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**INTENTIONAL
LOVE GENEROUSLY
February 6, 7, and 10, 2021**

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).
Our generous God creates generous people with a generous vision. Today we ask
the Holy Spirit to work that miracle in each of us.*

FACE MASK PLEASE

In humble service to all in our church community, we are asking all present from age 5 and up to wear a face mask during worship. Face masks are available from the ushers if you are without one. If you are unable to wear a face mask, please do all you can to maintain social distance from others. In Christian love, let us seek to protect the health of others.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

**O God, your hand the heavens made And all that they contain;
The world appeared at your command, And in it now you reign.
The restless sea, the land, the sky Your handiwork declare;
The touch of your creative pow'r Is present ev'rywhere.**

**To us are given gifts divine; All talents you have sent.
Inspire us now to use them well Your kingdom to extend.
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor claim it as our own;
We gratefully acknowledge, Lord, All things are yours alone.**

**Deliver us from selfish aims -- True stewards we would be.
Endow us with a deep desire To live unselfishly.
A full accounting we must give And see you face to face;
Let us approach your throne with joy, Supported by your grace.**

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 Brothers and sisters in Christ, the apostle Paul exhorted the young pastor, Timothy, to command those who are rich (and compared to a majority of people in this world, we are rich) not to be arrogant and put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain.

C **Instead, we are to put our hope in God alone, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17).**

M Although wealth is a great blessing, it also becomes a great stumbling block to our faith and to our relationship with those around us. Greed and selfishness creep into our sinful hearts and build walls that separate us from God and others. Since healing and the power to change can only be found in Christ and his forgiveness, let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to him.

All **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C **In your overwhelming generosity you have provided all that we need both physically and spiritually.**

M Make us thankful for your loving providence. Help us remember every day the richness of your grace

C **that we, too, may be inspired to live generously.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 33:1-11

Our generous God, who finds joy in our acts of generosity, is able to bless us with all that we need at all times.

Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. ²He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. ³He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

⁴But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. ⁵Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. “Who are these with you?” he asked.

Jacob answered, “They are the children God has graciously given your servant.”

⁶Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. ⁷Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

⁸Esau asked, “What’s the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?”

“To find favor in your eyes, my lord,” he said.

⁹But Esau said, “I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself.”

¹⁰“No, please!” said Jacob. “If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. ¹¹Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need.” And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-34

Jesus encourages us to store up treasures that have true and lasting value.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

SERMON

Matthew 6:19-34
Pastor Peter Panitzke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners.

C **We praise you for your generous saving love.**

M We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally with your Word and the water of Baptism.

C **You have set us apart as people who belong to you, people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.**

M Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world.

C **Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and whatever you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity.**

M Help us to love you and others and to use things as you desire, instead of loving things and trying to use you and others for our own selfish desires.

C **May our hearts belong to you completely, so that our lives can be devoted to things that really matter.**

M Bless all who are suffering and in need. Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken.

C **Move us to use the unique gifts you have given to us to bring comfort and help to those in need.**

M Bless the government and the Church, and make us blessings in both.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

M Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally, and fill us with joyful generosity.

C **Grant that the gifts we bring to you may show that we are just as diligent and just as interested in carrying out your business as we are in carrying out our own.**

M We dare to ask all this, Father, not because we deserve to ask it but because your Son has earned for us the right to approach you as your dear children.

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

Savior, Thy Dying Love

Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,
Some offering bring thee now, Something for thee.

Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to thee,
That each departing day Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wand'rer sought and won, Something for thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!
And when thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be
Through all eternity Something for thee.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 8, 2021

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
TUE	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
	10:00 am	Pastor Circuit Meeting at St. Paul's
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (online)
WED	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
	6:00 pm	Resiliency Training Class (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	Revelation Bible Study (online)
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (online)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Estate Planning Seminar (Main Church and livestreamed)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Kids Club
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HOSPITALIZED

Brittany Michaels (Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina), Bill Raduege (Village at Manor Park), Nancy Rindt and Dolores Witte (Waukesha Memorial) and Dorrette Probst (home hospice care). Janelle Gray has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last weekend's services: 160 on Saturday, 16 on Sunday 7:45 am, 49 on Sunday 9:15 am, 47 at The Bridge, 28 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 18 on Wednesday.

SUPPORTING LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY

We rejoice with Jim and Kathy Haag's small group at the success of their "virtual bowling" event for Lighthouse Youth Ministry. Forty-four donors gave \$5,571 to support the Lighthouse Youth Ministry. One of the three Lighthouse locations works closely with our mission partner, Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School. Lighthouse Youth Center provides the community with a central location where youth can gather safely for recreational activities, receive assistance on their academic assignments, enjoy the positive influence of adult Christian mentors, and have opportunities to study and discuss the truths of Scripture. Visit their website to learn more or to donate: LighthouseYouthCenter.com.

LOVE THE FAMILY CHURCH – BE A MENTOR

We are seeking couples who have been married for at least 10 years and who would enjoy mentoring a newly married couple. Couples will be asked to commit to five monthly meetings. Materials will be provided! Register your interest on the Connection Card or contact Meta Rosenberg at mtkolander@gmail.com or (920) 284-0658.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Nate Strobel is currently leading our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*— on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm – online only. If you miss a class, watch it later on YouTube. Enjoy camaraderie with Pastor Nate while you learn the basics of what the Bible teaches. You will track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life.

ONLINE STUDY OF REVELATION

The next Revelation Study with Pastor Pete is this Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 pm. Register your interest on the Connection Card or email him at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

DIVINE CALL NEWS

St. Paul's Spanish Teacher Kristen Miller has declined her call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Green Bay to serve as 3rd grade teacher. We thank God for Mrs. Miller's decision to remain among us.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER IS HIRING

Our Child Care Center is looking to hire a teacher's aide, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 – 6:00 pm. Please contact Tammy Dockter at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or dockterta@stpmuskego.org to apply.

ST. PAUL'S HELPS BUILD STRONG CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

OUR SCHOOL'S ROLE IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

"We are so glad we became part of the St. Paul's family. Such an important foundation especially in these unfortunate times. Our kids thrived at times and survived at others but all because of the amazing faith the staff has. Our children were filled with the Word and love instead of more fear and anxiety from worldly views" (A new St. Paul's school family).

We at St. Paul's want to bless more families in this way. We are so thankful that at this point we already have 93% re-enrollment for next year, which is far higher at this point than ever! Our parents and kids love our school.

St. Paul's Lutheran School offers...

- Assistance to build a strong Christian family
- An amazing teaching staff leading your kids
- Teaching and learning from a conservative, Biblical worldview
- Christian-centered character development and mentoring
- 75% of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Before and after school care
- Generous tuition assistance—over \$600,000 in financial aid given each year
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs

MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Principal Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext 118) for more information about our school, the Parental Choice Programs and/or to schedule a tour.

KIDS CLUB'S ROLE IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Each Sunday at 9:15 am we partner with parents through our Kids Club program for children 3K – 6th grade. We also provide a weekly Family Lesson for parents to use at home. For more information contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpmuskego.org or call (414) 422-0320 ext 145.

NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2021-2022

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$47,784	\$54,784
4	\$57,640	\$64,640
5	\$67,496	\$74,496
6	\$77,352	\$84,352
*Add \$9,856 for each additional family member		

Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$65,160	\$72,160
4	\$78,600	\$85,600
5	\$92,040	\$99,040
6	\$105,480	\$112,480
*Add \$13,440 for each additional family member		

ST. PAUL'S THIRTEEN 22 SOCIETY



Are You a Member of the Thirteen 22 Society?

A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children (Proverbs 13:22).

The Thirteen 22 Society includes everyone who has remembered the Lord's work through St. Paul's in their estate planning.

A Lasting Impact to Church and School

The Thirteen 22 logo uses the infinity sign to express our commitment to leave gifts to our church and school ministry that will make a difference for eternity.

Two Gift Options Available

St. Paul's has established two funds to receive bequests:

- **Gift Trust Fund** spreads out a bequest over approximately seven years. Every year 30% of the Gift Trust Fund balance is available for distribution.
- **The Legacy Fund** serves as our endowment fund. Every year 5% of the Legacy Fund balance is available for distribution. Your bequest will continue to support gospel ministry for decades.

The Legacy Fund is divided into four sub-funds: Undesignated, Missions, Christian Education, and Capital Improvements. Distributions from both the Legacy Fund and Gift Trust Fund are approved at the congregation's annual voters' meeting.

Your estate plan can designate a fund or simply mention St. Paul's. Undesignated bequests are evenly divided between the Gift Trust Fund and the Legacy Fund's undesignated sub-fund.

Estate Coaching to Help You

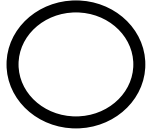
Estate planning can be intimidating. Recognizing that, we contracted with **SFC Estate Coaching** to help 30 individuals or couples prepare their estate plans last year. We are excited to announce that we have renewed that contract for another 30 couples or individuals. Come and meet Tom Slye, our Estate Coach, and learn what SFC Estate Coaching can do for you at a 45-minute presentation.

Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, February 13, at 10:00 am

In person in the Church Sanctuary and Livestreamed

Register for in-person or livestream by marking the Connection Card.

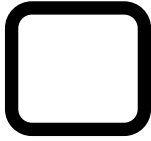


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Get to know each other. Share your story of how you first started to think through the idea of generous giving. Was it something someone said? Did you see a role model you wanted to emulate?
2. What might make it difficult for a Christian to be generous?
3. Read Matthew 5:43-48. Our Father in heaven is a role model for generosity. What do you find remarkable about the Father's generosity as Jesus speaks about it here in the Sermon on the Mount?
4. Read Matthew 6:1-4. An important part of teaching generosity to our children and others is to model generosity. How can we be role models and yet be faithful to Jesus' words in this section?
5. Read Matthew 6:19-34, the text for the message this week. What was memorable from the message this week? Is there something in the message or this section that you would like to discuss in the group?
6. "Seek first his kingdom" (Matthew 6:33). Kingdom work is incredibly varied. What part of Kingdom work do you most enjoy supporting? Missions? Schools? Friends in Need?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Live the Intentional Life: Love Generously

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).

1. Confession (Matthew 6:19-24)

- A h_____ eye can see the treasure.
- Confess your u_____ eye.

2. Confidence

- Father = f _____
- Promises \neq f _____

3. Commitment

- The Kingdom in m _____
- The Kingdom in o _____



My Next Steps

- **See the treasure.** Read and reread Revelation 21-22 where Jesus gives the Apostle John a glimpse of the treasure that is stored up for us in heaven. May the Holy Spirit give us the spiritual eyesight to always see this treasure.
- **Build your confidence in the LORD's promises.** Even in the midst of sorrow, the prophet Jeremiah could say: "The LORD's compassions never fail. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Spend quiet timing listing the many ways the LORD has shown his love to you.
- **Re-examine your response.** Tax time can be a chance to review your generous response to your Savior's generosity. If you are giving online, log in at www.StPaulMuskego.org/Give to check your giving or to change the amount or designation. If you prefer to use an offering envelope and are not receiving envelopes in the mail, contact Becky in our office (414-422-0320, ext 112).