

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 15, 2018

MON	8:00 am	Western Lakes Pastoral Conference – St. John’s, Mukwonago
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year Bible Study (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting (Church Library)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer’s Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	1:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction 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)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball League
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
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 and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

Stoney Creek will be seeing *Phantom* at the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson on Wednesday, February 7. Cost is \$98. The bus will leave at 8:30 am from Stoney Creek. Please call Charlene or Cindy at (414) 422-4686 to reserve your seat today.

ENTER THE 13TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTERS

Join the Jim and Kathie Haag small group members as they sponsor the 13th Annual 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament and silent auction to support our mission partner, Lighthouse Youth Center, in Milwaukee on Sunday, January 28, beginning at 1:30 pm, at Riviera Lanes on Greenfield Avenue. Early bird registration is \$35/person and ends January 22. Registration includes three games, shoes, food, soft drinks, prizes, and a \$20 tax-deductible donation to Lighthouse. Register at lyc.ejoinme.org/bowling2018, or call Jamie Dutton at (262) 844-5072. The event is tremendous fun and for an awesome cause.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FUNERAL

Ronald Guminey, born May 13, 1939, entered eternal life in heaven on January 9, 2018. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 16, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, at Church and Chapel in New Berlin and Wednesday, January 17, at 10:00 am at St. Paul's. The funeral will immediately follow at 11:00 am. May Ronald's loved ones find peace and hope in their risen Savior now and always.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Dycorn Transitional Living, Brittany Michaels is at Children's, and Dennis Lassa is at Wheaton Franciscan in Franklin. Roger Rasmussen has returned home.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

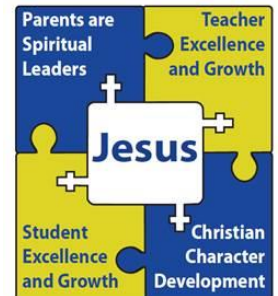
Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Tom Goodman, Janelle Gray, John Hansen, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 28

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. Schedule a tour with School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org as soon as possible or attend the open house on January 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. At St. Paul's we offer:

- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Exemplary Accredited Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Before and after school extended care and summer care
- Over \$800,000 in tuition assistance last year
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin School Choice programs (new expanded income eligibility information for 2018/19 is available at the Welcome Center)
- Online application process: www.stpaulmuskego.org



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. To give, 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	\$2,985	\$27,015
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$3,751	\$2,949
Narthex Carpet	\$4,000	\$4,000	Fully Funded
Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant	\$10,000	\$150	\$9,850
Apache Reservation Meal Event	\$2,700	\$0	\$2,700

Apache Reservation Meal Event

This is a meal-packing event that our K-8th grade students will participate in if it is fully funded by January 31. It will result in 10,000 rice, veggie, and soy-based meals sent to the WELS ministries at East Fork Lutheran in Whiteriver, Arizona. An interesting fact is that this area of Apacheland is the first WELS world mission field, established in 1893. What a blessing to possibly support our synod's very first mission! Meal-packing events are fantastic service projects for all ages to complete as a team – it's a great experience. The \$2,700 will be used to purchase the meals (from Waukesha-based Worldwide Hunger Relief) and pay for shipping costs to the Apache Reservation. This event would take place February 16 in connection with Lutheran Schools Week.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Mark your Connection Card to register or to receive more information, or call the church office at (414) 422-0320.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE: A STUDY OF MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Following the Promise will help you trace the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is leading this study on Mondays at 8:30 am and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

New participants are welcome to this study that is offered Mondays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Read a section of scripture each week and discuss it as a group with Pastor Pete Panitzke leading.

THE CULTS: AMERICA'S HOME-GROWN RELIGIONS

Join former pastor Wayne Borgwardt as he guides you through cults in America and how they do and don't relate to Jesus Christ and Scripture: Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room through February 11.

STRONG FAMILIES - BLESSED LIVES

Join Dr. Joel Nelson on Sundays at 9:15 am (same time as Kids Club) for this Parent's Club study in school classroom 9. Explore the characteristics that make a family healthy and strong. This study will run through the end of March.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Beginning Thursday, January 18, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm, we will use Dave Ramsey's course to learn the principles that can lead to financial peace. The course meets for 9 weeks in the Grace Room.

LEAVING A LEGACY – THE LEGACY JOURNEY

The Legacy Journey is a seven-week, biblically based class that teaches how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, and purposeful living. A day and time of the study will be announced soon.

MOMMY & ME BEGINS JANUARY 24

St. Paul's will begin a new social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms of young children—infant through age five on Wednesday mornings, beginning January 24, from 9:30 until 11:00 am in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at (989) 284-2854 for more information.

DIVORCECARE SUPPORT—TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

We at St. Paul's are here to help and support you. You are not alone. If you are divorced or contemplating divorce, we are here to help and support you. This is a support group for individuals, rather than couples. *DivorceCare* meets Tuesdays from 6:00 until 7:30 pm in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org, (414) 422-0320, or just show up on Tuesday.

TUG TALK — LOOK UP: DO SMART DEVICES CREATE DUMB PEOPLE?

We continue to find ways to make it easier for us to connect with one another, yet we seem to spend more time alone. Stopping the use of social media or smartphones is not the answer, but we must make sure we are awake, alive, and living life in the moment instead of living life through a screen. Evaluate how balanced our real and virtual worlds are on Sunday, January 28, at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Café.

** Going forward, TUG is making a small change. The 2nd Sunday of the month (6:30-8:00 pm) TUG will be an open gym/open cafe time. St. Paul's teens and friends can simply come to the Trinity Gym and Cafe and enjoy some physical activity of their choosing in the gym, play table games in the Cafe, or just relax with friends. There will always be adult supervision, but no other real agenda of activity. Participating teens will still sign in and out with the rule that once you are signed out, you may not return. The 4th Sunday (6:30-8:00 p.m.) will remain our TUG-Talk sessions.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PASTOR NATE STROBEL

Nate Strobel is a 1990 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He comes to St. Paul's from Wisconsin Lutheran College where he served as campus pastor and then as Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students. Prior to WLC, he served as a home missionary at Faith Lutheran Church in Tallahassee, FL, and as associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bay City, MI.

Nate is married to Jean and they have two daughters—Jessica, married to Stephen (children, Matt and Hannah) of Dover, DE, and Melissa, married to Robert (son, Daniel) of Madison, WI. Jean is a registered nurse at Froedtert Hospital in the Eye Institute.

Nate and Jean enjoy camping and hiking and walking marathons. Jean enjoys cooking and “growing in the gift of hospitality.” Nate is a fan of the outdoors enjoying hunting, fishing, and traditional archery. He is a runner, though not focused on running the Boston Marathon anytime soon!

Pastor Strobel joins our Ministerial Team as “Resident Missionary.” He will work closely with Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner to strengthen our ministry to the community around us. He will also serve as the host pastor for The Bridge service.

Nate writes, “I am honored and privileged to serve with St. Paul's in Christ's kingdom. My first week has been a joy. I thank God for this ministry team, for Sally and Pastor Pete's coaching, and for the prayers and excitement of God's people. Last Sunday's installation was a special gift from God! I thank him and I thank you. My God's Spirit continue to move this ministry forward with joy and determination.”

MR. JEFF WETZEL, OUR 5TH GRADE CO-TEACHER, RECEIVES A DIVINE CALL

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

A humble greeting to you from the hollow of our gracious Savior's hand!

On Sunday, January 7, Lamb of God Lutheran School in connection with Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis, together with the prayerful guidance of the Holy Spirit, extended a divine call to me to serve as their 7th and 8th grade teacher, as well as to lead their school as the principal.

In the upcoming weeks, I hope to speak with many of their school and congregational leaders to learn more about the exciting ministries happening at Lamb of God. I would ask for prayers of guidance as I deliberate where my family and I can best serve our Savior's earthly kingdom.

If anyone has words of encouragement, or would just like to talk about either call with me, I would ask that you do not hesitate to contact me. I am humbled, once again, to be able to deliberate where the Lord would like me to serve His earthly kingdom. I would ask for prayers for my family, myself, and for my ministry here at St. Paul's Muskego while I determine where the Lord would have me serve.

In HIS humble service!
Mr. Jeff Wetzel

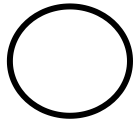
Email: jwetz@stpaulmuskego.org
Cell Phone: 414.651.5611

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.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MINISTRY REPORT

Pick up a copy of the State of the School Report prepared by School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at the Welcome Center.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share highs and lows and begin your time together in prayer.

2. What are some common items, tasks, or places that you've seen people look to when defining their identity?

3. In his message, Pastor Strobel challenged us to consider what our "safe place" is. As you consider where you feel confident and in control (aka: safe), what thoughts cause that safe place to feel a little shaky?

4. Read Isaiah 49:1-6.
 - How would you summarize these six verses in your own words?

 - Which verse brings you the most strength and/or comfort as you consider your eternal "safe place"?

5. What does it mean to dress as a son of the Kingdom of God? (Galatians 3:27)

6. Read Romans 6:3-11.
 - According to these verses, what role does baptism play in our unity with Christ Jesus?

 - What other ways are we united with God according to these verses?

7. Read Galatians 3:26-27 out loud together as a group. Consider making a commitment as a group to memorizing these two verses by the time you all meet up again. Pick a partner to hold you accountable to this challenge!