

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 27, 2017

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| MON | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| | 7:00 pm | Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony) |
| TUE | 9:15 am | Ministerial Team Meeting |
| | 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) |
| | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| | 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 with Holy Communion |
| | 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 Forgiveness</i> (Stoney Creek) |
| | 7:00 pm | The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice |
| | 7:00 pm | Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) |
| SAT | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) |
| | 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 |

HOSPITALIZED

Daniel Dockter is at Wheaton Franciscan in Franklin, and Milton Baas is rehabbing at Hales Corners Care Center.

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).

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

REMEMBERING ST. PAUL'S HOMEBOUND

A list of our homebound members is at the Welcome Center if you would like to remember them with a card or phone call at this time of year.

GIFT TREE FOR MUSKEGO CHILDREN AND ELDERLY IN NEED — THROUGH DECEMBER 1

In partnership with the Muskego Food Pantry and Muskego Health Care Center, we are gathering gifts for many of the most vulnerable residents in Muskego. Participate in any of these ways:

1. Select a tag from the Christmas tree in the lobby. Tags have names of children and nursing home patients. Return the wrapped gifts by December 1. Gifts are priced \$30 - \$50.
2. If you don't have time to shop, 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: Let Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner know of your interest or note it on the 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Join in decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2, at 9:30 am. Contact Pastor Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.com or text Emily Krill at (262) 510-8109 for more information.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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, 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.

EVANGELISM FOR EVERYONE: MARTIN LUTHER ON VOCATION

God grants us our place in life to glorify him and to help people in need, especially in the need to know Jesus as their Savior. Join Pastor Mike Hintz, director of the WELS Commission on Evangelism, for this 4-week study —Sundays, November 26 through December 17, in the Grace Room at 9:15 am.

HOUSE OR HOME: GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR BIBLICAL PARENTING

Join School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons as he leads this Parents Club study, Sundays at 9:15 am in school classroom 9.

NOVEMBER TUG TALK

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

BOYS CHURCH BASKETBALL

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

A GENEROUS VISION

A GENEROUS GOD CREATES GENEROUS PEOPLE WITH A GENEROUS VISION



A GENEROUS VISION THAT PROVIDES FOR OUR WORKERS

In 2017, our staff grew largely through special gifts and bequests. In 2018, our goal for the General Fund will be to grow in giving to bring these staffing additions (Resident Missionary, Volunteer Coordinator, Extended Learning Coordinator) into our regular operating budget. We also hope to increase our support of our synod and high school. All this is possible only through your generous gifts to the **General Fund**.

A GENEROUS VISION THAT IMPROVES THE FACILITIES GOD HAS GIVEN

In 2018, we will be celebrating our school's 50th anniversary along with the 60th anniversary of the Centennial Gym construction. We plan to use this occasion to begin a multi-year effort to enhance our campus for future ministry. Initial plans include the paving of the playground/parking lot behind the school, improvements to the Centennial Gym, and replacing our school's aging heating units with heating/air conditioning to provide a space better suited for the year-round ministry that St. Paul's offers. We are still developing cost estimates, but we know it will be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. If you would like to give a year-end gift toward these facility enhancements, mark your gift **Anniversary Fund**.

A GENEROUS VISION THAT PREPARES FOR FUTURE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

What ministry opportunities lie just beyond our vision? We don't know what the future holds, but we do know that we already face facility challenges like lack of office space as well as our School of Early Learning childcare ministry regularly turning away families because of no room.

To prepare ourselves for future opportunities, we want to eliminate our mortgage of \$1.9 million as soon as possible. Our monthly payments of \$19,000 are funded completely through special gifts to the Mortgage Fund. Additional principal payments of \$13,000 per month could shorten the length of the loan from 10 years to 5 years and save over \$200,000 in interest! Please remember the **Mortgage Fund** in your giving plans.

WHAT IS YOUR GENEROUS VISION FOR 2018?

Do your offerings reflect the "Generous Real U" that we heard of in last week's message? Is there more you would like to do? Two courses are being offered in January to help you reach your personal financial goals and to help you fulfill your generous vision. Indicate interest in **Financial Peace University** or **The Legacy Journey** on your Connection Card.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S



WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

“What the world needs now, is love, sweet love.”

Ever since Hal David and Burt Bacharach wrote this song in 1965, countless singers have reminded us love is “the only thing that there’s just too little of.”

God knew that too. That’s why God gave the gift of Love at Christmas.

But God’s love is not a sentimental wish. It is God facing the reality of our need. It is God revealing to us how loveless we are. It is God stepping in to provide hope for the hopeless. It is God giving himself for us. Join us this Christmas season as the prophet Isaiah reveals to us that God gave us “What the World Needs Now.”

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| Dec 3 | What the World Needs Now is Truth | Isaiah 63:16 – 64:8 |
| Dec 10 | What the World Needs Now is Humility | Isaiah 40:1-11 |
| Dec 17 | What the World needs Now is Hope | Isaiah 61:1-11 |
| Dec 24 | What the World Needs Now is God Himself | Isaiah 9:2-7 |
| Dec 25 | What the World Needs Now is Peace | Isaiah 52:7-10 |

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERIES – CAROLS FOR THE NEWBORN KING

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

The great hymns of Christmas take us to the center of our faith in Christ. In our midweek Advent devotions we will take a closer look at three beloved carols for the newborn King.

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| December 6 | Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel | Hymn 23 |
| December 13 | Savior of the Nations, Come | Hymn 2 |
| December 20 | What Child Is This | Hymn 67 |

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Weekend Worship on December 23 and 24 (4th Sunday in Advent)

- Traditional Worship Service: Saturday at 5:00 pm
- Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 8:00 am
- Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday at 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Festival Worship Services: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Festival Worship Services with Holy Communion: 8:00 and 10:00 am



** The Lutheran Elementary School Christmas services are Friday, December 22, at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

There will be no Bridge service Christmas weekend.

There will be no Wednesday worship service on December 27.

New Year’s Eve and Day schedule will be the regular weekend worship schedule with Holy Communion