



For the week of December 16, 2019

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Woodwinds Rehearsal
TUE	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) Ministerial Growth Team Meeting Walking Group (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) Volleyball League <i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	9:30 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mommy & Me (Faith Room) Advent Worship Service Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes Advent Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice Card Players' Group – Hearts (Faith Room) <i>Come Join this Fun Group!</i>
FRI	11:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lutheran School Dismissed for Christmas Break Lutheran School Christmas Service (Main Church) Lutheran School Christmas Service (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Zoller/Bush Wedding Rehearsal Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 3:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service Hannah Zoller and Aaron Bush Wedding Ceremony

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The office will be open 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, December 26 – January 3.

The office will be closed on December 24, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

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BAPTISM

Noa Joan Fink, daughter of Joshua and Jessica (nee Rowaldt) Fink, was born December 10, 2019, and baptized in a private ceremony on December 13, 2019. May God bless Noa in her saving faith.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

HOSPITALIZED

Gary Ives is at Froedtert. Dan Navarrete and Jon Schneck have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

943 were in attendance at last weekend's services; 317 at midweek Advent services.

TEACHER DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

December 9, 2019

To the saints at St. Paul's, Muskego:

Advent greetings in the name of the Word made flesh! I write to you in acknowledgement of the divine call which the Lord has led you to extend to me – a call to teach grade 5 and oversee elements of Traditional Worship coordination at your church and school.

Please keep both schools, the associated congregations, and my family in your prayers through the deliberation process as God's hand leads to the best decision at this time.

May we simply and humbly pray along with the hymn writer:

<i>The world may hold Her wealth and gold;</i>	<i>To Him hold fast until at last</i>
<i>But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true treasure.</i>	<i>A crown be yours and honor in full measure.</i>
	<i>(Hymn 40)</i>

In Christ,
Mr. Paul Kanzenbach

DECEMBER GRACE ROOM SERIES

Using the first two chapters of Luke, *Important Arrivals: Jesus and John* will focus on how God prepared the ancient world for the arrival of his Son. Join Mr. Mark Rieke, director of enrollment for Wisconsin Lutheran High School and a veteran high school history and religion instructor, Sundays in December in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am.

NEW MEMBER BIBLE STUDY – FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

Be more than a participant. Be a partner in our ministries! Join this Bible basics class where you are sure to grow in your appreciation of what the Bible teaches. Reinforce the reason for the hope that you have and increase your ability to share it with others, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Nate or mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

AWAKE AND ALIVE 2020

Awake and Alive, a national Christian event ministry for the 18-25 generation and leaders of this generation, was founded and currently led by Mike Westendorf, St. Paul's new Artist in Residence and Director of Video Production. Make plans to attend the 2020 Winter Conference on January 10 and 11 at the Best Western on Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. Talk to Mike or visit awakealive.com to learn more!

4 WAYS TO INVITE TO OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tis the season to celebrate! We are often very busy this time of year spending time with family and friends, attending holiday parties, travelling, shopping for presents, and much more. Naturally, it's can be difficult to pause and remember what all the busyness and celebration is for and what all the gifts represent – the gift of Christ coming to earth.

At St. Paul's, most of what we do in December centers around remembering that gift, and it all leads up to our Christmas celebrations. The Christmas season is a unique time of year when those who don't normally go to church are open to attending a service. We desire to see people from the community come and hear what God has offered all of us through the birth of Jesus. People will hear the message of the good news of Jesus in a way that is memorable, impactful, and hopefully sparks curiosity.

Below are some helpful ideas to invite people to one of our Christmas services this year!

1. Post Card Invites

Take a bunch of our Christmas post cards to keep with you throughout your day. You will find stacks of them in the lobby. Give them to people as it makes sense during your day – neighbors, coworkers, waiters, bank tellers, whoever you come into contact with!



2. Website

Tell people to go to www.stpaulmuskego.org where our website will open right up to information about our Christmas Eve services and what to expect on their first visit. You can also tell people to Google "St. Paul's Muskego," and they'll find us that way too.

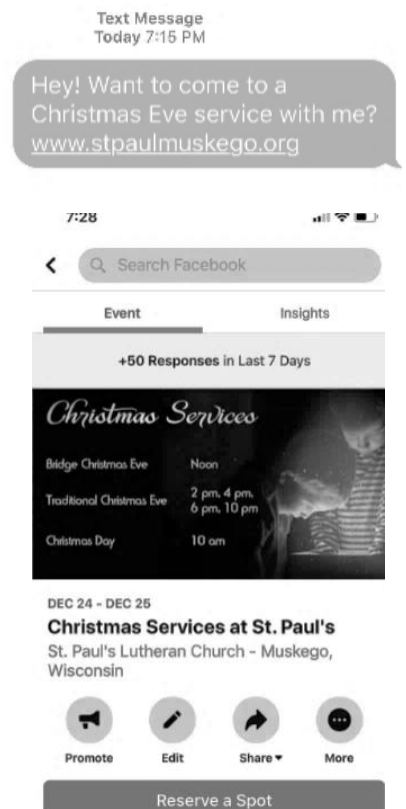
3. Text

Text them a link to our website where our Christmas Eve info is on the front page.

4. Facebook

Go to our Christmas Eve Facebook event page and mark "going..." and then share the event with your friends.

These are just a few ways to help you thoughtfully invite your friends and family to Christmas Eve this year. We are looking forward to spending Christmas Eve celebrating with you!



PRAISING GOD FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDS IN NEED GIFTS

Each week we receive gifts for our Friends in Need fund. The pastors use these funds to help people with food, gas, utilities, rent, medical costs and other bills. When a member or a stranger asks for help, two or more pastors talk about the help that we can give. We get the “thanks,” but you who generously give to the Friends in Need fund are the ones to be thanked. Here is a note we recently received:

Dear pastors,

The holidays are very hard for me and being in the situation I am in has weighed very heavy on me. Words cannot express the deep gratitude I have for helping me out... That was a great burden lifted off of me to take a breath from all the stress... Your acts of kindness have humbled me greatly. It has also shown me God's love for me through such a selfless act. God bless you both!

Signed by a St. Paul's member

Several months ago, we sought to multiply the Friends in Need gifts by using some of in “RAWKS Fund Seed Packets.” Here are a few reports of these Random Acts of Worship Kindness.

RAWKS AT WORK

I used money from my envelope to buy peanut butter for our homeless veterans in the Milwaukee area. It will be donated to the Clement J Zablocki VA Medical Center for distribution to the homeless vets. I told a few people at work about this Random Acts that St Paul's is doing and many other people donated. We got over 100 jars of peanut butter. Other people also donated baby wipes, band aids, deodorant, tooth brushes, and tooth paste. Ten dollars turned into 100's of dollars of items for our homeless vets really quick! Thank you for this opportunity to talk to others about St Paul's and this amazing thing.

RAWKS AT SCHOOL

We used the RAWKS money to fund a portion of a CD player that was purchased for a pre-k classroom. The classroom was in need of this for the kids and thought it would be a good use of the funds.

RAWKS ON THE STREETS

There are so many wonderful ways to share a little happiness with an unexpected gift. We knew, however, that we wanted to give the gift face-to-face and were watching for such an opportunity. The envelope rode around in my purse for weeks, until one day I pulled up to a stop light at a busy intersection, and there was a middle-age couple standing in the median with a sign asking for help, and I happened to pull up right next to them. I didn't think I had any cash with me, but then I remembered the RAWKS envelope and had just enough time before the light changed to fish it out of my purse and hand it to them and to share that Jesus was the reason for the gift. We so often feel tentative in such situations—questioning whether someone's motives are sincere—but perhaps we just need to trust that people who are humbling themselves so much to literally beg for help are truly in need and leave the outcome to God. “Crossing the barrier” to reach back to these people didn't come naturally to me in the moment. The lesson has made an impact, though, and we see more clearly how many opportunities we have to “cross the barrier” to others every day, not just to someone who might need a meal, but to someone who needs a kind word or just a smile.

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WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

On Wednesday, December 18, we will conclude our midweek Advent services at 3:30 and 7:00 pm with the theme *God's Glory in His King*. Enjoy the Christmas carol hymn-sing 15 minutes prior.



LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Friday, December 20, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Whom Could You Invite?

Hearing the kids get ready for the Christmas service is one of the best times of the year. Hearing them sing. Hearing the 8th graders read their individual parts. Hearing classrooms get ready for recitations. All are awesome! If a family you know is thinking about St. Paul's as a school home, inviting them to the Christmas service is a must! The Christmas service proclaims what makes our school so important – the gospel is here! Whom can you invite?

Sincerely in Christ,

Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons

St. Paul's School Administrator

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

Christmas Eve *Noon at The Bridge; 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 pm Traditional Services*

Christmas Day with Holy Communion *10:00 am*

New Year's Eve with Holy Communion *5:00 pm*

REMEMBERING ST. PAUL'S HOMEBOUND

Remember our homebound members with a card, note, or phone call at this time of the year. A list of our homebound members and their contact information has been placed at the Welcome Center.

A CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX FOR THOSE IN NEED

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to families in need within our congregation and community on December 19, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, in the Trinity Café. If you know of a family in need or if your family could benefit from this service, please contact Pastor Kuehl at (414) 422-0320, ext. 121 or dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S TEEN BASKETBALL LEAGUE TO START

Very soon, St. Paul's will be pulling together its team to play in the WELS High School Boys Basketball League. The league starts soon. If you are a member of St. Paul's and not playing on your high school's basketball team, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org to receive information as it becomes available.

ST. PAUL'S CLEAN TEAM STAFF OPENING

A position on our clean team will be open in January. This paid position with 4-8 hours on weeknights and some occasional fill-in hours on weekends, is responsible for cleaning the school, church, and the child care facilities to create an optimal environment for student learning and worship. Contact Staff Minister Randy Fink, church administrator, at rfink@stpmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 120, to apply.