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THE WAY IT WAS LONGING

November 26 and 27, 2016

With Isaiah we marvel at the fact that Jesus is and means "God With Us" in the most wonderful and unbelievable ways!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 2

Savior of the Nations, Come

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

M We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C **We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.**

M We hear his call to watch.

C **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

M Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

One Advent candle is lit.

RESPONSE

M Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.

C **O God, we wait for you to enter into our lives.**

M As a fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,

C **we ask that you would set us on fire with a burning passion for you.**

M Come down and make your name known.

C **Help us to truly know you, O Lord, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

M We prepare for your coming.

C **Alert and watchful, we confidently await your promised help.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M As we wait for and watch for your coming, O Lord, we are aware of our sinfulness and our need for repentance.

C **All of us have become like one who is unclean. All our righteous acts are like filthy rags. We wander from your ways. Our hearts are hardened against you. We continue to sin against you. We are unprepared for your return. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We deserve your punishment. We seek your forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, and because of his sacrifice for us, forgive us our sin.**

M God is our loving Father. He is our Redeemer. Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, came down from heaven to be our Savior. Because of his incarnation, life, death, and resurrection, we have forgiveness in his name. Therefore, as a called servant of God's Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE 1, vv. 1, 2, 6

The Advent of Our King

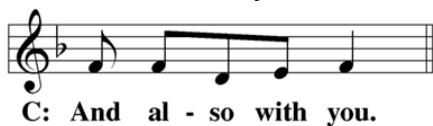
**The advent of our King, Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing, In strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son, Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on, To set his servants free.**

**All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you



M Stir up your power in us, O Lord, so that by your protection we may be rescued from all the threatening evils of our sins. Deliver us, O Lord, from the sin of the world around us, and the sin that dwells within us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says: "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (*Revelation 22:20*).



GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25, Bible page 966

An angel appears to Joseph in a dream announcing the birth of Jesus in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 5, vv. 1-4

As Angels Joyed with One Accord

SERMON

Isaiah 6:1-7; 7:10-14; 9:6, 7; 53:5, 6

Pastor David Kuehl

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

Emanuel, *Laura Bonack*
Pianist Meghan Ludke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:'. The second staff continues: 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -'. The third staff: 'na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff: 'Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -'. The sixth staff: 'na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are: 'C: A - men.'.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;'. The second staff: 'have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,'. The third staff: 'you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.'. The fourth staff: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;'. The fifth staff: 'grant us your peace. A - men.'.

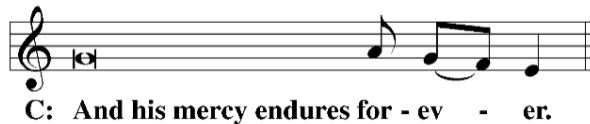
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 3
22**Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates
O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide**

SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

CLOSING PRAYER

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent new membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Please ask one of our pastors for the date when the next class begins.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the right center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.

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Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 28, 2016

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room)
WED	3:30 pm	Advent Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by former students of Mrs. Jeanne Steinbrecher
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	6:30 pm	Christmas for Kids Planning Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	6:00 pm	Living Nativity (St. Paul's grounds)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Living Nativity (St. Paul's grounds)
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club, Boost, and Pulse Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:30 am	Emotional Freedom Technique Presentation (Grace Room)
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Living Nativity (St. Paul's grounds)

Multimedia Ministry



- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
 - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
 - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org
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BE ALL IN!

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Be “All In!” because Jesus has risen from the dead, and every person who believes in him will rise to live eternally too.

St. Paul’s Wants to be “All In!”

As St. Paul’s begins planning for the new fiscal year, we want to be “All In!” to the work of the Lord. We want to plan to do as much as we possibly can to fulfill our mission and our vision: ***By every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ.***

In addition to our on-going ministries, we are hoping to add the following staff to help us do the work of the Lord more effectively. In our school, we would like to expand our **Extended Learning Coordinator** from a half-time to a full-time position. This position will help us provide the individualized learning our children need. We would also like to restore the fourth pastor position by calling a **Resident Missionary** to help us bring the thousands of guests who visit our campus (church, school, and other activities) closer to Christ.

We would also like to continue to reduce our **Mortgage** as quickly as possible. We already see new ministry opportunities in the not too distant future, but our current \$2 million mortgage is holding us back.

What Does Being “All In!” Mean to You?

On the reverse side of this page is the **2017 Giving Plan** form. You can tear this page out of the worship folder and return it as soon as possible to the offering. When **hundreds of us share our “All In!” plans for giving for 2017**, we will have a clearer vision of how much of the Lord’s work we can accomplish in the next fiscal year.

The Giving Ladder

The Giving Ladder can help you consider where you are in your life of Christian giving. What would it take for you to take the next step up in our life-time goal of being “All In!” to the work of the Lord?

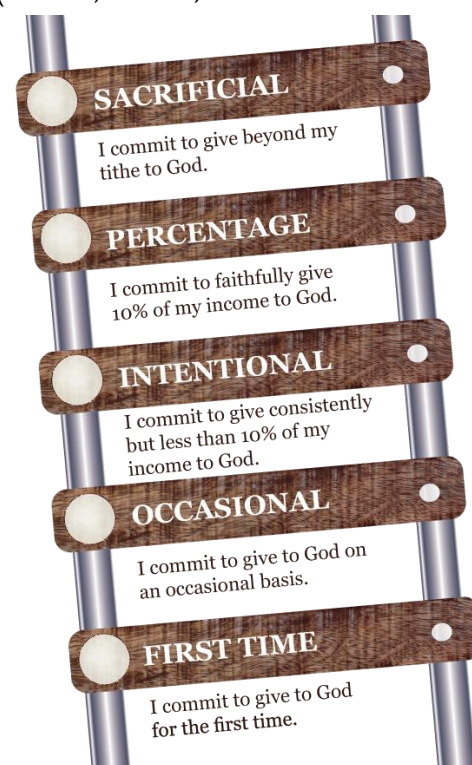
Online Giving

Many of us are taking advantage of the online giving options we have to help make your giving more regular. You can find the online giving button at www.StPaulMuskego.org or the QR code at right will take you to our mobile-friendly site. If you are using online giving and are still receiving offering envelopes in the mail, please contact our church office at (414) 422-0320 to discontinue your offering envelopes, saving the congregation that expense.



Be “All In” is Frightening and Fun

When we are fully committed to the work of the Lord, we are stretched. It can get a little frightening. But **it is so much fun** to give comfort to the sick, relief for the guilty, hope to those in despair, and life to the dying. Enjoy being “All In!” to the Lord’s work.



SACRIFICIAL

I commit to give beyond my tithe to God.

PERCENTAGE

I commit to faithfully give 10% of my income to God.

INTENTIONAL

I commit to give consistently but less than 10% of my income to God.

OCCASIONAL

I commit to give to God on an occasional basis.

FIRST TIME

I commit to give to God for the first time.



MY/OUR GIVING PLAN 2017

I'm All In!

- I am certain that I am forgiven.
- I am certain that I will rise from the dead.
- I am certain that Jesus as King will carry out his saving plan.

I'm All In!

- I want to be a part of Jesus' plan to save others.
- I want to dedicate my life to sharing my faith in Jesus.
- I want to dedicate my possessions to sharing my faith in Jesus.

As part of my (our) dedication to Christ, I (we) have made a plan to support Jesus' plan to save people through the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. I am (we are) sharing this plan for giving through St. Paul's ministry from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017, to help St. Paul's be "all in" to accomplish as much as possible for the Lord.



My (Our) Giving Plan for Our Ministry in 2017

\$_____ per year **or** \$_____ per month for the **General Fund** which includes our congregation's gifts to Wisconsin Lutheran High School and to the worldwide missions of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

\$_____ per year **or** \$_____ per month for the **Mortgage Fund** which is used to pay the principal and interest required by our mortgage and additional principal payments to shorten the term of the mortgage.

I (We) have calculated my (our) giving percentage (circle one) Yes No

Signature(s) _____

Name(s) (printed) _____

Please return this giving plan as soon as possible. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (S66 WI4325 Janesville Rd, Muskego, WI 53150). If your circumstances change, you may change this plan at any time by contacting the church office. Thank you!

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FUNERALS

Dorothy Horn, born November 27, 1924, received her crown of glory on November 18, 2016, and received a Christian funeral on November 21, 2016.

Kaaren Smale, born September 26, 1942, received her crown of glory on November 17, 2016, and received a Christian funeral on November 21, 2016.

Wallace R. Hereau, born September 8, 1931, received his crown of glory on November 16, 2016, and received a Christian funeral on November 21, 2016.

We rejoice in the saving faith of these followers of Christ. Please keep their loved ones in your prayers.

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the altar today are in celebration of David and Lynne Lemke's 35th wedding anniversary on November 28. May God bless Dave and Lynne in their marriage together in Christ.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Georgette Meyer at Layton Terrace. Kathy Rasmussen is at Lifecare Homes – Midland Terrace, Payson Vahovick at Children's, and Diane Wedell at Tudor Oaks. Brittany Michaels has been discharged from the hospital.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

1287 attended worship services last weekend.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Monica Gawlik, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Pat Johnson, Jacob Melso, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Wayne Wardin.

MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The November edition of the communication from our Malawi mission partner and son of our congregation, John Holtz, is located in the Welcome Center. Pick up a copy and see how God is working through your offerings 8,500 miles away in Africa.

SCHOOL CHOICE VOTERS' MEETING

A voters' meeting, with the single purpose of voting on our entrance into the School Choice program, is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, at noon in the Grace Room. You will find the resolution that will be presented for adoption and an eight page information packet at the Welcome Center.

SOUP SUPPER – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

This Wednesday will be the first of our soup suppers held between the Advent worship services from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. The soup supper this Wednesday will be hosted by former students of Jeanne Steinbrecher. Jeanne Steinbrecher is our 3rd grade teacher at St. Paul's, currently on medical leave due to cancer treatments. A free will offering will be gathered at the soup supper to help defray the cost of medical bills for Jeanne. Please contact Emily Meitner at (414) 422-0320, ext. 110 or emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org or for more information.

DECEMBER 14 SOUP SUPPER STILL AVAILABLE

Wednesday, December 14 is the last soup supper that is still available for hosting. Hosting a soup supper is a great opportunity for groups and/or organizations to gain exposure and at the same time serve fellow Christians together. To volunteer please contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES *CAROLS FOR THE NEWBORN KING*

3:30 and 7:00 pm; soup supper 4:30 to 6:30 pm

If there is anything that calls our attention to the fact that Christmas is coming, it is the music that surrounds us during this season. Music has always been an integral part of human societies. It is used to express strong emotions, “to soothe the savage breast,” to stir up soldiers for battle and even draw lovers closer to each other. The great hymns of Christmas take us to the center of our faith in Christ. That’s why this year in our midweek Advent devotions we will take a closer look at three beloved carols for the newborn king.



November 30 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Hymn 38

In its classic, simple form, this song celebrates the great truth that God has come down to earth and that we may now go up to heaven.

December 7 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymn 61

This beloved song echoes the fact that the angels sang of One who deserves the highest praise and One who should dwell in every heart.

December 14 Come, Your Heart’s and Voices Raising! Hymn 42

The shepherd’s uplook and outlook encouraged Paul Gerhardt to write this greatly loved Christmas carol as he grieved over the tragic loss of his wife and three of his children. He found assurance in God’s gift of eternal life in Jesus, knowing that his family was safe in their Savior’s arms.

WEEKEND SERVICES *THE WAY IT WAS*

This Advent season, see the events of Christmas unfold through the eyes of those who were there. This first person sermon series will give us an opportunity to meet and listen to Biblical characters who were closely associated with the events that surrounded our Savior’s birth. Most importantly, we’ll hear how the truth of Christ’s birth impacted and changed their hearts and lives.



December 3 and 4 Zechariah — the Lord Is Renowned Luke 1:5-25; 57-79

With Zechariah learn the lesson to never doubt what God can do and to never give up praying. God loves it when you put your trust in him.

December 10 and 11 John the Baptist—the Voice in the Wilderness Matthew 3:1-12

With John the Baptist wonder at the fact that Jesus did not come with power and glory, but as the long-promised Suffering Servant. What a blessing to point people to him!

December 17 and 18 Mary—the Handmaid of the Lord Luke 1:26-56

With Mary you’ll see that God is bigger than all your problems and struggles. Put your trust in him and you will stand amazed at what he will do.

Christmas Eve Services A Shepherd—A Wide-eyed Witness Luke 2:1-20

With a shepherd, from that first Christmas Eve marvel at the fulfillment of all God’s promises. This is God’s Son in human flesh and blood born to live and die to redeem the human race!

Christmas Day Services Joseph—the Silent Witness John 1:1-14

With Joseph, stand in awe and wonder of the peace and joy the Christ child brings to your life. Then share it with the world around you.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Advent worship services: November 30 and December 7 and 14 at 3:30 and 7:00 pm.
(A soup supper is served in the Grace Room from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.)

Christmas Eve services: 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 10:30 pm

Christmas Day traditional services: 7:45 and 9:15 am with Holy Communion

Christmas Day contemporary service: 10:45 am with Holy Communion
(no Bridge service)

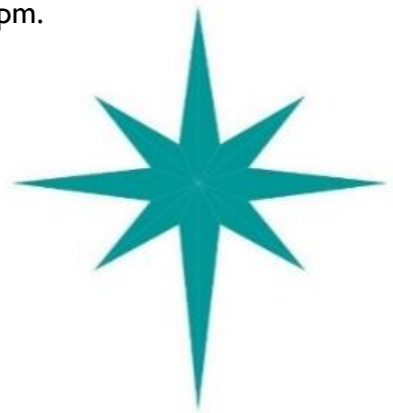
New Year's Eve service: 5:00 pm with Holy Communion

New Year's Day traditional services: 7:45 and 9:15 am

New Year's Day contemporary service: 10:45 am (no Bridge service)

*** There will be no Wednesday worship services on December 21 and 28.*

The Lutheran Elementary School Christmas service is Thursday, December 22, at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.



ST. PAUL'S LIVING NATIVITY – NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend, December 2-4, the birth place of baby Jesus will be found on the grounds of St. Paul's, bringing the Christmas story to life through narration and live characters, as well as the anticipated variety of barn animals! In addition, guests are invited to linger over Christmas refreshments and join in Christmas carols.

After many hours of decorating and preparation, we are pleased to provide The Living Nativity as a neighborhood event to mark the Christmas season. The 15-minute outdoor presentation is repeated three times each hour from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday. All 7:00 pm shows will be signed for the hearing impaired. This event is free for the whole family.

There are a few volunteer spots still open: cleanup during and after the event, parking attendants, and costume and makeup assistants. Contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197 to volunteer or for more information.

You may also pick up a poster and/or postcards in the lobby to take to your place of business or share with your family and friends.



GIFT TREE FOR MUSKEGO CHILDREN AND ELDERLY IN NEED

Stop by the gift tree in the Trinity Café and help our Muskego neighbors in need have a merry Christmas! New tags are on the tree. The program will run through December 4, the same date that all gifts need to be returned to the tree. Contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org with questions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! DECEMBER 10

Our 2016 *Christmas for Kids*, sponsored by Kids Club, Boost, Pulse, and TUG, is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, in the Trinity Café and Gym. Kids age 3 through 12 will enjoy a Christmas message, singing, crafts, games, and puppet show. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their ticket for the event. Parents may stay and assist if desired or enjoy some kid-free shopping. Register online at stpaulmuskego.org/Christmas-for-kids-registration or complete the back of the Connection Card, sign up at the Welcome Center, or email Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. Many volunteers are needed to make the event a success. Please contact Dr. Nelson to offer your assistance.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

CALL NEWS

Pastor Panitzke announced last weekend that he has returned his call to serve St. John's in Antigua and will continue to serve here at St. Paul's. Our fifth grade teacher Jeff Wetzell has a call to serve Wisconsin Lutheran School in Racine.

NEW GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY BEGINS DECEMBER 4 - ANGELS AND DEMONS

In a world that seems spiritually apathetic and aimless, we cannot ignore the powerful spiritual forces that are at work. What does the Bible say about these forces and why must we be strong and vigilant? Join Pastor Kuehl on Sundays at 9:15 am for the study of Angels and Demons in the Grace Room for three weeks, beginning December 4.

TEENS UNDER GOD

Are you a teen itching to go to the movies but don't have the money? Great! On Sunday, November 27 you can! The next TUG is a night at the movies! The movie is Doctor Strange. We will all meet at Marcus Ridge Cinema sometime between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. Exact details are in the email teens received or call Vicar Phil at (262) 305-8769. Come enjoy a movie with us!

Our first TUG Christmas Party will happen on Sunday, December 18. We will have games, snacks, and lots of red and green! The main event?? White elephant gift exchange! Keep your eyes on the lookout for an item at home you don't want or need, or just think is absolutely hilarious as a gift, and bring it. We will also have an ugly sweater competition with a gift basket for the best ugliest sweater!

STONE CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

All are invited to the Fireside Theater on Thursday, January 12, to see the musical *Mama Mia*. Please call Charlene at (414) 422-4686 to register. The cost is \$98 with payment due by December 1.

EMOTIONAL FREEDOM TECHNIQUE PRESENTATION

Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) is a gentle form of tapping on acupuncture points or meridian points to rebalance the energy system and let go of past issues. Our Cancer Support Group has invited Barbara Lemke, RN, CCAP to present on this topic Sunday, December 4, from 10:30 to noon in the Grace Room. A free will offering will be gathered. Contact Karen Schram at (414) 529-5544 with questions.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT

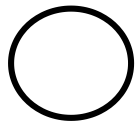
Start the Christmas season off with the WLHS annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 pm in the WLHS auditorium. A freewill offering will be gathered during the concert.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 pm in the WLHS auditorium. A freewill offering will be gathered during the concert.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

WLHS Youth baseball camp is open to boys in grades 2-8 and will be offered on four consecutive Sundays in the WLHS gymnasiums on January 22 and 29 and February 5 and 12. The cost of the camp is \$40. For more information and to register, please visit wlhs.org/jrvikings, scroll down to "Baseball," and click on "Youth Baseball Camp." Registration deadline is January 8, 2017.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

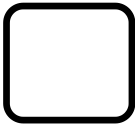
Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

Group Work for the weeks leading up to Christmas will correspond to our special sermon series titled, "The Way It Was: A First-person Recounting from Those Who Were There." As we reflect on Isaiah, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, A Shepherd, and Joseph may the Holy Spirit prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

Immanuel Evangelists Then and Now

1. Have you ever been in a situation where having someone along with you made the experience/ordeal easier? Explain.
2. Why is it that the mere presence and proximity of a trusted person, can be such powerful help?
3. Read Isaiah 7:1-17.
 - What seemingly disastrous situation did the Kingdom of Judah (the House of David) find itself in?
 - Why might the words of Isaiah bring relief to worried King Ahaz?
 - Why would God spare the kingdom even though Ahaz was considered one of the worst, most godless kings in Judah's history (See: Genesis 49:10, Isaiah 11:1, Micah 5:2)?
4. As an opportunity for Ahaz to turn back to the Lord, Ahaz was told to ask for a sign. In unbelief and false humility, he refused (Isaiah 7:10-12). Then Isaiah, who is sometimes called the Old Testament Evangelist, in effect said, "You will get a sign whether you want one or not!"
 - What was the sign?
 - What name was part of the sign?
 - What did that name mean (See Matthew 1:20-23)?
 - How is the meaning of that name enhanced by the words of Isaiah 9:6-7?
 - Why is the fulfillment of this sign so amazing?
5. How does personally knowing Immanuel (God with us) make you feel about...
 - The world you live in?
 - The church you worship in?
 - The people you know?
 - The hope you have?
6. Pray: Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by your drawing nigh,
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel!



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

The Way It Was – Testimonies of Those Who Were There

Isaiah: The Old Testament Evangelist

Isaiah 6:1-7; 7:10-14; 9:6-7; 53:5-6, Pew Bible pages 685, 687, and 736

Introduction: Historical background and prophetic identity

I. The greater meaning

- I foretold not just the r_____ of Judah but the r_____ of the entire world.
- The name Jesus means S_____.
- My prophecy was quoted by M_____: “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet” (1:22).
- All of Matthew’s Gospel can be called “the story of I_____,” God with us.

II. Four unique names for the Messiah

- W_____ C_____ – He didn’t just give advice; he took on himself our problems and pains, our shame and guilt, our wickedness and sin.
- M_____ G_____ – He is mighty in mercy, mighty in love, mighty in word and deed.
- E_____ F_____ – Only through him can we call God “Father.”
- P_____ of P_____ – He put the entire world at peace with God.

Conclusion: Receive Immanuel anew this Christmas and it will be your best celebration ever.

Next Steps

Read Zechariah 6:12-15 and Luke 1:5-25, 57-59 in preparation for next week’s guest preacher: *Zechariah: The Lord Is Renowned*.

Memorize Isaiah 53:5 – “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Plan to attend the *Living Nativity* December 2-4 and **commit** to getting involved in some way.