

## GOD'S LAW IS MY DELIGHT

**1 John 5:1-5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (NIV)**

Dear friends in Christ,

How do we show that we love someone? Perhaps one way is to do things for that person even before he or she asks for them to be done. Many who read this article have a lot more experience with this than others, but even if you've only been married for a short time or even if you're not married at all, you already know that it means a whole lot more to a wife when her husband surprises her with flowers on her birthday or on her anniversary than if she has to tell him to get her some. If it's just something that is done without prompting or coercion it shows that the occasion means a great deal to the person who celebrates it, and shows that he is thinking about the wife he loves.

And so now, let us take it to an even higher plane. What about the God you love? How do you express your love for him?

John tells us: **This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.** If you want to show that you love God, keep his commands; it's as easy as that.

Easy? Ha! Is keeping the Law easy? No. Keeping the Law is impossible. What failures we are when it comes to doing what God has commanded us to do. How we have failed at times being negligent in our work. How we fall short of always being kind and considerate toward others. How selfish we can be by putting many other things above God in our lives. If that is the way in which we show our love for God, we certainly have made it clear that we really have not loved him in a way that is acceptable.

Therefore, if you and I were to stand before the throne of God and he were to ask if we have loved God with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our minds, and with all our strength, we would have to say, on the basis of the Law: "No Lord. I have not."

Thank God we do not have to stand before his judgment seat on the basis of the Law. Thank God that even though we have failed to keep the Law and manifest perfect love for God, Jesus did not fail. Jesus did keep God's commandments -- all of them, perfectly. And this he did for you and me.

But that is not all. Because of our sin and unfaithfulness, Jesus also went to the cross to pay for our sins. He died because we broke the law, and the punishment for our every dark misdeed was heaped on him there. He bought our forgiveness with his own blood.

Jesus says to you and to me that we are not to trust in our own righteousness, for we have failed to be what God wants us to be. Instead, he calls us to trust in his righteousness -- the righteousness put to our credit through faith in him. For in Jesus Christ we are a new creation. We are not what we were before. We have been born again. We have been raised from spiritual death to spiritual life. Our perfect relationship with God has been renewed. In Christ we have the new man. That new man in us, created in the image of God, wants to keep God's law. That is his delight. He serves God by faith.

Of course, the fact still remains, as John says: **This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.** And we, according to our old sinful nature say, “What do you mean, his commands are not burdensome?” The law condemns me, because I can’t keep the law.

Yes, that is true. However, notice what else John says: **For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.** God’s commands are not a burden when we understand them through faith in Christ. They are not a burden when we see that only in Jesus are we what God wants us to be. In fact, John says: **This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.** We have the victory in Jesus through faith. In fact, through faith in Jesus, we do show our love for God, because the Gospel motivates us to serve him. We do not even have to be asked to show our love for God. We do it willingly by faith. As Luther once wisely said: “Oh a living and active thing is this faith. It does not have to be asked to do good deeds, but before it has even been asked, it has already done them.”

The fact is, we do need the law to show us our sin, but according to the New Man, we do not need the Law to show us how to love God. For the message of God’s love for us in Jesus Christ leads us simply to do it by faith. The Law is not a burden to the new man because it is his joy and delight to do what pleases God.

And so, as we stand before the judgment seat of God, and he asks, “Have you loved the Lord your God with all heart, and with all your mind, and with all your soul, and with all your strength?” We can say, “Yes, through Jesus Christ my Lord who lived and died for me.” He who kept the Law in our place, and suffered the justice of God for all who broke it now declares us just in God’s sight. Whether in life or in death, we are able to say with the psalmist in Psalm 119, God’s law is my delight. Amen.

Pastor Jeff Bovee

## From Your Staff Minister

The school year is starting again which means that St. John’s adds more worship and Bible study opportunities to the schedule. Bible Class and Sunday School start on September 9. Thursday Bible Classes start on September 13 and Women’s Bible Study begins on September 7 and Men’s Bible Breakfast Study begins on September 7. Catechism for the St. Paul’s School 7th and 8th grades begins on September 5. Public School Catechism begins on September 5. Also, Women of St. John’s starts again on September 4 at 7 pm. Please check your calendar to see in which of these opportunities you can participate!

"If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself', you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." (James 2:8-10)

Kelly Emde

## Our Synod at Work

### Commission on Lutheran Schools

The mission statement of the Commission on Lutheran Schools is as follows: “to guide and assist congregations in advancing the gospel of Jesus by providing resources, training, and personal assistance for starting and strengthening Lutheran schools.” The Commission works to serve our synod’s early childhood ministries (392), Lutheran elementary schools (301), area Lutheran high schools (25), and preparatory schools (2).

Annually they collect data from each of the schools. With an upgrade to the statistical form by WELS technology, 100 percent of our area Lutheran high schools, 91 percent of our Lutheran elementary schools, and 84 percent of our early childhood ministries updated their school statistics last fall. Based on the data, overall student enrollment has had minimal overall variation over the past several years, even as some of our smaller Lutheran elementary schools have closed. Early childhood and area Lutheran high school enrollment has also remained steady. Lutheran elementary schools have experienced growth in urban and outreach locations, particularly in Milwaukee and the South Atlantic District but have seen decline in many small towns and rural communities in the Midwest.

A study that was done recently revealed that 39 percent of WELS called teachers are over the age of 50. Ninety called teachers announced their resignation or retirement during the period of September 1, 2016-March 1, 2017. As the pool of teachers decreases, the needs and opportunities are continuing to grow. Teachers able to speak or teach Spanish, play the organ, and those with the ability to serve in early childhood, urban, and outreach locations are needed.

Lutheran Schools and WELS Technology are currently in the planning stages to offer a national leadership and technology conference in the summer of 2019. The conference will be designed for pastors, teachers, and lay members of congregations involved in leadership or in seeking to make effective use of technology in ministry. Further details about the conference will be coming out in the months ahead.

Double-digit vacancies for both principals and early childhood directors in each of the past few years has Lutheran Schools supporting options to provide training for new or future leaders. Martin Luther College provides excellent training for our newly called teachers. There are also a number of current and future programs and plans for preparing school leaders, including a Principal Apprentice and Director Apprentice Mentoring and a Principal Training Program.

Gerald Woodley

## Library News

A new addition to the theology section of the library was authored by Pastor Robert Guenther, our new pastor. It is titled, "In Their Sandals." The sub-title is "First Person Sermons of Biblical Characters." It is his prayer that when you read these sermons, you will imagine what it would be like to be one of the characters we read about in the Bible. He tells the life story of people like Job, David, Paul, Judas Iscariot, and others we read about in the Bible.

"More Precious than Gold: Quiet Times with God" is a devotional book written by William A. Lauterbach, a WELS pastor for almost 60 years. These devotions encourage you to turn to God and find peace. The promises of God, the power of prayer, victory in Christ, and other biblical topics will show you how priceless the Word of God is.

A recent donation to the library is titled "The Lie." It was written by Ken Ham who urges people to return to the truth and authority of God's Word. He warns that the acceptance of evolution and millions of years ideas which are taught in our public grade schools and high schools would undermine Scriptural authority and lead to an exodus of young people from the church.

St. John's Church library uses a self-checkout system. Directions for checking out materials from the library are found on the pink card on the credenza. There is a listing of all materials in the white binder. They are listed according to title, call number, and author. We hope you will visit the library and see the wealth of material available.

Eleanor Runke  
Church Librarian

# St. Paul's Lutheran School

**School Registration** was held Thursday, August 9th in the SP Parish Center. Although the attendance numbers won't actually be finalized until the school is in session, it appears that our enrollment will be slightly higher than last year. We ended the year with 271 (92 SJ) students and looks to begin the new school year with about 276 in grades K-8. Our enrollment at St. John's looks also to go up (95-34.4%). A more accurate report will be reported in the Annual Report in January. May God be praised to have each of these children in the school to hear the Gospel on a daily basis. There are presently 54 - PreK students enrolled – up from 47 last year.

**School Begins** on Tuesday, September 4th, with an opening service. All are welcome! Pastor Rob Guenther will be presenting the message based on the theme for the school year verse from Psalm 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Grades 1-8 will have a full day of classes following the service. PreK and K begin the next day. Kindergarten will not meet on Fridays until October 26.

**Changes in Staff** With the exception of our Interim Principal, Mr. Peter Markgraf, the full time school faculty in 2018-19 will be the same as last year. Mr. Markgraf has been busy this summer getting everything ready for the new school year. Installation for Mr. Markgraf was on Sunday, August 26.

There will be a couple changes to the part time faculty:

Mrs. Connie Weilage will be the afternoon paraprofessional in the PreK and will teach the morning history classes in 7-8 and hymnology for 5-6 on Thursdays in Mrs. Grunwald's room.

Mrs. Kate Carlovsky will be the PreK paraprofessional in the mornings and will also teach two afternoon PreK sessions that are being added to the schedule this year to accommodate the larger numbers.

There will be a couple changes in those serving in the Lunch Program.

Please continue to pray for all our staff as they enter a new school year. God has blessed us with faithful workers.

**Teacher In-Services** The Faculty met two days in August to discuss plans for the new school year. We focused on the joys of serving in our calls and the ways we can serve God, the people of our congregations, and those from outside our churches according to our mission statement to assist families through Christ-centered education. The faculty attended MVL for the Area WELS Teachers In-Service on August 15 featuring presentations on Blood-borne Pathogens and "Christian Family Solutions" presented by Angela Stelljes and other presenters online through the WLCFS. They addressed the need for Christian counseling for students dealing with anxiety. The faculty also were trained in CPR/AED on Monday, August 27th.

The WELS Minnesota District Teachers Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 18-19. It will be held at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul. The theme will be "Live, Rooted and Built Up in Christ" based on Colossians 2:6-8. There will be no school on those dates.

**School Building Project** Utility work including electricity, gas, and cable is completed and ready for the next building project phase. The school building was closed from July 25 to August 8 with no electricity in order to complete the utility work. The power is back on and network services are now available. St. Paul's congregation is scheduling a special meeting in September to address the start of the project and the opening of bids on the building project.

This year's celebration activity, "Come Walk with Us – A Time to Celebrate" on Saturday, September 8th, from 3 to 6 pm will include a 1 mile Fun Walk/Run and other activities will be available at the school. All are invited. May the Lord open the hearts of all to see the blessings of Christian Education and to pray for the advancement of the Gospel within our school, both presently and, God willing, in our future additions. An additional \$40,000 has been given since the new building campaign has begun with an additional \$400,000 in commitments made. Gifts can be sent to St. Paul's Church or School. Please indicate your St. John's membership with your gift.

**MNSAA Accreditation Renewal** An MNSAA Certificate of re-Accreditation was received in the mail in late July.

## WELS Ministry Envelope

Within the section of church offering envelopes for September is an envelope for WELS Ministerial Education. Gifts from these envelopes assist St. John's member students at MLC and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who are working toward serving within the public ministry. Gifts could also be used to support the MLC Partnership Grant Program. Please continue to pray for our young members training for service in ministry. If you are able, support this ministry also with your offerings.

## Calendar

- Sep 4 School Begins: Opening Service: 8:20 am
- Sep 5 PreK and K sessions begin
- Sep 8 A Time to Celebrate: 3 - 6 pm
- Sep 23 Jr. Choir sings at 8 am
- Sep 24 MAP Testing begins (until Oct 5)
- Sep 30 Gr. 1-4 sing at 11 am

Respectfully submitted, James L. Dretske, Administrative Teacher

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## Council Digest

The Church Council met on August 21. A summary of reports and action from the meeting not reported elsewhere in the Fortress follows:

Membership changes approved

### Transfers Out

Jennifer Beranek to St. Paul's, New Ulm, MN  
Barb Forst; Brandon\* to Mt. Olive, Mankato, MN  
Chelsey Kral; (Leo) to St. Paul's, New Ulm, MN

### Transfers In

Rachel Feld from Bethany Lutheran, Kenosha, WI  
Nick and Katherine Schmoller; (Mia, Poppy, Roman) from Lamb of God Lutheran, Lafayette, IN

Pastor Bovee reported on plans for the various Bible classes beginning on Sunday, September 9. Members are encouraged to participate in one or more of these opportunities to study God's Word. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details on the various sessions. One noteworthy change from recent practice is that Pastor Bovee will lead a Sunday morning class at 9:30 a.m. on 1 Thessalonians for the first 5-6 weeks while Pastor Guenther handles all the preaching. Once Pastor Bovee completes the study, our pastors will reverse roles as Pastor Guenther leads a study of 2 Thessalonians. Sunday School classes for our children will also begin on September 9.

President Thiesfeldt reported that Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School will host the West Regional Lutheran Choral Festival on November 9-11. Area congregations have been asked to house the high school participants and their directors on that weekend. St. John's has been assigned as host of Great Plains Lutheran High School from Watertown, South Dakota. Participants will need a place to sleep (the evenings of Thursday, November 8, through Saturday, November 10); breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning; and rides to and from MVL throughout the festival. If you are able to help, please contact Jeneane Thiesfeldt by September 30 at 507-240-4523 or [thiesfjm@gmail.com](mailto:thiesfjm@gmail.com) and indicate how many and what gender of student (or the director) you are able to accommodate.

Treasurer Paul Gunderson will lead the process of developing the proposed congregational budget for fiscal year 2019 over the next two months with input from the various boards and committees. The completed budget will be presented to the voters for approval at the October voters' meeting.

President Thiesfeldt organized a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of candidates to fill various elective positions on the council and appointive positions on congregational boards for three year terms of service beginning on January 1, 2019. The first meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. Voting members of the congregation who are willing to have their names placed in nomination for a

position are invited to contact President Thiesfeldt prior to the date of the meeting.

Elders chair Bill Dinse reported that custodian Paul Fritze will retire from his work at the end of the calendar year.

The hiring notice for the part time position will be posted in the near future. Chairman Dinse also noted that a congregational survey is being developed to gather input on midweek service times during Advent and Lent.

Representing the Trustees, Scott Deters reported that a nuisance tree recently was removed from the driveway area of the parsonage. Bookkeeper Wendy Lambrecht is in need of a new workstation in her office at the church. The cost of the project will be covered by generous donations.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m.

The next quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Steven R. Thiesfeldt, Congregational Chairman

## Evangelism

### Fellowship Committee Update

**Fellowship Sundays:** The recent Fellowship Sunday on August 12th was positive. August 26th, was planned as a welcome for MLC students. Once the school year starts with Bible Class and Sunday School meeting regularly, refreshments will be served in the basement. The Fellowship Committee will plan for monthly fellowship upstairs to engage people and invite them down to Bible class.

**Flandrau outing:** The impromptu gathering of families in Flandrau was a success. More opportunities for informal fellowship events will be investigated. If you have ideas for these events, contact Sarah Zahrt.

Church picnic postponement: Preliminary plans for a church picnic this year were delayed for further planning.

### Evangelism Update

**Serving MLC students:** We are investigating communicating information about St. John's regarding Bible class, fellowship opportunities, volunteer positions, etc. to appropriate individuals at MLC (dorm personnel, etc.)

**Bible Class:** Our board would like St. John's to consider the possibility of turning Bible Class 90 degrees so that late arrivals or Sunday School departures aren't so conspicuous and the "classroom" wouldn't be so deep. This will be on our agenda for several months and Bible class participants will be surveyed.

**Creating a Welcoming Atmosphere:** Our board seeks to encourage all at St. John's to consider how we can create a welcoming atmosphere for those who would be visiting, or unfamiliar with our church. The starting point could include integrating this effort into usher training. A friendly greeting and offer of assistance is always appreciated by members and visitors alike!

**St. Paul's School Campaign** promoted at St. John's: This fall's event, echoing last year's "Up on the Roof," is planned for September 8th using the theme "Time to Celebrate." The organizers are planning a one-mile walk with historical markers offering information about the school. Watch for more information and a promotional video.

**Problems with NUCAT video:** During several weeks this summer, members reported "rerun" services on local cable, even though the current services were recorded and posted online. The Board of Elders will investigate securing an internet connection at St. John's with improved speed which will help the video upload to NUCAT.

**Audio improvements:** SIM Sound reported that for \$300 they could provide a submix from the audio music mixer in the balcony that would allow the choir mics to be recorded on the video camera system without running these mics through the Nave's speakers. This will allow our videos to have better recording of our choir and other musicians. The expenditure was approved the Church Council.

**VBS review:** 70 children attended our three-day VBS, with positive reports from parents and children. There were plenty of helpers, including folks from St. Paul's and a great group of high school and junior high helpers. The goal of inviting children to have fun and hear the word of God was accomplished.

**Need for a new sign in front of St. John's:** The sign in front of our church could use replacement. The trustees are discussing some options and this board will also investigate the possibility of digital signage.

Bill Pekrul

## MLC Ladies Auxiliary

Along with the beginning of the 2018-19 school year at MLC come new faces and families to the student body. On a monthly basis, the MLC Food Bank, which is sponsored by the MLC Ladies Auxiliary, makes available to qualifying families nonperishable food items, paper products, toiletries and other items needed in their home. These students appreciate this help because they know there are people who care about them by providing some assistance while they attend MLC and most likely have a job.

A donation box and list of needed items is located in the Narthex. Gift cards to local businesses can also be given directly to Judy Gosdeck or the receptionist at MLC to help make purchases to stock the Food Bank shelves.

Thank you for supporting the Food Bank with donations and prayers.

Please contact Jeneane Thiesfeldt at 507-240-4523 or [thiesfjm@gmail.com](mailto:thiesfjm@gmail.com) for more information.

## Archives

### School Days Then

It's time again to review our commitment to Christian education and our relationship with **St. Paul's School**. Hope the names and numbers bring back some memories. That relationship has been a significant part of St. John's history. Selected dates reflect the school year beginning in August. St. John's first year was 1949 and the financial arrangement with St. Paul's Congregation was less formal during the early years. Total enrollment reports note both increases and declines over the years. Reports in earliest years were not as comprehensive.

**1958-59, Pastor was Rollin Reim.** St. Paul's School principal was Arthur Glende (1955-1965). The school was then located across the street from St. Paul's church. Total enrollment (57-58) was 417; in 58-59 students from St. John's numbered 88. No tuition (only miscellaneous fees) those years.

**1968-69, Pastor was Frederick Nitz.** Henry Krenz was the principal (1966-1978). Total enrollment was 435 (68-69); 82 from St. John's. "Parochial school" support as listed in the 1968 annual report was \$8,610.

**1993-94, Pastor was David Kolander; David Zabel was Director of Christian Education.** Principal was Dale Markgraf. Total faculty was 14; other teachers called by St. John's were Jean Schroeder, Marlene Wendler and Wendy Ristow. Total enrollment was reported at 357 (pre-K-8) with 135 from St. John's. Additional support was listed at \$72,360 in the 1992 annual financial report.

**2008-09, Pastors were Jeffrey Bovee and Wayne Laitinen; Administrative Teacher was James Dretske.** Principal was Mike Koestler. The 2008 budget for education was \$241,908 which included the salaries of five teachers. Students from St. John's numbered 63 of 225 (K-8). Both Mike Koestler and Wendy Ristow accepted calls to other schools for the following year. The principal's duties for the following year were to be handled by a "team approach." Marlene Wendler celebrated 40 years in the teaching ministry. Discussions during the year noted the need for a consistent policy to determine shared costs with St. Paul's and possible tuition reduction for St. John's students.

**2017-18, Pastors were Jeffrey Bovee and Wayne Laitinen; Administrative Teacher was James Dretske.** Principal was Greg Thiesfeldt. Of the 271 students (K-8) 93 were from St. John's. Students from St. John's continued to benefit from tuition offsets of \$575/\$475/\$375 (depending on family number) per child. The budgeted amount for special support, in addition to the salaries of four teachers, for 2018 is \$356,620. St. John's is represented on St. Paul's Board of Child Discipleship by our Administrative Teacher and an appointed

representative. An expansion project continues with \$2.1 million contributed as of the end of 2017.

Obviously there were many changes but an unchanged commitment to Christian education.

Bob Krueger  
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## **Women of St. John's**

Our next gathering will take place Tuesday, Sep. 4th at 7 pm in the church basement. Our program theme for the night will be: "Let's Get to Know Each Other." This would be a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow sisters in Christ whether you are new to St. John's or not. Please bring a friend! After all, the more ladies that attend, the more ladies there will be with whom to become acquainted or reacquainted.

We hope you are able to join us for our first night of fellowship after the summer break!

## **Cards of Caring**

The "Cards of Caring" volunteers continue to make cards to send to members who are on our church's homebound or "thinking of you" list.

We send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter/Valentine's and Easter. We also make cards for our confirmands and for our LWMS Befriend a Mission families.

We plan to meet Saturdays, September 15, October 20 and November 17, 2018. We will continue to meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. between the hours of 9 am and noon. Come as your schedule allows.

Assistance is needed with creating cards from recycled cards or using decorative stamps, writing greetings in the cards, applying Scripture verse stamps, seals, and prepping envelopes.

Everyone is welcome from age 12 and older to come for fun and fellowship. We also welcome all MLC students. For information contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230

## **Youth Group**

Welcome to another season of youth activities at St. John's. All students in grades 6th - 12th are welcome to attend the events that are scheduled. Always feel free to bring along friends.

You will find information for upcoming events on the Youth Group board in the new narthex.

September 23rd is our first event of the season. Kingdom Workers MN Valley Regional Mission Team is sponsoring a Teen Retreat from 2 - 5:30 pm at the Chapel of the Christ basement room at MLC.

The youth will:

- Complete a service project: "Healthy Living Kits" for infants to teens in need
- Meet new teens and enjoy current friendships



- Share mission trip experiences
- Have some entertainment and fun
- Enjoy supper in the MLC Cafeteria

Register by September 17th at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/CIXuPzbFeDzCW5RW2>

You may follow the link sent in the previous email.

Contact Lisa at [ali3b2g@gmail.com](mailto:ali3b2g@gmail.com) to receive emails.

There is no charge for this event, but we would ask that each teen try to bring 5 to 8 items that will be divided and put into bags. These bags will be shared with area organizations that help infants to teens in need.

Possible items include: infant or child shampoo, bars of soap, small packages of Wet Ones, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, First Aid to Go packs, lip balm, washcloths, small packages of tissues, hand lotion, dental floss, combs, or deodorant. Consider unscented items if possible.

Mike and Lisa Goeglein  
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## **Ladies' Symposium**

SAVE THE DATE: November 17, 2018, 8:30 am - 3 pm  
 Ladies' Symposium at St. Paul's church in St. James, MN

Cost \$25.00, lunch is included

Theme: Walking with Jesus

More information and registration materials will be mailed in October.

## **2018 Men of His Word Conference**

Have you seen the news lately? It's crazy out there. The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference provides opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually, using God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world. This year's theme is "GET OUT OF THE BOAT."

Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (Pastor Jared Oldenburg from Eternal Rock in Castle Rock, Colorado), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (12 to choose from), or the worship experience with 300 other men (with Koine', the worship band), God's Word will speak to you.

The 4th annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Kahler Hotel and Conference Center in Rochester MN on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Additional details and registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) for the first 300 men (\$50 by October 14th; \$60 from October 15th – 21th).

Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget!