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**GENEROUS**  
**GOD... PEOPLE... VISION**  
November 11, 12, and 15, 2017

*It is hard to be generous when you are afraid that you won't have enough.  
Today we celebrate that we have a Generous God who promises to supply all that we need.*

**PRESERVICE** (*Saturday*)

**God Our Father, We Adore Thee**, *Wind Ensemble*  
*by John Zundel*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 449**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**BAPTISM**

Hymnal page 12

(*Saturday*)

*Jonathan Allan Shambeau*

*Son of Marc and Katharine (nee Hoenecke) Shambeau, born October 20, 2017*

(*Sunday 9:15 am*)

*Reed Wyatt Wegner*

*Son of Casey and Rachel (nee Keller) Wegner, born September 21, 2017*

**M** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus teaches us not to worry, to be content, and to trust that he will generously provide for all our needs.

**C** **Yet we find ourselves in a constant struggle with our old sinful nature. We doubt God's promises. We worry about the future. We believe the lie that we would be happier if we just had a little more.**

**M** Let us, therefore, acknowledge the truth, confess our sin, and ask God to forgive us.

**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.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY

- M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



- M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 439, vv. 1, 3

## Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.  
O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- C Make us mindful of your loving providence and grateful for your immense generosity,

M so that your amazing goodness to us overflows through us to the world around us. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### FIRST LESSON

**Psalm 37:16-26**, Bible page 557

*The Psalmist David invites us to trust that the LORD is able to supply our needs.*

#### SECOND LESSON

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**, Bible page 1162

*God enriches us in every way so that we can joyfully live a life of generosity.*

#### HYMN OF THE DAY 421

**All Depends on Our Possessing**

#### SERMON

**Luke 12:22-34**, Bible page 1044

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**The 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.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)

(*Sunday 7:45 am*)

(*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**Tis So Sweet To Trust**, *Woodwind Ensemble*

*arr. By Dana F. Everson*

**Psalm 62**, *Lutheran Elementary School Grades 4 and 5*

**We Gather Together**, *Bruce and Betty Marggraf*

## 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.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of six staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.'

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the 'Words of Institution'. It consists of a single staff of music in C major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 7.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 444 447

**If You But Trust In God to Guide You  
Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode**

## CLOSING PRAYER

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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

**POSTLUDE (Saturday) Trumpet Voluntary, Woodwind Ensemble**  
*by J. Clarke*

**PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl**

**ORGANIST Carol Nelson**

## 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 membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room with a new class beginning May 23. Register on the back of your Connection Card.*

*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 left 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.*

### **Your Ministerial Staff**

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 13, 2017

<b>MON</b>	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)
<b>TUE</b>	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)
<b>WED</b>	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
<b>THURS</b>	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)
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel Service (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	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
<b>SUN</b>	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](http://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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
- **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)



# 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](mailto: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 rath 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:steve0828@hotmail.com) or 262-232-0928 or Pastor Kuehl at [dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto: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.

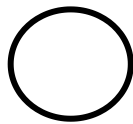
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!



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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), complete the back of the Connection Card, sign the Welcome Center sheet, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto: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.

## STONEY 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](mailto:Charlene@stoneycreekmuskego.com) or (414) 422-4686 with questions or to register. Hurry, the deadline to register is November 15.



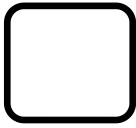
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Share highs and lows and begin in prayer together.
  
2. This week we began a series on generosity.
  - Who is the most generous person you know? Describe their generosity to your group.
  - Do you see evidence of peace in their generosity? How?
  
3. Read Luke 12:14-21.
  - How would you summarize this parable in one sentence?
  - Read the very next verse – Luke 12:22. Whenever the word “therefore” is in the Bible, we ask “*what is it THERE FOR?*” How do the words of verse 22 add value to the parable of verses 14-21?
  
4. In his message, Pastor Panitzke challenged us to identify “financial peace robbers” in our life. Name as many as you can think of that our world might struggle with – bonus points if you can come up with more than 5!
  
5. Read Luke 12:22-34
  - Which verse gives you the most peace?
  - Re-read verse 34. What are you doing in your daily life to re-align your heart with your *true* treasure?
  
6. What quality of God helps you personally remember that he is worthy of all our trust?
  
  
7. Read Luke 12:48. What does “the challenge of more” inspire you to pray about this week?



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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### **A Generous God Creates Generous People with a Generous Vision**

#### **Find Financial Peace in Your Generous God** **Luke 12:13-48**

##### **1. Confess the peace-robbers**

- a. Family a \_\_\_\_\_ about money (Luke 12:13).
- b. Worry about b \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 12:22-26).
- c. Fear of j \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 12:35-40).
- d. The challenge of m \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 12:48).

##### **2. Trust the Peace Creator**

- a. The God of i \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 50:9-11).
- b. The God who gives you the k \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 12:32).
- c. The God who knows what you n \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 12:30).
- d. The God who will not let you remain under the control of a false god.

##### **3. Claim Financial Peace**

#### **My Personal Next Steps Toward Financial Peace**

- Read again Luke 12:13-48, confessing the power of the peace robbers in your life and hearing the promises of the Peace Creator.
- Find Financial Peace with friends. On the Connection Card, indicate interest in the *Financial Peace* study that will be offered in January.
- Share Financial Peace with the next generation. On the Connection Card, indicate interest in *The Legacy Journey* study that will be offered in January.