

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 13, 2017

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Pastoral Circuit Meeting at Victory of the Lamb, Franklin
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors - OWLS (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Membership Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	1:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study: <i>The Bible, Luther, and Justification</i> (Stoney Creek)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel Service (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	8:30 am	Confirmation Instruction Program Sessions for Parents (School classrooms)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Parents Club (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Worship Service

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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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

A LETTER TO YOU FROM PASTOR NATHAN STROBEL

To the people of St. Paul's, Muskego, in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you from Him who is and who was and who is to come!

It is with great humility and joyful anticipation that I accept your call to serve among you as Resident Missionary. After 19 years at Wisconsin Lutheran College, I am asked by the Spirit through God's people to once again be a full-time evangelist—winning souls for eternal life while there is still time. May Jesus continue to work wondrously through the ministry of your (our) congregation as we grow the family of believers before the Lord returns in the clouds to bring His people home!

My wife, Jean, and I are already making plans for the move to Muskego. My desire is to finish out the fall semester for the sake of my freshmen theology students as well as for the good of the college in this time of transition. Please keep my wife and me and the college in your prayers. Please know that many of God's people—both at St. Paul's and beyond--have been in prayer regarding this call to ministry. Obviously, God has answered his people and we step into the future with bold and joyful anticipation!

I look forward to getting to know as many of you as is possible in such an active ministry. I patiently await the beginning of this new opportunity to serve!

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”

Pastor Nathan Strobel

MARTIN LUTHER – A RETURN TO GRACE - GRACE ROOM STUDY

Join St. Paul's member, Mel Rindfleisch, as he facilitates the WELS-produced Bible study, based on the movie *A Return to Grace*, that will help learners explore how God used Martin Luther to bring the church back to God's grace in Christ: Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 am, in the Grace Room through November 19.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY – MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Be more than a participant. Be a partner in our ministries! Join us in this “Bible boot camp.” You will track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life. The study is led by Pastor Pete on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Register on the Connection Card.

HOUSE OR HOME: GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR BIBLICAL PARENTING

House or Home? God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting is the current Parents Club offering facilitated by School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons. It is an 8-week DVD-based series, continuing through Sunday, December 17, in school classroom 9.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS UPDATE

After tabulating the responses from the parents of Confirmation students about attending the three Parent Partnership sessions on November 18, it has been decided to offer only one of the sessions:

Christian Identity: The Key to Navigating Life Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

This session will explore how to manage the pressures parents and children face: anxiety, withdrawal, shame, depression, guilt, rejection, aggression, stress-induced illness, at risk behaviors, suicidal thoughts, and more. Parents will be reminded that the key to successful coping is Christ and their identity in him.

If this changes your plans to attend, please contact Dr. Nelson as soon as possible at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THE DOMINO EFFECT

One thing leads to another. A generous God creates generous people with a generous vision.

November 18, 19, and 22

He has made us a generous people whose generosity has made an eternal difference in the lives of thousands.

November 22 and 23 - Thanksgiving

A generous God gives us a generous vision to help those in need.

November 25, 26, and 29

He has given us a generous vision of greater work to be done.



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you of any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

WEDDING

Alex Mattek and Jennifer Czerniak were joined in marriage on Saturday, November 11. May God bless Alex and Jennifer in their marriage joined together in Christ.

BAPTISM

Fiona Lucille Baas, daughter of Andrew and Amber (nee Jefferson) Baas, was born November 8, 2017 and baptized in a private ceremony on November 9, 2017. We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Fiona.

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the altar today were given in thankfulness for the baptism of Jonathan Allan Shambeau, with love from Grandma and Grandpa Hoenecke.

HOSPITALIZED

Norman Boye is at Froedtert. Amber Baas and baby Fiona Lucille, Linda Jahns, and Eden Wallner and baby Hadley Mae have returned home.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, John Hansen, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Keith Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Marvin Pellmann, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Sergeant Christopher Verhein (protecting our country).

ATTENDANCE

1071 were in attendance last week.

PUERTO RICO MISSION PROJECT

On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria slammed into Puerto Rico, dumping two feet of rain and bringing winds of 150 miles per hour. The electric grid for the entire island was destroyed and all communication ceased.

The St. Paul's Connection

St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig (nee Colon-Rodriguez) is related to many people in Barranquitas (population 31,000) in the center of the island. Nearly two weeks after the hurricane, Diane and her sister Iris finally heard from their brother Miguel that all their family members were okay.

The Immediate Family Responds

In response to the needs of their extended family in the Barrancas neighborhood of Barranquitas, Diane and Iris mailed 28 boxes of supplies. This week Miguel reported that he has received all 28 packages and that the packages have been greatly appreciated by the people of the neighborhood.

The St. Paul's Family Responds

Pastor Panitzke asked Jay and Joan Oswald to work with Diane Ludwig to coordinate our congregation's response to the needs of those in Puerto Rico whom we consider our extended family through Diane, our sister-in-Christ.

Between now and Thanksgiving they will continue the efforts begun by the sisters of sending a package of food and supplies each day to Miguel for distribution to those in need. Special gifts already received from St. Paul's members are allowing these efforts to continue. Each of these packages are expected to cost about \$50 to pack and ship or about \$1,000 during November.

As life has begun to return to the new normal of cleaning up, fixing up, and rebuilding, without the benefit of electricity and other necessities, new challenges are appearing daily in the neighborhood. For example, the need for rat poison has been added to the list of supplies we are sending as rodents have begun showing up in the devastated city.



A Puerto Rico home, now sagging from the wrath of Hurricane Maria.



A sink hole emerges in the aftermath of Maria.

A Vision of Future Generosity

The planning group is considering the possibility of sending teams of people to Puerto Rico to bring more supplies and help with rebuilding. Our new mission partner in Costa Maya Mexico began as the result of Hurricane Dean slamming into that area ten years ago. Perhaps it will be God's will that the Christian love we show to our extended family in Puerto Rico will result in opportunities to share the comfort of God's Word in Barrancas as well.

We Invite Your Help

If you would like to be a part of this Christian relief effort, we invite gifts designated "Puerto Rico." You can also use text-to-give: text the letters PR and a gift amount (example "PR \$25") to 414-316-6733. All undesignated offerings received on Thanksgiving will also go to support our efforts to help. We praise our Generous God for the \$3,000 in generous gifts we have received to date.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

JOY-FILLED CHILDREN OF THE WORLD MISSION OPPORTUNITY

JCW is an exciting and blooming ministry to Asian children and is looking for American volunteers to teach conversational English *from their own homes* to small groups of children. Volunteers teach small classes (2-4 students, ages 9-16) via the internet for one hour per week. All classes are hosted by a "local assistant teacher." You don't have to be a certified teacher or a master of English... just friendly, patient and mentoring. The children have had at least 3 years of academic English. This program further develops their English speaking skills by engaging in conversation through Bible stories.

St. Paul's member Carol Nelson had this to say about her first impressions: "Last Saturday, I began serving as a teacher for JCW. It was very rewarding, well organized, and easy to do." Carol also expressed that the hand-out at the Welcome Center here at church is very helpful. Pick one up today. They still need 12 more teachers!

Contact Beth Radloff-Gove at bethgove@gmail.com or (512) 762-3762 with further questions.

DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Dorcas Society bake sale is Sunday, November 19. Proceeds will go to the St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and the Malawi African mission. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 18, from 7:00 until 11:00 am, or prior to the 5:00 pm worship service. Contact Marilyn Lesser at (262) 613-4144 with questions.

INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES PRESENTATION

All are invited as the Dorcas Society welcomes Pastor Joe Radsek of WELS Institutional Ministries on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 pm, in the Grace Room. Come and hear about the most recent efforts to reach those who are hungry for peace in the prison system.

MOMMY AND ME

If you are interested in a "Mommy and Me / Moms and Tots" group and/or helping to organize it, contact Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

BOYS CHURCH BASKETBALL

Teen boys, not on their high school's team, interested in playing in the high school church league should contact Dr. Nelson by December 1 at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

THE POINT OF GRACE

The Point of Grace is a WELS Milwaukee Area Campus Ministry that provides presentations throughout the course of the school year on relevant topics in today's culture. Their primary focus is on college-aged adults, but all are quite welcome and encouraged to attend. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center to find out about the November 14 topic and location.

SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR! – NOVEMBER TUG TALK

Sunday, November 26, 6:30-8:00 pm, is the next Teens Under God (TUG) Talk in the Trinity Café. As a follow-up to the discussion series on teen suicide, a 30-year-old St. Paul's member who contemplated suicide when younger, will share his story, express how glad he is to still be alive, and entertain questions. It will be a riveting and awakening session.

THE OWLS MEET ON TUESDAY

The Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors will meet on Tuesday, November 14, in the Grace Room. Administrator for WELS Home Missions Pastor Keith Free will be presenting. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided. Please contact OWLS President Bob Dahlke at (414) 422-9438 with questions.

GENEROUS – GOD... PEOPLE...VISION

FINANCIAL PEACE FROM A GENEROUS GOD

Do “finances” and “peace” go together in your life?

Often finances are a source of stress.

- Internal stress as you worry if you will be able to pay the bills.
- Family stress as spouse, children, and parents disagree on how to use the finances God has provided.

Do you want help finding “financial peace”?

We invite you to attend the next *Financial Peace University* classes offered here at St. Paul’s, beginning in January. Join others in this nine-week DVD-based course as we walk together through the seven baby steps toward financial peace.

1. Save \$1000 in a beginner emergency fund.
2. Pay off all debt (except the house) using the debt snowball.
3. Put 3 – 6 months of expenses into savings.
4. Invest 15% of your household income into Roth IRAs and pre-tax retirement plans.
5. Save for your children’s college education using tax-favored plans.
6. Pay off the house early.
7. Build wealth and give!

Indicate interest on the Connection Card.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Perhaps God has granted you financial peace. Perhaps the words, “From the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked” (Luke 12:48) challenge you to wonder, “What more could I do? How can I leave a legacy with what God has given me?” Join us in another course developed by Dave Ramsey to help us prepare to leave a legacy and earn about St. Paul’s Legacy and Gift Trust Funds that have been designed to leave a legacy. Indicate interest on the Connection Card.

WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul’s. These items are above and beyond budgeted expenses. Below is an update on the generous giving that has occurred over the last few weeks. Thank you for every gift you give to our General Fund, Mortgage Fund, and these Wish List items. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, “Wish List,” with the item title, or give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$800	\$29,200
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$2,899	\$3,801
Narthex Carpet	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Leveled Literacy Intervention System	\$4,000	\$4,000	Fully Funded

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS NEWS

PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING MEAL

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to needy families within our congregation and community on November 21. If you know of a family in need or if your family would benefit from a Thanksgiving food basket, please contact Coordinator Steve Graham at steve0828@hotmail.com or 262-232-0928 or Pastor Kuehl at dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 121.

THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 23, at 9:15 am

GIFT TREE FOR MUSKEGO CHILDREN AND ELDERLY IN NEED

As is our custom at St. Paul's, we will once again be showing Jesus' love by gathering gifts for many of the most vulnerable residents in Muskego. We have the following 3 ways set up to participate:

1. Select a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the church lobby and follow the instructions. Tags include names of children provided by the Muskego Food Pantry, as well as nursing home patients at the Muskego Health Care Center. Return the wrapped gifts by December 1. Gifts are usually priced \$30 - \$50. (New tags will arrive each week.)
2. If you don't have time to shop and prefer to contribute funds towards a gift, we have volunteer shoppers that are happy to do the purchasing and wrapping. Any dollar amount is welcome and you can even select which tag(s) you would like to sponsor.
3. Adopt-A-Family is another option this year. Please let Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner know of your interest or mark the line on the back of your Connection Card and you will be contacted with more information. Adopting a family would involve about a \$450 investment.

St. Paul's Christmas postcards, which include our Christmas worship service times, will be provided for you to include with your gifts. Please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner (414) 422-0320, ext. 294, with questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!



St. Paul's 2017 *Christmas for Kids* is Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Trinity Café and Gym. Register online at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of the Connection Card, sign the Welcome Center sheet, or contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. *Christmas for Kids* is for children ages 3-12. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their "ticket" for the morning. Contact Dr. Nelson at (414)-422-0320, ext. 145 with questions.

STONE CREEK OUTING

Stoney Creek and friends invite you to The Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson on Friday, December 8 to see *Miracle on 34th Street*. Contact Activities Director Charlene at Charlene@stoneycreekmuskego.com or (414) 422-4686 with questions or to register. Hurry, the deadline to register is November 15.