



For the week of October 7, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Team Strategic Planning Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization for Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:30 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Grace Room)
	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)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	Wedding of Justin Wauer and Alison Huebner (at The Domes)
	6:00 pm	Sheepshead Tournament (Trinity Café)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

# 10 FOR 10

Our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod produced our series “10 for 10.” The goal of the series is to help us giving with three words in mind: first fruits, proportionate,



## Plan for Giving

The program encourages us to consider tithing (giving 10% of income) for 10 weeks, beginning October 27. Next weekend you will receive an information packet and a Plan-for-Giving card. You are asked to return the card by October 27 and place it into the offering. These plans will be placed on the altar unopened as a covenant between you and God. At the beginning of 2020, they will be mailed to you so that you can evaluate your own progress in giving.

## Why a Tithe (10%)?

Old Testament believers were required to tithe as a matter of law. New Testament believers may practice tithing as an expression of their Christian freedom. Here are a few thoughts about giving in general and tithing in particular.

1. **Believers practiced tithing long before God commanded tithing.** God's promises worked powerfully in the lives of Abraham and Jacob. In thanks, they offered God a tithe of their possessions: "Then Abram gave him (Melchizedek the Priest) a tenth of everything" (Genesis 14:20). Jacob vowed, "of all that you give me I will give you a tenth" (Genesis 28:22).
2. **God commanded Old Testament believers to tithe.** In an age when most people lived a hand-to-mouth existence, God commanded his Old Testament believers to offer the tithe as an exercise of faith (Leviticus 27:30). In our age of relative affluence, could we be in a prime position to give more than a tithe?
3. **Tithing helps us revere God.** Moses told the people of Israel that through tithing they would learn to revere God (Deuteronomy 14:22-23). It helps us to revere him as our gracious Father in heaven - not just with words, but in actions.
4. **Tithing helps show gratitude to God.** "What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me" (Psalm 116:12)? Generous gifts are a Spirit-inspired response to the treasure we have in Christ.
5. **Tithing helps establish a habit of giving.** Regular tithing prevents giving from becoming something that is "hit or miss."
6. **God promises to bless those who give faithfully.** God promised his Old Testament believers that he would pour out so much blessing that there would not be room enough to store it (Malachi 3:10). Ours is a God who knows how to give good gifts to his children (Matthew 7:11)!
7. **Tithing gives glory to God and shows love to our neighbor.** Tithing has been freely used by God's people for over 4,000 years. In so doing, God has been praised, the gospel has been furthered, the Church has prospered, the needy have been helped, and greed has given way to generosity!

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## FUNERAL

Eugene Eckoldt, born June 20, 1944, entered eternal peace and joy with his Savior on October 1, 2019. The visitation will be at Heritage Funeral Home in New Berlin on Sunday, October 13, 11:00-1:00 pm, with the service immediately following. A reception will follow in the Trinity Café, 2:30 – 5:00 pm. May our God of all comfort and hope be with the loved ones of Gene today and always.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Steve Drobka, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Barbara Luedtke, Josh Nagel, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc and Marilyn Miller at Elder Care Cottages in Tichigan. Dora Jahnke is at Waukesha Memorial. Nancy Plamann has been discharged from the hospital.

## ATTENDANCE

963 attended worship services last week.

## SUNDAY MORNING KIDS CLUB



Kids Club features a large group opening followed by small group discussion to help your child apply God's word to their lives through upbeat, interactive and fun lessons. All grade levels (3k – grade 6) meet in the school. Enter through the Trinity Café and you will receive directions for your child's room location. For more information visit our website or contact Dr. Joel Nelson.

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

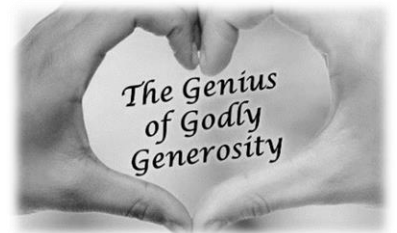
Two opportunities are available to join in on this study:

- Sundays, 8:00-9:00 am, 12 weeks remaining
- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm, 10 weeks remaining

Wide-open discussion will challenge you to rethink deeply the promises of our God. Non-members are welcome to use this class as a path to membership at the end, or just as a chance to connect with the God of the Bible. Tuesday classes meet in the Faith Room at church, Sunday classes in Room 8 in the school. Register on the back of your Connection Card. It will be a joy!

## NEW GRACE ROOM SERIES FOR OCTOBER

*What Is the Genius of Godly Generosity?* starts this week, focusing on Scripture's teaching of Christ-centered generosity. Explore the transformation this generosity can bring to our lives and to St. Paul's ministry as we seek to bring as many people as possible with us to heaven. St. Paul's School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons is presenting this study the Sundays of October, 9:15-10:15 am, in the Grace Room.



## LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study meets in the Faith Room at 9:00. All ladies are welcome. For more information contact Group Leader Michele Eiche at (414) 202-7522.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WELCOME HOME WORSHIP SERIES—OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 28

If you read the Bible and count each time believers are called “brothers and sisters,” you’ll reach triple digits quite quickly. It’s clear the Holy Spirit wants us to think of each other as family. We understand the important roles moms and dads play. We know the joys (and challenges) of having siblings. But these relationships are only temporary; blood relatives are taken away from us by death. Our loving heavenly Father wants us to know that what unites us to our spiritual family is infinitely more powerful than any biological bond. In fact, the companionship we enjoy with our spiritual brothers and sisters will last for eternity. In our *Welcome Home* worship series, beginning October 27, we’ll celebrate how our Father in heaven knits us together into a spiritual family, we’ll see the benefits of being part of this family and we’ll rejoice that God has given us a family where all are welcome. Think of someone to invite now!

WELCOME  
*Home*

## THE OPPORTUNITY OF A SECOND SITE

Approximately 125 people attended our open forums regarding a mission opportunity. Read more about it in *The Messenger* available at the Welcome Center. The Ministry Board will discuss your comments and the results of the simple questionnaire at their October 17 meeting. May God grant us wisdom to know what is best.

## LATEST MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE AVAILABLE

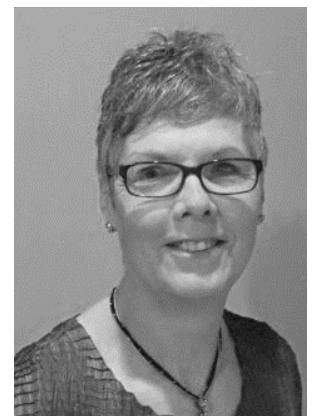
Pick up the latest Mission Partner Communique from Pastor John Holtz, a son of our congregation and a missionary in Malawi. Your gifts designated “Malawi Mission Partner” provide the synod with approximately 1/3 of the funds necessary to provide for Pastor Holtz’s on-going mission work in Malawi.

Thank you to all of you who stopped by the Under the Canopy last Sunday to hear about the mission trips taken by many of our members to Africa this summer. It was a pleasure to share our stories. Thank you also for the donations that will go to support the Vulnerable Children’s Foundation and WELS Kingdom Workers.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Nadine Steger is St. Paul’s contact reporter for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society. As our contact reporter Nadine serves as the communication link for all LWMS information and happenings. She is eager to work with the ladies of the congregation in promoting mission awareness. Please contact her with any questions you might have at (262) 679-1997.

The fall rally for the Milwaukee Metro South Circuit of LWMS will be held on Saturday, October 26, at St. Paul’s in Franklin. The Hmong outreach efforts in Vietnam will be the topic presented by the mission speaker, Rev. Paul Prange. Registration information along with a schedule for the day can be picked up at the Welcome Center in the lobby.



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **OWLS – ORGANIZATION FOR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SENIORS**

Bring a bag lunch to the Grace Room on October 8 at noon, enjoy some social time, and hear Chaplain Mark Wenzel speak on our church body's ministry to the institutionalized. Contact Charlene Pingel at (262) 490-2579 for more information.

## **MOMMY & ME**

Moms of children newborn through age 5, consider joining St. Paul's social, spiritual, and service oriented group - *Mommy & Me*. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in the Faith Room. Contact Samantha Lindner for additional details at (989) 284-2854.

## **DIVORCECARE**

Discover hope and healing out of the darkness of divorce through God's Word, Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, in school classroom 8. If you are not able to make it every Tuesday, that is alright. Just come when you can.

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 12**

St. Paul's annual Sheepshead Tournament is Saturday, October 12, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, in the Trinity Café and Gym. Entry fee is \$5 per person to offset the cost of food and prizes. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center with more information, including how to reserve your spot.



## **ST. PAUL'S GLOW FUN RUN / WALK**

St. Paul's Church and School will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5k/1 mile Glow Fun Run/Walk on October 18, 5:30-8:30 pm, on our campus. Get your glow on as you take on the night dressed in neon. Get a team together to run/walk the neon guided course and enter to win the Best Glowed Out award and other fun glow-getter awards. A glow after-party will follow with music, concessions, a Tess Corners firetruck, and more. Pick up registration information at the Welcome Center in the lobby. October 7 registration is the deadline to receive a 2019 Glow Run shirt.



## **SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS DESIRED FOR UPCOMING FESTIVAL SERVICES**

We would love to have you sing in the choir or play in the orchestra at our Reformation and Advent festival services. Please contact Michele Eiche at (414) 202-7522 if interested in singing. Rehearsals are Sundays at 8:00 am and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, beginning October 6. Please contact Heidi Schuh at (414) 530-4284 if interested in playing in the orchestra. Mass rehearsals will be Wednesday, October 30, at 6:30 pm, and Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 am.

## **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have an immediate need for additional volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild, which helps prepare the church for worship services each week. Please contact Heidi Schuh at 414-530-4284 if you can help.