

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of December 4, 2017

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible In a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
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 (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship Christmas Party (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible In a Year</i> (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Advent Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by the Cancer Support Group
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study: <i>Costa Maya</i> Ministry Presentation
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:00 am	Christmas For Kids (Trinity Café and Gym)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	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	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

Note: There will be no Youth Ministry or Adult Bible Study on the Sundays of December 24 and 31.

MISSION PARTNER NEWS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR EXTENDED FAMILY IN PUERTO RICO!

When Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig's family and their neighborhood in Barranquitas were hard hit. We consider her family our family. We designated our "plate offering" on Thanksgiving Eve and Day to provide funds to help people in their neighborhood recover from the hurricane. We rejoice that we have received \$ 7,179.79 to provide assistance. Our St. Paul's Quilting Fellowship has also donated four quilts for this effort! Jay and Joan Oswald have completed our initial plan to mail supplies to Barranquitas. Our next step is to send Diane to Puerto Rico with Walmart gift cards. She will then assess the needs and purchase necessary supplies with the gift cards. Thank you for your kindness to our family in Puerto Rico.

OUR MEXICAN MISSION PARTNER – PRESENTATION ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 6:45 PM

Our newest mission partner, Pastor Martin Valleskey, of Costa Maya Ministries, will give a presentation on the gospel ministry on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico - just four hours south of Cancun. The Stoney Creek community, S69W14142 Tess Corners Drive, invites you to join them for this presentation. The evening starts at 6:45 pm with a hymn sing and then a one-hour presentation by Pastor Valleskey. We are excited that our former St. Paul's teacher Dan Thiel will be joining Pastor Valleskey in this ministry in the next few weeks! It is our prayer that mission teams from St. Paul's will soon be able to travel to help this new mission partner. Special offerings of \$500 have been given to this ministry to date. For more information check out www.costamayaministries.org.

MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest issue of the newsletter from our mission partner in Malawi, Africa is available at the Welcome Center. It speaks of the thoughts and emotions of one of the Malawi missionaries and his family who recently returned to the states. Missionary Rob Wendland will now teach future pastors in training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Thank you to the \$11,115 in generous donations given to this mission work this fiscal year which began in July.

GIFT TREE FOR MUSKEGO RESIDENTS IN NEED

There are a few additional gift tags available on the tree this weekend. Gift Tree tag numbers 1-100 are due back no later than December 6. Gift Tree tag numbers 100 – 165 are due back December 17. Thank you for the wonderful generosity you have shown in giving to our community through this program.

SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING INFANT AVAILABILITY

St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) childcare center will have an opening in the infant room beginning in September of 2018. Spread the word! Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer for more information at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200.

AWAKE AND ALIVE

Awake and Alive is holding its first ever two-day conference for college-age and young professionals (18-25 year olds) on January 5 and 6 at Wisconsin Lutheran College. The hope is to provide overnight arrangements for 30 attendees from out of town. Contact Lynda at Lynda@awakealive.com. She will assist in structuring your hosting availability in a way that's comfortable for you.

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."

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 SERVICES – CAROLS FOR THE NEWBORN KING

3:30 and 7:00 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. Each service will begin with a Christmas carol hymn-sing 15 minutes prior.



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

SOUP SUPPER – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Join us for a soup supper between Advent services Wednesday, December 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. Soup and service are provided by St. Paul's Cancer Support Group. A free will offering will be gathered at the soup supper.

HOST THE DECEMBER 13 OR 20 SOUP SUPPER

The Wednesday, December 13 and 20 soup suppers are still available for hosting. To volunteer please contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org.

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ladies, you are invited to the Ladies Afternoon Fellowship Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 6, at noon in the Grace Room. Please bring a wrapped white-elephant gift to exchange.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

SOEL Christmas Program: Thursday, December 14, 5:30 pm

Lutheran Elementary School Christmas Services: Thursday, December 22, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 23 (4th Sunday in Advent): Traditional Worship Service at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 (4th Sunday in Advent): Traditional Worship Service at 8:00 am
Contemporary Worship Service at 10:00 am

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

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

New Year's Eve and Day Worship Services: Regular weekend worship schedule with Holy Communion.

** There will be no Wednesday worship service on December 27.

There will be no Bridge service Christmas weekend.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am



Children age 3 through 12 are invited to enjoy a Christmas message, singing, crafts, and games from 9:00 am until noon in the Trinity Café and Gym. The children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their ticket for the event. Parents may stay and assist if desired. Register online at stpaulmuskego.org/Christmas-for-kids-registration,

by completing the back of the Connection Card, signing up at the Welcome Center, or emailing Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

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.

PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS MEAL

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to needy families within our congregation and community the week before Christmas. If you know of a family in need or if your family would benefit from a Christmas 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.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Hadley Mae Wallner, daughter of Brett and Eden (nee Geier) Wallner, born November 2, 2017 will be baptized in a private ceremony on Sunday, December 3. We rejoice with the Wallners in the gift of saving faith given to Hadley.

FUNERAL

Henry Brace, born July 19, 1928, received his crown of glory on November 29, 2017. Funeral arrangements are pending. May Hank's family and loved ones look to the gift of the Savior during this time, the source of all comfort and hope.

FLOWERS

The poinsettia beautifying the sanctuary today is given in celebration of David and Lynne Lemke's 36th wedding anniversary on November 28. May God bless them with many more years together in Christ.

HOSPITALIZED

Milton Baas is rehabbing at Hales Corners Care Center and Richard Smith is at St. Luke's. Carole Dellevar, Daniel Dockter, and Roger Rasmussen have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

1008 attended worship services last weekend. 687 were in attendance at Thanksgiving worship services.

THE DORCAS SOCIETY THANKS YOU

It is with great joy that the ladies of the Dorcas Society extend their gratitude to all who supported the Dorcas Society Bake Sale last Sunday, either by donating or purchasing baked goods. \$1,800 was raised and evenly distributed among St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund, Missionary John Holtz and the Malawi Mission, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Thank you to all.

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 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.

THE POINT OF GRACE DECEMBER GATHERING

The Point of Grace - a Milwaukee area college campus ministry - meets Friday, December 8, at 5:00 pm for their December gathering and Christmas Party. The location is the MSOE chapter - Grace Center, 1209 N. Broadway, Milwaukee. Go to <http://tpog.net/> for more information.