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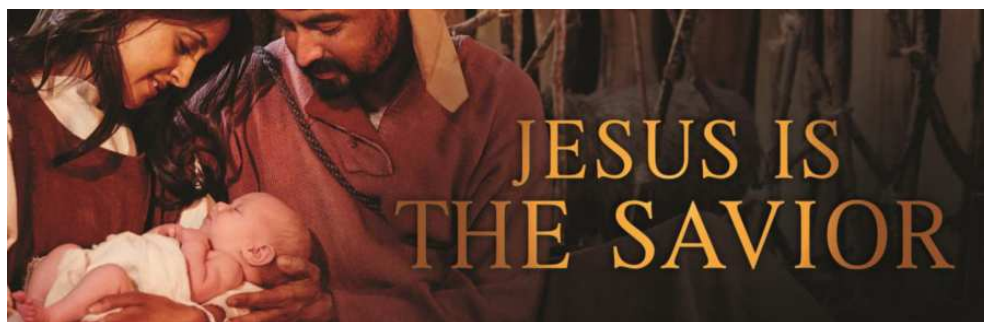
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# St. Paul's Lutheran Church Newsletter



## Jesus is My Savior from the World

**“In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33**

Do you struggle in life? Are there days when it seems like you're under siege on all sides? Do you wish someone would save you from your family problems? From your health issues? From mistakes you've made and events you regret but can't change? In this world, everyone needs a savior from something. What, or who, do you need a savior from?

Jesus tells us that he is the Savior: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Maybe

at first glance that seems like a somewhat simplistic thing for Jesus to say. How could he possibly hope to cover all the potential issues that could come up in the lives of his disciples in their world, to say nothing of ours today? How can people today trust a promise that was made 2,000 years ago? The world has really changed since then!

But Jesus wasn't talking about overcoming the world by healing diseases or mending broken relationships, although there were times in his minis-

try when he did just that. He was talking about something far more timeless than health issues, relationship problems, or regrets from the past. Jesus was talking about breaking the cause of all the suffering and wickedness we have in our world. Jesus was talking about his victory over sin. And whether it's a sin you committed, a sin I've committed, or the sin of those in Bible times, Jesus defeated it. He accomplished a timeless victory, because sin is the root cause behind all pain and

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.”*

*Philippians 1:9-11*

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heartache, whether caused directly by human activities or indirectly as a consequence of the broken world we live in.

Jesus overcame all of that sin when he lived the perfect and sinless life that God demands. Jesus overcame all that sin when he

laid down his perfect life at the cross and died—even though he didn’t deserve it. Now you and I can overcome the world too by putting ourselves aside and placing our trust and reliance in Jesus.

He leads us through the

hardest of times and finally will take us home to his world—the kingdom of heaven he has prepared for all who believe in him.

## The Lord’s Prayer in Worship

# The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer is a beautiful summation of all that we have to say to God. We pray it with total confidence that it is a prayer pleasing to him, because his Son, Jesus, has taught us to pray it. It is a prayer in which we express our complete dependence on God for all good things, spiritual and temporal.

The origin of the Lord’s Prayer is found in two places in the New Testament. One of those places

is found in the book of Matthew:

**<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup>your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ <sup>14</sup>For if you**

**forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” (Matthew 6:9-15)**

The second place where it is found is in the book of Luke:

**<sup>2</sup> He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.” (Luke 11:2-4)**

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Over the centuries of the Christian Church, there have been many different versions of The Lord's Prayer in many different languages. There are differences in the words of Jesus in these two Gospel accounts. The version in Matthew is introduced by the directive, "This, then, is how you should pray..." It is a model to be imitated and adapted with the freedom of genuine understanding. On the other hand, it is not as though Jesus forbids us to adopt and use his wording. The unnamed disciple in Luke 11:1 may well have wanted a pattern of words he could commit to memory, and Jesus accommodates his request. The version Jesus gave him is introduced with the words, "When you pray, say, 'Father...'", which we could even translate as

"Whenever you pray, say, 'Father...'"

As we look at the different versions of The Lord's Prayer found in our hymnal, there are a couple of things that we need to keep in mind.

- **There are no divinely mandated forms of worship in the New Testament.** (The Old Testament did in the ceremonial laws.) Therefore, Jesus did not bind us to a particular wording. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians: **"Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."** (Col. 2:16-17) We are not free to teach anything contrary to the Bible in the words we use. However, God has given us Christian freedom in the forms that we use in our worship services. That may include the wording that we use in our worship of God.
- **However, to do away with or stop using the traditional wording of the Lord's Prayer that is loved by many of our members, it would do a disservice to that tradition.** The "traditional" English wording found in our hymnal was first printed in the "U.S. Book of Common Prayer" in 1928. Even the "traditional" version in our hymnal is an update of that 1928 edition, which changed the wording slightly and added the doxology from the previously well-used version printed in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer from 1662 (Our Father, which art in heaven...as we forgive them that trespass against us... with a doxology spoken by



*"May your  
unfailing love rest  
upon us, O Lord,  
even as we put our  
hope in you."*

*Psalm 33:22*



*“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*

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the Priest or not at all). There have been generations that find comfort in not just the meaning of the Lord’s Prayer, but also in the wording itself.

- **We also recognize that language is something that is constantly changing and adapting.** It is through language that God brings his message of the Gospel to touch the hearts of people. **“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”** (Romans 10:17) Therefore, we also strive to make sure that the words that we use clearly communicate that Gospel. For some, the newer wording of the Lord’s Prayer touches their hearts more clearly.
- **In our public worship, we use a number of different liturgies,** such as *The Common Service, Service of the Word, Ser-*

*vice of Word and Sacrament, Divine Service, etc.* Those different services provide a variety in our worship forms. Even though we may use different forms, the purpose of worship remains the same. We come to hear what our God says to us, and how we respond to that Word of God in our lives.

The Board of Elders has discussed ways that we can use each of the versions of the Lord’s Prayer in our public worship services.

Therefore, we will use the traditional wording of the Lord’s Prayer in the weekend services in which the Lord’s Supper is offered.

We will use the newer wording of the Lord’s Prayer on the non-communion weekend services. We will begin to use the newer wording on Sunday, November 13th. The traditional wording of the Lord’s Prayer will be used the following weekend.

We recognize that there

are those who cherish the traditional wording of the Lord’s Prayer. It has served God’s people and the Christian Church well for generations.

We also recognize that there are people in our congregation who are looking forward to learning and cherishing the newer wording of the Lord’s Prayer. It speaks well to their hearts, the hearts of their children and to the hearts of the children in our Christian Day School.

As always, please feel free to share your thoughts with the pastors or any of the members of the Board of Elders.



## New Bible Sunday Class - Begins Nov. 20



The Lord's Prayer has been a part of the Christian Church for the past 2,000

years. Christians know it well. Many a Christian have begun their day or ended their day with the words of the Lord's Prayer. It is a part of nearly every worship service at St. Paul's.

Yet, do we always focus on the wonderful things that we are asking God in each

of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer?

Beginning on November 20th, we will begin a new Bible Class on The Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

Please come and join us!

*“Let us encourage  
one another —  
and all the more  
as you see the  
Day  
approaching.”  
Hebrews 10:25*

## Elders' Report — October 12

### Transfer into St. Paul's:

- Mr. Jacob Marciniak (from Holy Cross Lutheran, Daggett, MD)
- Mrs. Carrie Lewis (from Loving Shepherd Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI)

### Transfer out from St. Paul's:

- Mrs. Rebecca Schmidt (to Salem Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI)

### Baptism:

- Noah Raylan Robakowski (Born: September 18, 2016; Baptized: October 2, 2016)



## 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 can return the form

in this newsletter to the office, or call the office with the information (414-421-1178) or email the information to the office at:  
office@stpaulsfranklin.org

Thanks!

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Ps 46:10-11*



## Thanksgiving Worship



God has given us so many things to be thankful for in

our lives. Our lives are filled with those blessing. The greatest blessing he has given us is the blessing of his Son.

Please come and join us as we give thanks to God for all his blessings.

Our Thanksgiving Worship Services are on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm and on Thursday, November 24th at 10:00am. 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 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, November 12th 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.

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Our schedule for November & December is:

**November 12**—The King that had it All (Solomon)

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

**December 10**—God's Messengers (Prophets)

\*\*\* Please note: There will only be one class in December.

# Preschool

## POWER HOUR

for ages 0-4

### A fun Christian Program for Young Children

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

#### This Year's Remaining Schedule:

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

#### More information

Call the office at 414-421-1178 or E-mail the office at [office@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:office@stpaulsfranklin.org).

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

*Mark 10:14*



# Mary Martha Society - Last Month Presentation by Franklin Police



On Tuesday, October 18, 2016 your Mary Martha Society invited the Franklin Police Dept. to talk about the current policing efforts in Franklin. The speaker was John Czerwinski, Senior Citizen Officer Liaison:

His presentation was packed full of programs for those of us who live and/or work in Franklin.

Here is just a small sample of the information he shared:

- 1. A handout of the Better Business Bureau's Top 10 Scams of 2015 – including the Sweep-

stakes scam, Credit Card scam, Tax scam, and others.

- 2. An Identity Theft pamphlet with warning signs, how to protect yourself, Financial Info, what to do if it happens to you, and hotlines available to us.
- 3. Helpful hints about prescription drug disposal.

Franklin has created a "Safe Zone" in front of the Police Department building. This zone can be used to exchange traded items (such as Craig's List) It offers a secure place that has good video camera coverage 24/7.

He talked about things we can do to make ourselves safer too.

- 1. Men - move that wallet you carry to your front pocket.

- 2. Women – don't leave your purse unattended in the grocery store cart.
- 3. Many of us take advantage of \$5.00 Tuesday at the Movie Theater – and some don't lock our cars. Thieves watch us stow our purses under the seat or in the trunk and then make a big haul - all at one stop!
- 4. There are professional out of state groups of thieves who troll places like this in Milwaukee's richer suburbs, including Walmart, Target, & grocery stores.
- 5. He cautioned us to not immediately answer the telephone, just because it is ringing. WAIT! Check who is calling before you pickup the phone.

*"I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

*I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me."*

*Ps 13:5-6*





## Mary Martha Society - November 15



*Social Media. Facebook.  
Twitter, Instagram, posts,  
webpages, text messaging*

and the list could go on.

As you hear the terms above, you may not be familiar with some of them.

St. Paul's is developing an Outreach plan. Part of that plan will be using the many online and electronic tools that are now in society.

You are welcome to come

and learn about these tools.

Mary Martha will meet next on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## Wisconsin Lutheran High School

### Woodwind Choir - November 6



The Woodwind Choir from Wisconsin Lutheran High School will be joining us for worship on Sunday, November 6th. Pastor Phil Huebner will be the guest preacher for our services for that weekend. Pastor Huebner serves as the

Campus Pastor for Wisconsin Lutheran High School.

Pastor Huebner recently accepted the call to serve as Campus Pastor at WLHS. He previously served at Christ the King

Lutheran Church in Palm Coast, Florida.

He will be giving a presentation about Wisco between the services on that Sunday. Please and join us for worship that weekend.

*"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."  
Matt 28:19-20*

## Sunday Morning Refreshment Committee

A Refreshment Committee has been formed to serve the donuts and coffee after our services.

We thank the following people for being willing to serve on this committee:

Tony Tripoli  
Marge & Don Gebert  
Jerry Lehtinen  
Connie Myer  
Vanessa & Larry Mckee

We also continue to thank Kwik Trip for their generous support of giving us

the donuts at a discounted price.

If you would like to help on this Refreshment Committee, please contact Tony Tripoli, the coordinator of this committee.

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”*

*Romans 12:10-13*

## WELS Bargain Centers



WELS Bargain Center, Inc. has been operating thrift, resale stores in the city of Milwaukee since 1967 and has contributed well over 4 million dollars to WELS related organizations. Currently, there are still two stores in operation. The Northside location is at 84th & Lisbon Avenue and the Southside

store is at 51st Street & Howard Avenue. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary next year in 2017.

The Bargain Center organization has five recipients who receive a share of the monthly proceeds on a regular basis. The five recipients include: Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries, Wisconsin Lutheran Christian Family Solutions and Point of Grace Student Campus Ministries.

Currently, they are in a DIRE need of volunteer workers in the stores. The condition is such that we may be forced to close a store for lack of volunteers available.

If you would be interested in learning more or volunteering at the stores, please contact the stores at these phone numbers: The Southside store - (414) 327-2529 or the Northside store - (414) 463-2595.

Bill Bartholomew  
WELS Bargain Center  
Operations Board Chairman.



### Did you know?

The video from our worship services every week, service folders, Monday Messenger and many more items can be found on our website. Check it out!

**[Stpaulsfranklin.org](http://Stpaulsfranklin.org)**

# Join us for our LIVING NATIVITY

December 17 & 18

Live Performances at 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 pm

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## WELS News

### Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum



The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is blessed by its fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. As a way to strengthen that relationship and to provide mutual encouragement, leaders of the two synods meet every two years at the Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum. This year's meeting took place this week at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary in Mankato, Minn. All areas of synodical work are repre-

sented at this meeting. Each synod sends leaders in the areas of synod administration, missions, doctrinal supervision, education, communications, and stewardship. The groups meet in a plenary session to review and discuss doctrinal essays that each synod has produced. Then leaders break into smaller groups where representatives from each synod discuss their work with their counterparts. These meetings are another reminder of the blessing of fellowship that God has provided to our two synods. They are also an opportunity for us to look to God's Word for strength and encouragement as we carry out our God-given mission.

Serving in Christ,  
President Mark Schroeder

### Christian Aid and Relief responds to floods and hurri- cane

In the last two months, flooding in Louisiana has left tens of thousands of people with damaged or no homes, and Hurricane Matthew left wreckage in its wake. Christian Aid and Relief has volunteers rebuilding flood-damaged homes in the Baton Rouge, La., area and is assessing needs on the East Coast following the hurricane. WELS Christian Aid and Relief volunteers are making their dent in the Louisiana damage and letting their light shine as they make repairs, such as replacing drywall and repairing electrical work and plumbing.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."*

*Philippians 1:3-5*



*“So that  
we may work  
together for the  
truth..”  
3 John 8*



electrical work and plumbing. So far volunteers have made repairs to two homes and have five or six more to work on before they wrap up the work in November. “These are friends of congregation members [from Cross of Glory, Baton Rouge, La.]. It’s a great outreach opportunity. These people are really, really thankful that we’re able to come down and help them, and some of them are completely unchurched and they’re saying they’ve been looking for a church,” says Mr. Mark Vance, Christian Aid and Relief director of operations. The effort is still accepting volunteers who can come for about 10-day stretches between now and Nov. 20. Volunteers are coordinated through Kingdom Workers. Visit [kingdomworkers.com/](http://kingdomworkers.com/) opportunities to sign up. Projects related to Hurricane Matthew damage have not yet begun as assessment is still underway. WELS members in the hurricane’s path are thankful that damage to their homes and churches has been minor, says Vance. In addition to U.S. congregations, Christian Aid and Relief has been in contact with a national pastor and two orphanage

directors in Haiti, which was particularly hard hit by the hurricane. A grant has been made to assist with food needs. To learn more about WELS Christian Aid and Relief or to help support its efforts, visit [wels.net/relief](http://wels.net/relief).

### **WELS visitor center now open**

We are thrilled to be establishing a visitor center and archives in the lower level of the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry,” says Mr. Lee Hitter, WELS communications director. Hitter explains that this new center will “allow us to introduce visitors to our synod’s history and to educate our visitors on the important work that the Lord allows WELS to accomplish by his grace.” The visitor center includes a visual timeline of WELS’ history as well as informational kiosks on areas of ministry. Materials from the archives will also be on display. Guests will be shown a video highlighting WELS’ ministry and receive a tour of the Center for Mission and Ministry. Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president, notes, “We chose the name of this building with much

thought. It is not the Center OF Mission and Ministry, which would give the impression that this is where the work of the synod is done. It is the Center FOR Mission and Ministry because what is done here supports the work that all of us do together as a synod—in congregations, in schools, and in mission fields. Visitors will be shown what we do together and reminded that each member of the synod is a part of that work.” To schedule your visit to the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, e-mail [cmmtours@wels.net](mailto:cmmtours@wels.net) or call 414-256-3888.

### **Did you know...**

WELS has a Facebook page?  
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