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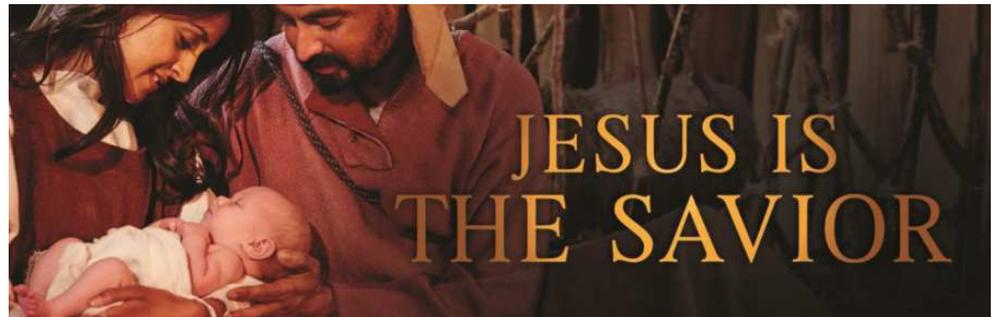
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Newsletter



Jesus is My Savior from Myself

By grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9

“I can do it all by myself!” If you have children, you have heard these words. You want them to learn how to do things on their own, but usually they pick times to try when it is least convenient for you. Walking out the door, already late is the time they want to tie their shoes for the first time.

Have you ever thought, “I can do it all by myself?” Doing a project at work by yourself may result in a raise or promotion. However, trying to get

into heaven by yourself will never work.

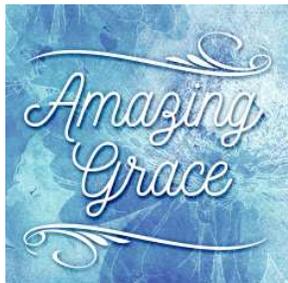
Think about this question: “If you were standing outside of heaven’s gates and God asked you, ‘Why should I let you in?’ what would you say?” Well, how would you answer? “Oh, I was a good dad/mom.” “I was faithful at work.” “I never (fill in the blank).”

If you answered that way, can you hear it? It is the sound of silence; the sound of heaven’s gates

NOT opening. God requires us to be perfect like him. That means that if we want to go to heaven we can never do any wrong...ever!

The truth is that no matter how hard we try, no matter how much good we do, we will never be perfect. Even just one wrongdoing disqualifies us from heaven. Honestly, we commit many, many wrongs in life. So for the prospect of heaven, each of us has to admit, “I CAN’T do it by myself!”

But we don’t have to do it ourselves! God tells us in



“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Corinthians 1:3-4

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his Word that we have been saved BY GRACE! Though we are undeserving, God deeply loved us. He sent his Son, Jesus, to open the way to heaven for us. Jesus did this by sacrificing his innocent life in our place for all of our wrongdoing. Now, through Jesus we are per-

fectly right before God, all because we didn't do it ourselves. Jesus did it for us!

Why should God let you into heaven? You can point to Jesus and say, “Because of him.” Jesus is the one who opens heaven.

Thank Jesus for this wonderful gift! He is your Savior who did it all for you!



We have begun (On September 25th) our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study. We are looking at God's Grace. “Grace” — it is a word that we use all the time. It is God's *undeserved love*. God's grace changes our hearts so that Christ will live in us. The

themes for the weeks are:

Lesson 1 — The Grace-Shaped Life;

Lesson 2 — Jesus Stooped Low to Take Our Place;

Lesson 3 — You Can Rest Now;

Lesson 4 — The Gift of Wet Feet;

Lesson 5 — Coming Clean Within Grace;

Lesson 6—Chosen to a Guaranteed Place;

Lesson 7—Sustaining and Sufficient Grace.

We meet in the Bible Class Room in Church and begin at 9:15am.

All are welcome to join us.

THE STORY

Have you ever wondered how all the accounts or “stories” in the Bible fit together? Have you ever started to read the Bible and quickly felt overwhelmed? Have you ever

wished that someone could take the exact words of the Bible and put them together in a chronological order?

In this this study, we

have been looking at the most compelling story of all time. The Bible is the story of a true God who loves his children, who established for them a way of salvation and

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provided a route to eternity. We have been looking at God's Story in the Bible through 31 lessons. Each of these lessons reveals the Grace of God – the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for his people culminated in his sacrifice of Jesus, his only Son, to atone for the sins of humanity.

What's more: this same God is alive and active today – still listening, still acting, still pouring out his grace on us. His grace extends to our ups and downs and in-betweens; our moments of questions and fears; and most important, our

response to his call on our lives.

He's the same God who forgave David's failures and rescued Jonah from the dark belly of a fish. This same heavenly Father who shepherded the Israelites through the wilderness desires to shepherd us through our wanderings, to help us get past our failures and rescue us for eternity.

If you would like to learn more, please come and join us next on Saturday, October 8th at 8:00 am. A breakfast is provided. Even if you have not been able to join us before, you are welcome to come anytime. We



meet in the Bible Class Room in the church.

Our schedule for October and November is:

Oct. 8 — From Shepherd to King (David)

Oct. 22 — The Trials of a King (David)

Nov. 12 — The King Who Had it All (Solomon)

Nov. 19 — A Kingdom Torn in Two. (Rehoboam & Jeroboam)

*“And I will put
enmity
between you and
the woman,
and between your
offspring and
hers;
he will crush
your head,
and you will
strike his heel.”*

Genesis 3:15

Donuts



After our weekend services, we have been serving coffee and donuts. The

coffee has been donated by Kwik Trip, and the donuts have been purchased at a discounted price from Kwik Trip.

We thank them for their generosity. We also thank you for the weekly donations and the continued gifts in the donation bucket that have been covering the cost of the donuts.

We invite everyone to stay around each week and get to know each other better.

**KWIK
TRIP**™



Refreshment Committee

We are desiring to form a Refreshment Committee to help serve the donuts after our worship services. The task is easy. A brief description of the duties are:

- Pick up the donuts at Kwik Trip (51st and Rawson) early Sunday morning.
- Clean-up after the services.

(They will be paid for before they are picked up.)

- Make coffee and set up the donuts prior to the end of the 8am service.

It's easy! If interested in helping out, please sign-up on the sheet in the back of church, or talk (or email) one of the pastors, or contact the church/school office.

150th Anniversary of St. Paul's Celebration — September 18th, 2016

*“Grow in the
grace and
knowledge
of our Lord and
Savior Jesus*

Christ.

*To him be glory
both now and
forever! Amen.”*

2 Peter 3:18



We thank everyone for joining us as we celebrated St. Paul's 150th Anniversary on September 18th. Over 500 people joined us for worship that weekend. A number of former called workers at St. Paul's joined us as our guests. 300 people joined us for the meal that was served after the service. What a great day to celebrate God's grace at St. Paul's.

If you were unable to join us, you may watch the service on our website: stpaulsfranklin.org. On the home page, you will see a tab that is labeled “Worship Service Video.”

Click on it, and you will see a list of our worship services.

We also thank the members of the 150th Anniversary Committee for

their service to St. Paul's. They were: Dawn Brightsman, Theresa Mess, Chris Romeis, Carolyn Streeter, Jane Koplein, Sherry Kosovich and Nancy Adams.



Elders' Report — September 14

Transfer into St. Paul's: Transfer from St.

- Chris Hathaway
(Trinity Lutheran,
Neenah)

Adult Confirmation:

- Mike Hettel

Affirmation of Faith:

- Robert Pocza
- Barb Austin
- Sarah Marcotte
- Bob & Susan Stempel
- Naomi Hathaway

Paul's:

- Tom & Heather Harwood (Our Savior Lutheran, Grafton)
- Denny Galipo (Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac)

Wedding:

- Mike Hettel & Katie Holtz (August 27)

Funeral:

- Allyn Curler (Aug. 23)
- Beth Van Ert (Aug. 25)
- Beverly Drall (Sept. 8)

Baptism:

- Amos Martin Hoff

*“Let us encourage
one another —
and all the more
as you see the
Day
approaching.”*

Hebrews 10:25

E-mail Address & Contact Info

We need your help to keep our contact information up-to-date. If you are aware that your address and telephone number are not correct in our directory, please let the church/school office know.

We also would like obtain more email addresses, so that we can send out information about things happening here at St. Paul's in an electronic format.

You may call the office with the information (414-421-1178) or email the information to the office at:

office@stpaulsfranklin.org

Thanks!

Adult Choir



The Fall Festival choir began on September 21st. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God with their voice is welcome to join! New and past members are always

welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule.

The Fall Festival Choir is from September 21 - November 24. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and usually take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Any questions? Please contact Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.



Preschool



for ages 0-4

A fun Christian Program for Young Children

*“Train a child in
the way he
should go,
and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6

Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Preschool Power Hour begins with a devotion and/or Bible story. We continue with songs, both Christ-centered and general, music and movement activities (including use of rhythm instruments), followed by gym activities.

- Enrich their lives with Bible Stories
- Stimulate their minds with music and movement
- Gain spiritual, social and development growth
- Make new friends!

For Whom?

All children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Join us for one morning, or join us every time!

Cost?

Free

When?

Meets on the roughly the first and third THURSDAY of the month at 10:45-11:45 a.m.

This Year's Schedule:

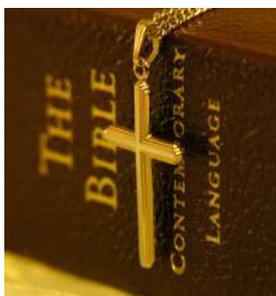
Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, 16, March 2, 16, April 6, 20, May 4, 18.

Where?

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Narthex
(Right next to our worship area)
51st Street & Rawson Avenue, Franklin

More information

Call the office at 414-421-1178 or E-mail the office at office@stpaulsfranklin.org.





"Trunk or Treat" will be held on Friday, October 21st from 6:00-8:00 pm. (Car decorating begins at 5:30pm.

Here is some information for that night:

- Decorate your car trunk or just come in costume to participate. (Please bring candy to pass out if you are decorating a trunk.)
- No scary or violent costumes or trunks, please
- Train rides by Mr. Schulmeister, games, a mummy wrap, and more!
- Bring your flashlights for the bone hunt and two rolls of toilet paper

for the mummy wrap — also don't forget a bag for treats.

- We will be holding a family pumpkin decorating contest. Please bring your decorated pumpkin for judging and win a prize. It doesn't have to be anything super intricate, just use your creativity as a family! This is totally optional, but we would appreciate entries.

Schedule for the night:

⇒ 5:30pm — cars arrive in lot, decorating begins

⇒ 6:00pm-6:45pm — Train rides and games

⇒ 6:45-7:00pm — Bone Hunt

⇒ 7:00pm-7:15pm — Mummy Wrap

⇒ 7:15pm-7:50pm — Trunk or Treating

⇒ 7:50pm — 8:00pm — prizes awarded

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schulmeister at:

nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org.

If you plan on participating or coming please contact the office at: 421-1930 or by email at: office@stpaulsfranklin.org.



Mary Martha Society - October 18



EVERYONE INVITED!
On Tuesday, October 18,
Mary and Martha will be
hosting Franklin Police

Officer John Czerwinski, who will speak about a variety of topics such as women's safety, home safety, community crime trends, fraud and scams.

Please join us to learn more about how to protect yourself, your family and your belongings.

Everyone from the congregation is invited to come. Officer Czerwinski's presentation will begin at 6:30pm.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20



2016 Milwaukee Metro South Fall Rally

October 22nd — 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

"Missions and You"

Speaker: Mr. Sean Young

WELS Missions Operations Director

St. Lucas Lutheran Church
2605 S Kinnickinnic Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53207



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recipient of United Way donations through the Donor Choice option. Ask your employer for a Donor Choice form and designate WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee, 8501 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227, 414-727-8176.

For information or details visit: www.ALife2.com, email: Contact@ALife2.com or call: 414-727-8176

“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Romans 3:21-22



Reformation 499 1517-2016 Festival

Our Western Lakes Conference will celebrate a joint Reformation Festival on Sunday, October 30 at Carroll University's Shattuck Chapel in Waukesha.

A festival choral and instrumental recital, featuring Canticum Novuum, directed by Jon Laabs, and

Soli Deo Gloria Brass Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Patricia Backhaus, will be at 2:30pm.

An alternate to the recital will be a presentation on religious art by Prof. Paul Burmeister (WLC) will be at 3:00pm.

The day will conclude with a Festival Service of Word and Sacrament at 4:00pm.

Rev. David Kolander, the Southeastern Wisconsin District President, will preach and the Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated.

This celebration to us a unique opportunity to be united as the body of Christ in a blessed fellowship we enjoy beyond our individual congregations.

Reformation 499 Sunday, October 30, 2016 Carroll University - Waukesha Shattuck Auditorium Festival Worship - 4:00 pm

WELS News



On Sunday, September 18th, more than 400 people gathered at Luther Preparatory School (LPS), Watertown, Wis., for the dedication of the school's renovated chapel and refurbished organ.

Luther Preparatory School is one of our synod's two prep schools dedicated to training and encouraging young people for the public ministry. In 2015, LPS celebrated 150 years of WELS ministerial education on its campus. Part of that celebration included a special offering of thanks to God for his blessings on the Watertown campus.

God's people in WELS gave almost \$700,000, of which \$350,000 was dedicated to the chapel renovation. The results of these gifts include new flooring, new

pews, a new baptistry, and new chancel furnishings. The chancel was enlarged, and the stained-glass windows also were refurbished.

The school also determined that its 50-year-old organ needed extensive repairs and hasn't spatially fit the chapel since the chapel's expansion in 1995. Funds to complete the organ refurbishment were provided by special gifts given for that purpose.

Only \$25,000 remains for the project to be fully funded. For 60 years the chapel has played a central role on the LPS campus. It is the place where the Luther Prep family gathers for worship twice each day.

These frequent worship opportunities emphasize the importance of the preaching of the Word, the continuing spiritual nourishment of LPS students and faculty, and the use of God-given talents in worship. The chapel is also the

scene of a vigorous program of organ instruction, enabling Luther Prep to train more organists for WELS congregations than any other high school.

The enhanced organ was dedicated to the glory of God with thankfulness to Prof. Franklin and Mrs. Bethel Zabell. Prof. Zabell served as a music professor on campus for about 20 years, while Bethel Zabell has taught piano and organ there for 44 years.

The psalmist encourages God's people to "sing to the Lord a new song!" As the students and faculty of Luther Prep gather for worship, their songs of praise will be accompanied by an instrument of praise, all to the glory of God.

Learn more about Luther Preparatory School at lps.wels.net.

Serving in Christ, President Mark Schroeder

"So that we may work together for the truth.."

3 John 8

