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MENTOR: FEAR GOD, FIND WISDOM

June 5, 6, and 9

What are you looking for out of life? Solomon invested incredible time and energy in the quest for true meaning, purpose, and happiness. What did he discover? Wisdom is the real wealth. And here's the key: wisdom that works will never be realized apart from Spirit-filled faith and a dynamic relationship with God.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

BELLS AND WELCOME

M In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Bless-ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M Oh, how I love your law!

C **I meditate on it all day long.**

M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C **for they are ever with me.**

M I have more insight than all my teachers,

C **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M How sweet are your words to my taste,

C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this, and for all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C **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.**



Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's



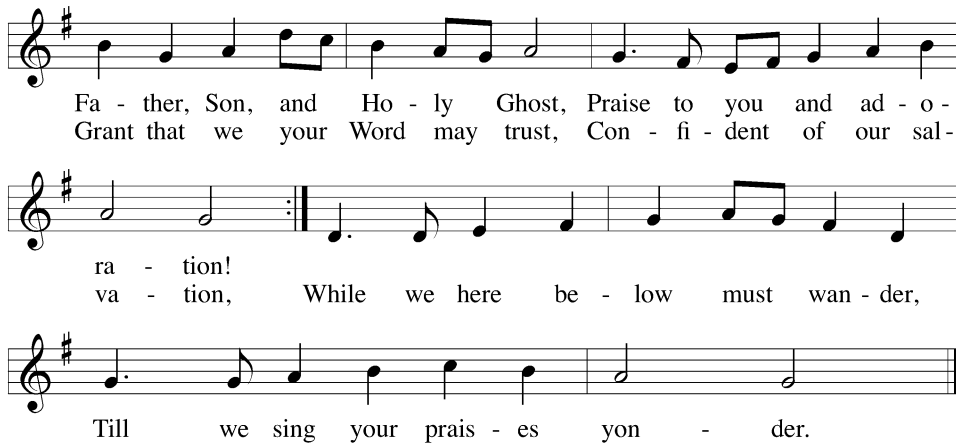
ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.**



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

O Lord, your Word, your precious, holy Word, has the power of your Spirit, flowing through every sentence, word, and syllable. Your Word is our life-line to you. In order to carve your words on the tablets of our hearts, help us to continually study them - not just reading words for the sake of reading words, but pondering them carefully, attentively and reflectively.

C As your wisdom take root in our hearts, may our actions, words, and lives model your love and faithfulness to all those around us.

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



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 1:7-12, Bible page 429

King Solomon could have asked for anything. What would you have asked for?

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25, Hymnal page 74

Lord, may your great wisdom guard my life and rescue me.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30, Bible page 976

Jesus praises his Father for revealing his true wisdom, a wisdom that rests in God's gracious, forgiving love.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 181, vv. 1, 2, 5

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit,
God from all eternity!

May your power never fail us;

Dwell within us constantly.

Then shall truth and life and light

Banish all the gloom of night.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;

When we trespass on our way,

Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you

And be with us day by day.

Should we stray, O Lord, recall;

Work repentance when we fall.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure

Wisdom, counsel, purity,

That we always strive to please you,

Working for you willingly.

Let the gospel spread and grow,

Bringing Satan's overthrow.

SERMON

Proverbs 1:1-8a, Bible page 628

Pastor Nathan Strobel

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus, our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS (*Sunday 10:30 am*)

Creed Darling

Joshua Fink

Steve Wranovsky

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 333, vv. 1, 4, 6

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through your Word.

Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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 June 7, 2021

MON	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
TUE	10:00 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Walking Group (Trinity Gym) Blood Drive (Trinity Gym) <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (In-person and online)
WED	6:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Grace Room) Morgan Hanson and Joseph Krejcarek Wedding Rehearsal Traditional Worship Service
THUR	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Walking Group (Trinity Gym) Morgan Hanson and Joseph Krejcarek Wedding
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 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion The Bridge Communion The Bridge Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Summer Hours for Church Office

The church administration office, located in the school building, will be open 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday - Friday, until school resumes on August 24. The office is closed on July 5.

Remember Outdoor Worship Opportunities

We will have three more outdoor worship services this summer at 10:30 am. These services will replace the 10:15 am Bridge and 10:45 am traditional service. Mark your calendars for July 4, August 1, and September 12.

Family Pastor Position Approved

The addition of a Family Pastor position was approved at the annual voters' meeting on May 20. After consultation with District President Kolander, we have scheduled a special voters' meeting for Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 pm. That is the day that a new group of younger pastors becomes eligible for a call.

Following the Promise Class

Join Pastor Nate in the *Following the Promise* class Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. This class is a "hybrid offering" with online and in-person options. To join, email him at nstrobel@stpmuskego.org or text him at (414) 426-8236.

Blood Drive

The Muskego Woman's Club is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 8, 1:30 – 6:30 pm in the Trinity Gym. All attempting donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of custard courtesy of Culver's of Muskego. If you are willing to help, your kindness will be so greatly appreciated. To schedule an appointment, visit bit.ly/muskegojune2021 or call Luann at 414-916-9650.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

Funeral

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, called home to heaven the soul of Pam E. O'Laughlin, born May 6, 1946, on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Her funeral is scheduled for June 7 at 12:00 pm, with the visitation starting at 10:00 am. May God comfort Pam's family and her loved ones with the promise of the resurrection.

Michael J. Homulos, born February 7, 1952, entered eternal peace with his Savior on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. His funeral was June 5 at Hartson Funeral Home. May our God of all peace and comfort be with Michael's loved ones.

Known to Be Hospitalized

Carol Smith (Froedtert), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), Ted Nommensen (Autumn Leaves in Franklin), and Lois Bestel (Village at Manor Park). Paul Lindemann has been discharged from the hospital.

Attendance

The following attended last weekend's services: 123 on Saturday, 80 on Sunday 7:45 am, 143 on Sunday 9:15 am, 203 at The Bridge, 54 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 28 on Wednesday.

Small Group Opportunity with a Focus on Anxiety

The Community Counseling and Care Center at St. Paul's is organizing a small group study for anyone who is wrestling with anxious thoughts. The group will be reading and discussing: *Take Heart: God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts* published by Concordia Publishing House as well as working through the Bible study questions at the end of each chapter. Mark the Connection Card or contact Debbie at votldeb@gmail.com for more information.

Single? Dating? Engaged? Married?

Are you 18-30 years old trying to navigate life as a single person or moving through dating with marriage in mind? Navigating life as a single or dating Christian can be difficult. Awake and Alive is doing a book and Bible study on Single, Dating, Engaged, Married by Ben Stuart via Zoom. To join, mark the Connection Card or contact Mike Westendorf at mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org or 414-507-8250.

Community Outreach – “Birthday Bag” Gift Card Requests

St. Paul's is partnering with the Muskego Woman's Club and the Muskego Food Pantry in helping to provide families with a Birthday Bag for their children. St. Paul's wants to match each of the bags with a \$15 Walmart gift card for the parents to purchase a gift for their child. If you would like to participate, please purchase the gift card(s) from Scrip or from the store, put them in an envelope marked, “Birthday Bag GC,” and place in an offering box at church. If you would like to donate money, we will buy the gift cards for you. These gifts will be collected until June 8. For questions, please contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.

St. Paul's Hosting Global Leadership Summit Simulcast

On Thursday, August 5, and Friday, August 6, you are invited to gather with thousands of leaders across North America for the Global Leadership Summit. Hear internationally known speakers and leaders like Craig Groeschel, Patrick Lencioni, Juliet Funt, General Stanley McCrystal and many more. St. Paul's will be hosting the simulcast in our sanctuary. Register by July 19 for best price. Go to StPaulMuskego.org and search Global Leadership Summit.

Community Counseling and Care Center at St. Paul's

The remodeling of the west wing of the church is proceeding rapidly.

Our goal is to have the Counseling Center ready to open in July.

Please keep this effort in your prayers as Pastor Bonack completes his

master's degree and as we work with Christian Family Solutions to fully staff this new satellite counseling site.



Alzheimer's Support Group

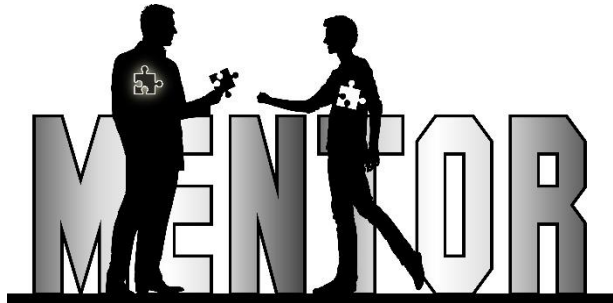
The St. Paul's Alzheimer's Support Group will start meeting again the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning Tuesday, June 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This group meets to provide comfort and resources for care partners, easing the burden of this dreaded disease. As people who are dealing with similar challenges share their experiences, care partners realize they are not alone, nor are they the first to face such challenges. For more information, contact David Timm at 414-588-3840.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

June Message Series: Mentor

Pastor Jeffrey Hemmer in his book *Man Up—The Quest for Masculinity* writes: “Masculinity means harnessing the natural power a man possesses and using it for the good of others around him. The essence of manliness is not rugged independence. It is sacrificial giving” (p. 8).

In this series, we speak especially to men and boys, calling on them to *Man Up*, to become men who are the heroes of their stories, respected because they are a blessing to their family, friends and co-workers. We will look to four mentors, manly men who model godly masculinity.



First, we will step into Solomon’s throne room to learn to use the **Compass of Purpose**. We will work beside Noah to become skilled with the **Hammer of Perseverance**. We will travel to Egypt and watch Joseph pump the **Bellows of Grace** and breathe new life into a dying family. Finally, we will learn from Jesus to take up the **Cross of Self-Sacrifice**.

New Communion Practice

Beginning the weekend of June 13, we will transition to communion practices similar to what we enjoyed pre-COVID. In our traditional services, you will be ushered forward in tables. You may kneel if you chose to do so. We will drop the wafer into the hands of the communicant. We will not place it on the tongue. We will not resume use of the common cup at this time. The distributor will walk past the communicants with the tray of individual cups so that each communicant can take one. The table will receive the blessing after reception of Jesus’ body and blood, and then return to their seats.

New Text-to-Give Number

Text stpmuskego to 833-845-3927. You will receive prompts to set up your account. Once set up, it is very easy to give a one-time or recurring gift to any of our dedicated funds. A memory device to help you remember the number— (Tell Everyone Everywhere That God Loves Everyone – You Are Precious).

Estate Coaching Slots Available

We have contracted with SFC Estate Coaching to help individuals complete or update their estate plans. If you have questions, contact Pastor Pete or just schedule a time to meet with our Estate Coach. There is no cost to you, and our estate coach will help get you “attorney-ready” to make the estate planning process as easy as possible. Go to StPaulMuskego.org and search “Estate.”

Ministry Board Members Installed

Ministry Board members will be installed into their new terms of office at the June 6 outdoor service. Our Ministry Board consists of President Kevin Krueger, Secretary Steve Wranovsky, Treasurer Nick Bauman, and At-Large members Creed Darling, Josh Fink, Ben Garbe and Steve Meyer. The Ministry Board oversees the work of our Ministerial Team to make sure that they remain doctrinally correct, faithful to our congregation’s mission, and are good stewards of the resources that God has given St. Paul’s.

GOD'S GENEROUS PEOPLE

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Good Shepherd Sunday was an amazing experience for me and *Little Lamb, Gabe*. Pastor Panitzke shared God's truths in a way I pray will bless all hearts. Your enthusiastic response and generous spirit were overwhelming. Thanks to you the money for translating the book into Swedish and Czech was met within a few days. Also, 200 books were placed into the hands of many people.

Both the Swedish mission and Czech mission were grateful to hear of your response. Pastor Krakoras of the Czech Republic wrote:

Dear Carol,

I was super-amazed by the train of events you described, concerning the presentation of your book and the offering to have it translated and published in Czech. I am always thrilled to read about the generosity and willingness of God's people to eagerly support the spreading of the Gospel across the world. It shows spiritual maturity. Most members of our church still have difficulty in understanding this part of their Christian walk. They tend to cling to the "consumer way of thinking" in regard to their church involvement. At the same time, it's my calling to proclaim the living Word of God that can change and charge up the hearts of its listeners.

Thank you for your prayerful support and I will keep you informed regarding the translation process.

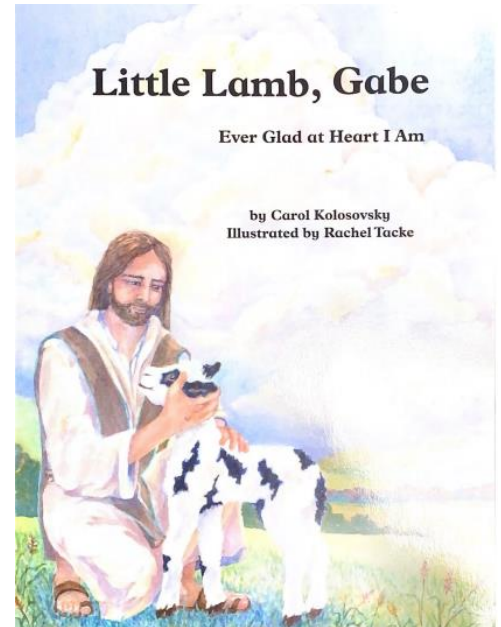
*In Him with you,
Petr Krakora*

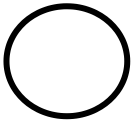
I will keep you posted as to the progress of the translations. It will take some time since volunteers from the mission field will be doing the translating. I trust God's timing is perfect.

Thank you from deep in my heart for your support and encouragement. Your kind words are greatly appreciated. To God be all glory!

With Jesus-love,

Carol Kolosovsky





GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Where have you seen **God active** in your life this week?
2. How has **God spoken into** your life this past week through your personal Bible study and devotion time? Ahha's? Challenges? Comfort?
3. Take the "*Old Testament Challenge*" as a group. **Read 2 Chronicles 1:1-12.** Solomon could have asked for anything. What would YOU ask for if given the same opportunity by God? Be honest, what was the **first** inclination of your heart...and where did your **faith land**?

4. **Riddle Me This.** "Try out" the proverbs of the Almighty, from the easy to the more difficult.

Practical Wisdom – **Proverbs 24:3-4** – "Little pig, little pig, let me come in!" Straw, sticks or brick? Explain the proverb and the *Three Little Pigs* analogy. 😊

Personal Wisdom – **Proverbs 27:20** – What spiritual "*Achilles' heels*" are challenging Christians today—the "feast" of which eyes never get enough? How does Hebrews 12:1-3 assist in the struggle?

Insightful Wisdom – **Proverbs 10:1** – Whether you are male or female, what lessons can you learn from the inclinations of your counterparts in *relationship*?

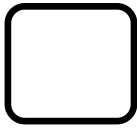
5. The Proverbs...Wisdom...and **the Blessing of the Situation Room.**

The mission of the *White House Situation Room* is to provide current intelligence and crisis support to the National Security Council staff, the national security advisor, and the president. In effect, the Situation Room is a 24/7 meeting place for sensitive information flowing into and out of the White House. The president's advisors "pool" their knowledge and their expertise to assist the president in wise leadership.

How is your Small Group...your church...your Family Church *like* the White House Situation Room as you navigate life and ponder the Scriptures? What are the blessings...what are the challenges of being in such a spiritual group?

How critical is Jesus' presence at your "table of wisdom"? Quantify your answer.

6. That's a wrap! Pray yourselves out in the Name of Jesus.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Proverbs 1:1-8

MEN: TAKE HOLD OF THE COMPASS OF GOD

You gotta love Google Maps...!? 😊

1. True North Is a Blessing

A. “Wisdom” Is Shared Experience

Keep your “_____” about you!

Share the _____!

B. “Wisdom” Is Trusted Purpose

You have “_____”...

You are meant to be a _____...

APPLICATION Would you have wanted your daughter to marry Judas?

2. Unwavering Faith Is KEY

A. The Wisdom of the Maker

To ignore his love is to face his _____

To respect his _____ is to see his face

B. The Wisdom of Continuing Ed

You are never too old to _____

“_____ me this.”

APPLICATION Do we appreciate the blessing of new Christians?

CONCLUSION You gotta love the compass of God!

Next Steps

- **Take** the “Old Testament Challenge.” Read **2 Chronicles 1:1-12**. Solomon could have asked for anything. What would YOU ask for if given the same opportunity by God? Be honest, what was the *first inclination* of your heart...and where did your faith land?
- **Riddle Me This**—“trying out” the proverbs of the Almighty.
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 - Insightful Wisdom – **Proverbs 10:1** – Whether you are male or female, what lessons can you learn from the inclinations of your counterparts in relationship?
 - Personal Wisdom – **Proverbs 27:20** – What is your spiritual “Achilles’s heel”—the “feast” of which your eyes never get enough? How does Hebrews 12:1-3 assist in the struggle?