



## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 2020

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Strings Rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Faith Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	6:30 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i>
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 pm	High School Boys Basketball League
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:00 am	Card Players' Group (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	11:30 am	<b>Thirteen 22 Estate Planning Luncheon</b> (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	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	

### JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! We livestream The Bridge every Sunday at 10:15 am on the platforms below. Past messages are also available on each platform. Full HD replays of complete services are available on our YouTube channel.



[www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)  
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

Hadley Jacqueline Keller, daughter of Michael and Heidi (nee Sund) Keller, was born November 30, 2019 and will be baptized in a private ceremony at noon on Sunday, February 16, 2020. May God bless Hadley today and always in her saving faith (*1 Peter 3:21-22*).

## **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, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick Sternberg.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Carol Gosseck is at Clement Manor, Nancy Rindt is at Linden Grove New Berlin, and Marlene Sobczak is at Linden Grove Mukwonago. Rachel Peterson has been discharged from the hospital.

## **ATTENDANCE**

843 were in attendance at last week's worship services.

## **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY**

We have a staffed nursery of friendly caregivers during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the East Wing of the church. An usher will be happy to direct you if needed.

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Hosts are needed for the soup suppers provided between our Wednesday Lenten services, beginning February 26. As a host, you or your group will buy the food and supplies needed. All donations given at the supper go toward your costs. Any proceeds go to a ministry of your choice. Dates needing hosts are March 11, 18, and 25. For more information and to sign up, contact Tammy Miller at [tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) or 414-422-0320, ext. 111.

## **A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOB**

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

## **JOB IS IN THE LIBRARY**

Resources regarding times of suffering, seeing God's will during difficult times, and other books that support the study of Job are on display in the church library.

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE STARTS TUESDAY EVENING**

Pastor Nate Strobel will begin a new session of our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*— on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm, in the Faith Room. Enjoy camaraderie with Pastor Nate and others in the class as you look at the foundations of what the Bible teaches and God's promises layed out for you in Scripture. Register on the back of your Connection Card or contact Pastor Nate at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org). It's OK to join the class anytime!

## **2020 CHURCH PICNIC**

Help make our annual church picnic on August 2 a great event for young and old! Volunteer to be on the Church Picnic Planning Team! Express interest by marking the back of your Connection Card or contacting Pastor Kuehl at [dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 121.

# THIRTEEN 22 SOCIETY

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“A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children” (Proverbs 13:22). Many people have already included the Lord’s work here at St. Paul’s in their estate plan. We are forming the Thirteen 22 Society to celebrate your generous plans and encourage your ministry partners here at St. Paul’s to do the same. If a gift to St. Paul’s is included in your estate plans, please indicate that on the Connection Card.



## MAKING AN IMPACT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

What happens when you remember the Lord’s work here at St. Paul’s in your estate plans? Vital projects are completed. New missions are started. Christian education is supported. Ministry opportunities become a reality. In the twenty years since St. Paul’s has had the Gift Trust Fund, and more recently the Legacy Fund, nearly \$1 million has been distributed for things like:

- Gifts to support campus ministries in Madison and Milwaukee
- Support to help start new churches: Living Word in Waukesha and Victory of the Lamb in Franklin
- Lighting in our sanctuary
- New windows in the school
- Equipment to help care for our facilities
- Support for Pastor Bonack as he pursues a masters in mental health counseling to help us care for our members and our community

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN ESTATE PLAN?

If you haven’t made an estate plan or will of your own, you are not alone. According to the Caring.com 2019 survey, 57% of US adults do not have any estate plans. Only 20% of younger adults (18-34) have estate plans, even though many of these young adults have young children.

## ESTATE PLANNING LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

St. Paul’s has contracted with SFC Estate Coaching (the same firm used by Wisconsin Lutheran High School) to coach 30 individuals or families through the estate planning process during 2020. We invite you to come and learn more about this service and the first steps in estate planning at our Estate Planning Luncheon on Saturday, February 22, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm in the Grace Room. Seating is limited. Indicate interest on the Connection Card today.

## ESTATE PLANNING OPTIONS

St. Paul’s provides two options to assist you in your estate planning:

- Gift Trust Fund: 30% of the fund is available for distribution each year. Distributions are determined at the annual voter’s meeting. An estate gift placed into the Gift Trust Fund is fully distributed over approximately ten years.
- Legacy Fund: 5% of the fund is available for distribution each year. Distribution are determined at the annual voter’s meeting. An estate gift placed into the Legacy Fund continues to help St. Paul’s ministry as on-going endowment fund. The Legacy Fund has four sub-funds that can be designated in an estate plan: Outreach, Christian Education, Capital Projects, or Undesignated.

# WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## **GOD BLESSES WLHS' GAINING GROUND**

Through gifts from generous supporters like you, Wisconsin Lutheran High School met its goal and received \$1 million in cash gifts, by the January 31 deadline. The land acquisition is now in the final stages of closing. WLHS president Dr. Ken Fisher said, "Wisconsin is so grateful for your partnership and prayers. Every conference congregation agreed to participate in *Gaining Ground* and without that support it would have been impossible. God be praised for what he can do through his people!"

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATE MEETING SUMMARY**

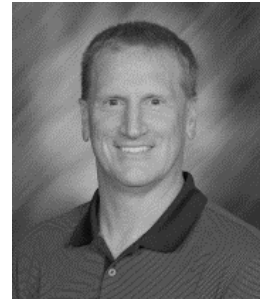
St. Paul's delegates Mr. Steve Meyer and Dr. Joel Nelson attended the WLHS delegate meeting on February 5. Below are the highlights. A more in-depth summary may be picked up at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

- 1) *Master Site Planning*: Conceptual drawings were presented suggesting tearing down of the oldest wing of the school to build as close to 84<sup>th</sup> street as possible, maximizing the potential for a new three-story academic wing. The goal is to promote the best in Christ-centered training, support continued rigor in academics, and maintain competitiveness in our co-curricular activities, because these are the three most important enrollment factors.
- 2) *Administration Report*: President Dr. Ken Fisher reported on the following major happenings and updates:
  1. Full update of the WLHS website.
  2. Joy in the incredible response to the \$1 million Gaining Ground Campaign.
  3. Seeking to hire a full-time technology manager.
  4. Contracting with a firm to assess the combined development efforts of the WLHS Foundation and the high school in order to strengthen staffing and infrastructure.
  5. Success of the inaugural year of E-sports and the and girls' volleyball state championship competition.
- 3) *Financial Report*: St. Paul's member, Mr. Scott Beyer, the WLHS conference treasurer, reviewed the very positive financial statements for the current year. Support gifts and enrollment are up over last year at this time and expenses are steady. He expressed cautious optimism about how well we are doing this year.

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## CALL ACCEPTED – MR. MARK SIEVERT

Mr. Mark Sievert has accepted the divine call extended to him to teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade in our school. Mr. Sievert is a 2002 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College and previously served at Garden Homes Lutheran School and Hope Christian School in Milwaukee. He holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. We ask God to bless Mark in his service to his Savior, beginning the summer of 2020.



Dear members of St. Paul's Congregation,

Through prayer, reflection and guidance, I humbly accept your call to be the 5th grade teacher at St. Paul's. I am eager to join an incredible staff in sharing God's Word each and every day. I ask for your prayers that the Lord give me the strength and wisdom to guide the youth of our church. I ask you to pray for my family in this transition and also for Lake Denoon Middle School and our public school system in Muskego, where I had been blessed to teach many of our members here at St. Paul's the past thirteen years. Now comes the joy of returning to our WELS schools and having the opportunity to share the gospel's saving news that I missed sharing so much. Praise be His name!

Your servant in Christ,  
Mr. Mark Sievert

## CALL DECLINED – MR. SETH FITZSIMMONS

Dear St. Paul's Parents,

I have declined the call to serve as principal at Crown of Life Lutheran School in West St. Paul, Minnesota. It is a great blessing to serve as principal here at St. Paul's, and I am excited to continue leading our strong school staff and ministry, which the Lord has blessed us with at this time.

In Christ!  
Mr. Fitzsimmons

## DID YOU MISS OUR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE?

Principal Seth Fitzsimmons would be happy to set up a one-on-one visit with you to welcome and introduce you to our school, while answering any questions you may have. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org).

## 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 (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or. 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		

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## 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](http://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.



## WOMEN'S RETREATS

**MARCH 7** Salem Lutheran Gift of Day Women's Retreat is Saturday, March 7, on the campus of Salem Lutheran in Milwaukee. Pastor Panitzke is one of the keynote speakers, presenting on the topic *Gay and God*. For more information and to register, contact Salem Lutheran at [church@salemwels.net](mailto:church@salemwels.net) or (414) 353-8141.

**MARCH 13-15** The 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://ChristianWomanToday.org).

## STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY COSTA MAYA MISSION PRESENTATION

St. Paul's members Dan and Cindy Thiel will present on their recent trip to Costa Maya and the newest happenings at our mission partner, Costa Maya Ministries. Hear about all the blessings God has given to this ministry on Monday, February 17, at 1:00 pm, at Stoney Creek. No registration necessary.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT

Each month the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society highlights a missionary they support. February takes a look at Pastor Kevin Schultz, pastor of The Vine Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Pastor Schultz writes:

When I received the call to start a church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, I was very excited. When I asked how many people would be part of the core group in Coeur d'Alene to help, the response caught me off guard: "Well... basically... no one." No one? How do you start a church with no people? It quickly became clear I needed to recruit some of the members of the congregation one hour away in Spokane to partner with me to plant this church. But I couldn't imagine that anyone would say "yes." But God had other plans. He reminded me, not only how the gospel changes hearts, but also how the gospel motivates hearts. Twenty-five people said "yes!"

God showed me once again that he is in control and how eager his people are to be a part of the greatest adventure on earth – telling other people about Jesus and building God's church. Knocking on doors, walking the streets, attending community events, introductions to strangers, social media, texting, radio, and the local newspaper were all used to get the word out about our new mission. Community service projects, outreach events, free giveaways, and random acts of kindness showed our love and Jesus' love to the community. One thing was consistent across all methods of outreach – it was always about building relationships while telling people about Jesus.

