



Week of January 27, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Strings Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
TUE	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	10:45 am	Blood Drive (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	High School Boys Basketball (Trinity Gym)
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service



Watch for more information next weekend!

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Bryn Evelyn Novak, daughter of Adam and Ashley (nee Lewis) Novak, was born September 2, 2014, and will be baptized during the 10:45 am service on Sunday, January 26, 2020. May God bless Bryn and the Novak family today and always!

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, Judy Schmidt, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

James Moll and Nancy Rindt are at Waukesha. Ralph Morbeck has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

1095 were in attendance at last week's services.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you of any need your child has. Our ushers will be happy to direct you if needed.

ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Enjoy camaraderie and a fantastic buffet style chicken dinner on February 16, 10:00 – 1:00 pm in the Centennial Gym. Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby to help-out. For more information, contact Chicken Dinner Coordinator Jim Ross at (414) 315-7119 or jcragency@gmail.com.

2020 CHURCH PICNIC

Opportunities for service on our Church Picnic Planning Team have opened up. If this is something you'd like to explore, please contact Pastor Kuehl at dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 121. This year's picnic is set for Sunday, August 2.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

Invite someone to join you for the next *Following the Promise* class where you will be sure to grow in your understanding of the truths of God's Word and his promises for you and all people. The class begins February 11, at 7:00 pm, continuing for the next 11 weeks. Please text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236 or mark the back of your Connection Card to let us know of your interest.

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOB

Grow in understanding God's ways as walk along with Job through his struggles. Join Rev. Dr. Mark Braun of Wisconsin Lutheran College for this Grace Room Bible study series, February 2-March 1, 9:15 am.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GAINING GROUND UPDATE

Thank you for your support of Wisconsin Lutheran High School and *Gaining Ground!* WLHS is excited to announce that \$928,000 has now been raised towards the \$1 million goal by January 31, 2020. If you would like to take part in this opportunity to help our Lutheran high school acquire additional land and meet the needs of over 800 students, visit wlhs.org/giving.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

STRONG FAITH, STRONG MINDS, KIND HEARTS – SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TODAY!

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? **The Pre-K-8th Grade School Open House** is on Sunday, January 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm! Meet our teachers, visit the classrooms, and learn about our school.



- **St. Paul's offers...**

- Daily Bible study and Bible history time treasuring God's Word
- Christ-centered teaching and learning across the curriculum
- Christian-centered character development and mentoring
- Excellent test scores with 75% of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
- High parent-satisfaction ratings
- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Before and after school care
- Generous tuition assistance—over \$600,000 in financial aid given each year
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs

If you are not able to attend the Open House or would like more information about School Choice, Principal Seth Fitzsimmons would be happy to set up a one-on-one visit with you. You can contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2020-2021

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Milwaukee or Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for more information at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would love to have your family take a tour of our school!

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$46,926	\$53,926
4	\$56,650	\$63,650
5	\$66,374	\$73,374
6	\$76,098	\$83,098
*Add \$9,724 for each additional family member		

Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$63,990	\$70,990
4	\$77,250	\$84,250
5	\$90,510	\$97,510
6	\$103,770	\$110,770
*Add \$13,260 for each additional family member		

SCHOOL TROPHIES AVAILABLE FROM YOUR GLORY DAYS

Our school has cleaned out many of its trophies from the years 2002-2014. If anyone is interested in having any of these trophies, please come to the school office or contact Athletic Director Josh Lepke at jlepke@stpaulmuskego.org.

THANKING GOD FOR MINISTRY MIRACLES

This past year our staff was asked to share gospel victory stories happening in their area of ministry. The following is a victory shared by Pastor Nate:

“Mary” is still a guest of St. Paul’s, though she has been among us for 2+ years. Mary would tell you that she did not know what Jesus had done for her before God brought her to our ministry. Good Friday worship, two years in a row, led to the Following the Promise Bible study in 2018. Since that time, Mary is still not an attender of weekly worship, though she is a faithful attender of weekly Bible study.

Mary is the product of abuse and assault on her person. Alcoholism and unbelief are familial; though God has now spared her from both. Post-traumatic stress is real. Deep hurts over the years have caused questions to be directed God’s way. But the faith is there and growing! “Well, I know what you would say, Pastor,” is slowly being replaced by “I know what God says.” “I am not sure I get it,” is being replaced by “Sometimes I still wonder.”

Sometimes victory is not in a moment but in the long haul. What a privilege to just “be Jesus” for someone—patient, caring, sharing, repeating.

This is just one of many miracles of God’s grace that happen on our campus and school because of your generous support of St. Paul’s ministry. Through our synod mission offerings, we can even say that we are part of gospel victories in places like China, India and Malawi. Thank you!

GOD HAS RICHLY BLESSED ST. PAUL’S OVER THE PAST YEAR.

- In June, the fiscal year ended with a cash surplus that we were able to put in our Maintenance and Capital Improvement Fund. Our goal is to grow this fund so that we have resources to take on the major maintenance items that arise on our large campus.
- Offering support for the first six months of this current fiscal year is ahead of projections.
- *The Cool Million* effort received nearly \$400,000 in gifts in 2019! The two largest *Cool Million* projects have been completed: new HVAC in our school and re-roofing and repairs to the sanctuary.
- Our Mortgage Fund continues to receive generous gifts to erase our mortgage by 2027.
- Our Legacy and Gift Trust Funds received a very large bequest over the last two years that will enable our ministry to reach more people for Christ for years to come! In February, our Legacy Committee will be sharing more information about these funds.

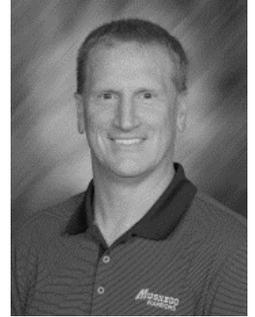
FOR ALL OF THIS, WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!

If you would like a copy of your personal 2019 offering statement, for tax purposes or to prayerfully evaluate your giving over the past year, you can find it by logging on to My St. Paul’s. You can find a login button on the top of the StPaulMuskego.org home page. Click on “Involvement” on your profile page to find your financial information. Here you will find offering statements for the past three years. You may also contact Church Accountant Becky Wetzel at bwetzel@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 112 to assist.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

CALL EXTENDED – FIFTH GRADE TEACHER

On Thursday, January 16, the Ministry Board approved the School Ministry Action Team's recommendation to call Mr. Mark Sievert to be our next 5th grade teacher. Mr. Sievert is a 2002 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College and previously served at Garden Homes Lutheran School and Hope Christian School in Milwaukee. We ask God to bless Mark as he considers God's will for his career path. Mr. Sievert sent the following letter to the congregation upon receiving of the call:



January 17, 2020

To our church family at St. Paul's Lutheran:

This letter is to acknowledge I have received your Call to serve as 5th grade teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Muskego, Wisconsin.

I have been blessed to be teaching in our wonderful community of Muskego for the past 12 years in our public school system, teaching 5th grade at Lake Denoon Middle School. Now comes the exciting task of deliberating our loving Father's plan for me in determining whether or not I return to serve Him in our WELS Christian centered schools.

Our family has been so blessed through St. Paul's. Our daughter, Savannah, graduated in 2018, and our son Cooper is currently a 5th grade student. And we have been fed through the faithful teaching and preaching of God's Word. I am truly humbled that St. Paul's saw in me the gifts to extend this call to work alongside an amazing faculty and serve the souls of the students in this wonderful school.

Please keep me and my family and St. Paul's ministry in your prayers to lead us where to serve Him.

In Christ,
Mark Sievert

SCHOOL SHOP CLASS – ASSISTANT TEACHERS DESIRED

If you have skills in basic tools, woodworking, small engine repair, or any of the trades, Principal Fitzsimmons would love to talk to you about volunteering to assist with short-length, once-a-week, shop class electives that will begin fall of 2020 for our middle school students. Contact Principal Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or indicate interest on your Connection Card.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is hiring multiple people to be placed on the substitute teacher's aide list. Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, for a job description and to apply.

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATOR OPENING AT THE POINT OF GRACE, MILWAUKEE

The Point of Grace campus ministry in Milwaukee is hiring a ministry administrator. This part-time position oversees and coordinates campus ministry for four Milwaukee college campuses. The ideal candidate would be someone passionate about serving college-aged students, self-driven, and organized. For further information including a detailed job description, contact Pastor Aaron Strong at astrong@gracedowntown.org.

FRIENDS IN NEED FUND MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to the many members of the St. Paul's family who give regularly to our Friends in Need Fund. This fund gives our pastors and staff the flexibility to help those in financial crisis, both within our congregation and those in our community. Recently this fund has allowed us to help with medical expenses, pay bills that are behind on payment due to job loss, and give pre-purchased grocery and gas gift cards in a time of financial difficulty. If you know someone in need, we encourage you to reach out to any of our pastors. Below are two recent examples of larger gifts provided through Friends in Need.



DONATION TO MUSKEGO SENIOR TAXI

Sally Wallner, St. Paul's community outreach coordinator, was privileged to give a \$1,000 check to Muskego Senior Taxi to help purchase a much needed new car for the Muskego Senior Taxi. We saw it as a great way to show Christian love to members of our community.

A HEART-FELT THANK YOU

Recently we received the following thank you note from a couple who struggled with drug abuse. Both were sent to jail. We have changed the names and some of the information to preserve the confidentiality of these thankful Christians who received many gifts from our Friends in Need Fund.

Dear Pastors,

David and I wanted you to know that even after all these years we haven't forgotten all the help you gave to us. From jail visits, to putting money on our jail accounts, and picking us up on release day, putting us up in a motel when we had no place to go, the gift cards and all the financial help you provided for us, and most of all showing us you believed in us.

We are both in a good place today because you showed us you cared without judgment. Today both of us live a clean and sober life. David and I are both working steadily. I am going back to school to complete a degree. We just purchased a new car, our rent and other bills are paid every month. We have reestablished relationships with family members. With the enclosed gift card we would like to continue to help others who are where we were. Please pass this on to a person or couple who needs a little help during this holiday season. We want to be able to continue to help others. Thank you. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear members of the St. Paul's Family, thank you for making these kinds of lifechanging gifts possible!

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

JOHNSON CREEK MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Last fall, the Ministry Board shared with the members of St. Paul's a mission opportunity in Johnson Creek. The owner of the Gobbler Theater has become a member of St. Paul's and has offered use of this 400-seat concert venue free of charge on Sundays for a new mission start. Since last fall, we have also received a very generous gift of \$45,000 from a mission-minded member of our synod for this opportunity. A



core group of 14 individuals in the Johnson Creek area have begun meeting weekly for Bible study and are asking for St. Paul's assistance in getting a new mission started. Recently Western Wisconsin District President Jensen entrusted the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board with the responsibility of working with St. Paul's and the core group to develop this mission proposal. Pastor Panitzke has already met twice with members of the mission board. Please join us in prayer that the mission board can help St. Paul's and the core group as we seek to develop a ministry plan that is acceptable to the core group and to our fellow Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod members and churches in the Johnson Creek area.

WISH LIST

The items listed below would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List," with the item title, or give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Promethean Board	\$4,500	\$4,500	Fully Funded
iPads for PreK Classrooms	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
Photo Feature Walls for church lobby and Trinity Café	\$4,000	\$875	\$3,125
Church Signage Updates	\$6,373	\$0	\$6,373
Church Family Room Furniture Updates	\$8,850	\$1,180	\$7,670

Family Room Update

Our Family Room is used extensively by our guests, not only by parents with small children but also baptismal families, brides, and disabled persons. Our pastors often use it as a place to meet with people.

- \$2,600 – Leather loveseat with accent pillows
- \$2,600 – Leather loveseat and accent pillows
- \$1,250 – Leather recliner
- \$1,150 – Mirror and two end-tables

iPads for PreK Classrooms

The 20 iPads currently used in our PreK classrooms were purchased in 2015 and are in need of replacement in order to support the system requirements for updated apps. These advances in technology help to further our educational goals and outcomes in the classroom. Apps include content areas such as literature, language acquisition, letter and number recognition, speech development, phonics, math, reading, and Bible stories. New this year are age appropriate coding apps to help children strengthen creativity, logical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Total cost is approximately \$8,000, with \$3,000 in gifts already given. Thank you for the generous gifts already given to this initiative!

WINTER RETREATS

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

The following retreats and enrichment are designed to help you fulfill your role within your family, whether you are male or female, single or married. We at St. Paul's are committed to strengthening families. It is one of our core values. If you are interested in attending one of these events and find the cost an obstacle, please contact Pastor Pete. If you are looking for a RAWKs Fund idea, consider sponsoring an individual or couple to attend one of these events to strengthen their Family Church. (At St. Paul's, we encourage families and small groups to have their own RAWKs Fund, a fund to show Random Acts of Worship Kindness.)



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT ONLINE RESOURCE

Grace for Marriage is a collection of online video resources for marriage enrichment. This is a subscription-based program that St. Paul's has purchased access to for you. These excellent videos for you and your spouse can be accessed by going to marriagelab.graceformarriage.com and using login: **SPMUSKEGO1234** with password: **Muskego_2020** God bless your walk with the Lord as he strengthens your marriage and your faith in him through this program.



MARRIAGE RETREAT

Invest in your most important earthly relationship - your marriage. You and your spouse will grow together in your faith life, enjoy date-night activities and uplifting music, and learn practical, relationship-building skills such as intimacy, structuring priorities, and applying God's covenant to marriage. This retreat is happening at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, February 28-March 1. For more information and to register, visit www.withthisringretreat.com.



WOMEN'S RETREATS

MARCH 13-15 The 20th Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat will be March 13-15 at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh. Registration and additional information can be found at pathwaystochrist.org.

MARCH 20-22 The Christian Woman Today Retreat, planned by a committee of women from Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, will be held March 20-22 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Information on breakout sessions and registration forms is available at ChristianWomanToday.org.

MEN'S RETREAT

The *Men of His Word* conference uses God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities, and the world. The 10th annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 8. Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online registration information are available at www.menofhisword.org.

