

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 12, 2018

Lutheran Schools Week		
MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Through the Bible Study in a Year (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	Through the Bible in a Year (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by The Quilting Fellowship (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday 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	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study – <i>Luther and Worship</i> (Stoney Creek)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	1:00 pm	Apache Meal Packing Event (Trinity Gym)
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	<i>Legacy Journey</i> (Faith Room)
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:00 am	St. Paul's Annual Chicken Dinner (Centennial Gym)
	10:15 am	The Bridge
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service	

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISMS

Eleanor Rae Giuliani, born December 25, 2017, is the daughter of Sarah and Matthew Giuliani and will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, February 11.

Cassie May Schwabe, born December 28, 2017, is the daughter of Alyssa Wutke and Joshua Schwabe and will be baptized after the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, February 11.

We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Eleanor and Cassie through the waters of Baptism and God's Word.

FUNERAL

Betty Lou Kehoss, born July 4, 1939, entered eternal life with her Savior on February 1, 2018. A Christian funeral was held February 6, 2018. May the loved ones of Betty find comfort in the promises of their risen Savior today and always.

HOSPITALIZED

Brittany Michaels is at Froedtert, and Margaret Kujath is rehabbing at Waukesha Linden Grove.

ATTENDANCE

708 attended last week's worship services at St. Paul's.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday 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 to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER NEXT SUNDAY

Our annual congregational chicken dinner is Sunday, February 18, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Centennial Gym. Enjoy camaraderie and a great meal together as a St. Paul's family. Many volunteer opportunities are available to help make this event a success. Sign-up today in the church lobby.

ST. PAUL'S WALKING CLUB

Like to walk, but don't like the ice, snow, and cold? Join St. Paul's Walking Club on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 10:00 am in the Trinity Gym and Cafe. After the walk enjoy coffee and great conversation.

SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING TEACHERS AID OPENING

SOEL is hiring a year-round, full-time, teachers aide for the Infant Room. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org to apply. You may also stop by the SOEL office located in the east wing of the church to pick up an application.

TEENS UNDER GOD MEETS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The next TUG meets Sunday, February 11, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Trinity Café and Gym. Enjoy physical activity in the gym, table games in the café, or just relax with friends. No other agenda.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

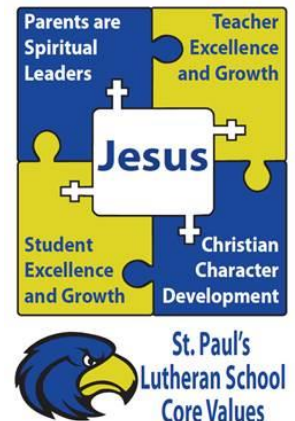
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS MONDAY

Our Lutheran schools are treasured places...because Jesus is there. Lutheran Schools Week takes time to celebrate that – the joy and impact of Christ on our kids and families. Our classes “take every thought and make it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). We assist your family by helping your kids “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). We are very blessed to have your support in prayers, offerings, and volunteerism! Thank you! This week we celebrate with dress-up days for the kids: Black Day respecting Ash Wednesday and Class Color Day on Friday. The Apache mission meal-packing event takes place on Friday as well. By the end of the week we seek the goal of re-enrolling 90% of our students. Keep praying for our school that more and more children come to grow closer to Jesus each day as we partner with parents in this awesome task!

ENROLL NOW FOR PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons would love to give you a tour of our school facilities and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org.

- 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 (Income eligibility is available at the Welcome Center in the lobby)
- Online application process: www.stpmuskego.org/tads



MR. JUSTIN WALZ ACCEPTS DIVINE CALL TO WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Justin Walz—our 7th grade homeroom, 6th-8th grade science teacher, and athletic director—has accepted his call to teach freshmen religion and coach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. We are grateful to God for the many blessings that Mr. Walz's ministry has brought to our students and families here at St. Paul's for the past nine years (2009-2018). He writes the following to the congregation:

St. Paul's Members,

After prayerful consideration, the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve as teacher of Theology and coach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. I believe that my ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran will be the best way to fulfill the mission statement of bringing more people in my area of influence closer to Christ!

My wife, Laura, and I want to thank all of you for the many prayers on our behalf as I deliberated my call. We also appreciate the numerous conversations and kind words that were spoken on my behalf. I have been blessed in my years at St. Paul's, and we are excited that we will be able to remain a part of the St. Paul's church and school family.

In Christ Alone,
Justin Walz

MR. JEFF WETZEL DECLINES DIVINE CALL

Mr. Jeff Wetzel, our 5th grade co-teacher, has declined his call to Lamb of God Lutheran School in West Allis to serve as school principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. We thank God for leading Mr. Wetzel to continue his service among us and pray that he would lead the right candidate to Lamb of God according to his plan.

PUERTO RICO MISSION PARTNER UPDATE

On September 23, 2017, Hurricane Maria ripped through the island of Puerto Rico. Miguel Pagán Rodríguez's home was completely destroyed with only its foundation remaining. During a visit in December, St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig and her brother-in-law, Miguel, rated Miguel's rebuilding project as the highest need in Diane's hometown of Barrancas Sector Matadero. As a result of gifts given by members and friends of St. Paul's, Miguel's home is now being restored. The picture below shows the progress that has already been made.

Barrancas Sector Matadero is located a very long 36 miles (about 3 hours by car) from the capitol city of San Juan, in the hills in the middle of the island. Miguel's project was selected because his house was one of two demolished by Hurricane Maria in the village and received no assistance from FEMA funding.

The villagers have also received nearly fifty solar lights from their friends at St. Paul's. These lights charge during the day in the bright sunshine of Puerto Rico and light up the village houses at night. Electricity has not yet been restored in the village. It isn't expected to return until sometime in March at best. The lights are continually reminding the people of Barrancas that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



In addition, the people of the village have received funds from their friends at St. Paul's to buy paint (and painting supplies) that will replace the paint that was sucked off the surface of their homes by the hurricane. These gifts supplement the food and supplies that were sent to the village initially by Diane and her sister, Iris, in October in the immediate aftermath of the hurricane. Then the gifts of food and supplies continued in November and December when members and friends of St. Paul's heard of Diane and Iris' generosity and their concern for the welfare of their family members in Puerto Rico.

Of the nearly \$9,000 that was given to St. Paul's, just over \$2,000 remains available. In January, representatives of the WELS Christian Aid Relief (CAR) toured the locations of the three churches that are affiliated with the WELS in San Juan, Guayama and Humacao. They discovered that the church in Humacao, a wooden structure, was completely destroyed by the hurricane. The balance of the St. Paul's Puerto Rico Relief Fund will be given to the WELS CAR to help fund the efforts they are making to help our churches there.

To God be the glory for the work that has been done with the funds given!

GIFTS TO GOD

WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. Below is an update on the generous giving that occurred over the last few weeks. Thank you for every gift you give to our General Fund, Mortgage Fund and these Wish List items. 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.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$3,065	\$26,935
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$4,171	\$2,529
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	\$5,700	Fully Funded

APACHE MEAL-PACKING EVENT FULLY-FUNDED!

Because of the generous gifts given by God's people here at St. Paul's, this event is now fully funded and will take place on Friday, February 16, in the Trinity Gym. Our Kindergarten through 8th grade students will work together to pack meals which will be shared with those in need living in and around East Fork Lutheran Church and School in Whiteriver, Arizona. Your generosity will even allow us to send nearly \$3000 more in direct financial aid to the church and school there.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPPERS: A GREAT WAY TO GIVE

So far, five St. Paul's groups have hosted or will host a Friday night supper for our young brothers and sisters at the Lighthouse Youth Center at Garden Homes: Neal Wallner's small group Bible study, Jean Curtis and students from Wisconsin Lutheran High School, God's Guys Saturday Bible study, Kids Club staff, and St. Paul's Lutheran School Student Council. If you or your group would like to join in this much-needed and fulfilling effort, either by making and serving a supper or financially contributing to one, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Through the government's Title II funds and our congregational budgeting process, we provide for the professional development of our teachers, but there are more workshops and courses that our teachers would like to attend. This fund provides our members with an opportunity to encourage continuing education through special gifts. Our goal is to provide an additional \$500 per teacher or \$7000 per year. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift clearly, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

TUITION ASSISTANCE

We continue to have families in need of financial assistance to provide their children with a Christian education at St. Paul's Elementary School or a WELS high school. Contributions can be made via the blue offering envelope provided in your envelope packet, our church's website at www.stpaulmuskego.org, or by using the QR code.



LENT 2018

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT — *LURED...*

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection during the six weeks leading up to Easter. During our Wednesday Lenten services we will take a closer look at temptation, its source, its power, and God's answer to it with our series, *Lured*. Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 and 7:00 pm.



February 14 **Lures Start in the Heart** **Luke 18:9-14, James 1:13-15**

When it comes to temptation, we like to blame outside forces, but temptation really finds its beginning deep within us. We need a new heart—one that only Jesus can give.

February 21 **The Father of Lures** **John 8:42-47**

Only when we understand the seething hatred the devil has for God and God's family will we be vigilant enough to keep our eyes open for his bait.

February 28 **Lures Are Tailor-Made** **John 12:4-6, Luke 22:3-5**

What is so interesting to you that you just might turn your back on God to swim towards it? Sadly, the Enemy knows that answer even better than you do.

ENJOY A SOUP SUPPER BETWEEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday soup suppers are all booked with volunteers and ready to begin on Ash Wednesday, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. Come enjoy a warm meal and camaraderie with your friends here at St. Paul's. A free will offering is gathered at the soup supper to help defray the cost of the food and to support the ministry of the hosting group.

QUILTING FELLOWSHIP TO HOST ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER

St. Paul's Quilting Fellowship has been serving the congregation for ten years with the mission to provide quilts to those in need of comfort and hope. Close to 400 quilts have been given to the homebound of our congregation, babies of Lutherans for Life, the VA Hospital, and various members of sister congregations, including Puerto Rico. All quilts are labeled, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Donations given at the Ash Wednesday soup supper will be used toward quilting materials for the mission to continue. In addition, quilts will be on display and for sale with a \$30 donation. New members are always welcome. The Quilting Fellowship meets the first Thursday of the month, year-round. For more information contact Group Coordinator Annette Navarre at (262) 378-4095 or singnavarre@gmail.com.

SUNDAYS IN LENT — *LOVE...*

God is love. Jesus is God's love in flesh and blood. We are to be "conformed to the image of God's Son" (*Romans 8:29*). When people see us, they are to see Jesus. We are called to be God's love in flesh and blood to the world. Our Sunday Lenten series begins next week with the following themes:



February 18	Love Fights	Mark 1:12-15, Mark 15:34
February 25	Love Takes Up the Cross	Mark 8:31-38, John 19:28-29
March 4	Love Protects	John 2:13-22; John 19:25-29
March 11	Love Embraces All	John 3:14-21; Luke 23:43
March 18	Love Forgives	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 23:34

GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

Mark your Connection Card to register or to receive more information.
You may also 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 in the Faith Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Read a section of Scripture each week and discuss it as a group with Pastor Pete Panitzke leading. New participants are always welcome. Attend on Mondays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Grace Room.

NEW GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY: SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE TO MORMONS

WELS Director of Mission Advancement John Sebald will be leading *Speaking the Truth in Love: A Distinctive, Biblical Approach to Address the Unique Challenges and Opportunities of Witnessing to Mormons*, Sundays in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am, beginning February 18.

STRONG FAMILIES - BLESSED LIVES

Dr. Joel Nelson is leading this Parent's Club study on Sundays at 9:15 am (same time as Kids Club) in school classroom 9. Explore the characteristics that make a family healthy and strong.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Learn principles that can lead to financial peace using this Dave Ramsey course, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, in the Grace Room. This course meets until March 15.

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. Mike Meyer and Gustavo Alcantara, both of whom work in the area of personal finance, will lead this course beginning Sunday, February 18, at 9:15 am in the Faith Room.

MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me is a new social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms of young children — infant through age five. The group meets at St. Paul's Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

DIVORCECARE

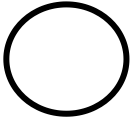
If you are divorced or contemplating divorce, we are here for you. This is a support group for individuals, rather than couples. *DivorceCare* meets Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org, or (414) 422-0320 for more information.

DORCAS SOCIETY

All are invited to hear Pastor Don Tompson, from The Point of Grace Campus Ministry, speak on how college students are being guided in faith and Christian leadership, Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room.

THE POINT OF GRACE – MILWAUKEE AREA COLLEGE MINISTRY

The next gathering of The Point of Grace will be at the Wisconsin Lutheran College Warrior Underground on Monday, February 26, at 7:00 pm. Check out tpog.net for more information.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

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. In his message, Pastor Bonack spoke about paradigm shifts. Have you – or someone you've known – ever had one? Share what inspired that shift and what the new and different perspective looked or sounded like.
3. Read Mark 9:2-9
 - What verse do you find most memorable in this account? Why?
 - What kind of reaction do you think you would have if you were Peter in this account?
 - How do you think Peter, James, and John balanced this event with Jesus' recent words of Mark 8:22 still ringing in their ears?
4. Can you identify with Peter's response to the transfiguration of trying to hold on to this little taste of Heaven?
5. The words of 2 Peter 1:16-18 make it clear that the transfiguration helped Peter to let go of his limited human perspective of who Jesus was. Do you have a Bible verse stored away in your heart that keeps reminding you of the fullness of who our Savior is?
6. How do gifts like baptism or forgiveness offer the same trajectory change in our lives that the transfiguration offered to Peter, James, and John?
7. Pastor Bonack encouraged us to allow this message to renew our hearts and minds by taking just 5-10 minutes each day to look for the things God is doing in our lives and what it means. What can you do to remind yourself to keep this commitment over the next seven days?