him.
- **Crucial Conversation Invitation:** Invite others to share their *crucial conversations* with God just like Asaph shared his in Psalm 73. Are you ready to be blessed?