



For the week of March 25, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:30 pm	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul's Child Care Center (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Lenten 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)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 am	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

#### **SUNDAY MORNING MARCH/APRIL GRACE ROOM SERIES**

Join former WELS Pastor Dan Kolosovsky as he leads a study of the reliability and trustworthiness of the Bible based on 2 Peter, Sundays at 9:15 am.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Our upbeat, interactive, and fun 3K to grade 8 ministries begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the school. Enter the school through the Trinity Cafe. Clearly marked signage will direct you to your child's check-in and room location.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY**

We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church equipped with a silent pager system to alert parents if any need arises. A worship host will be happy to direct you to the nursery if needed.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the church today were given by Mark Iczkowski in memory of his wife, Marilyn.

## BAPTISM

Kash Russel Minor, born April 19, 2018, is the son of Jason and Sara Minor and will be baptized after the contemporary service on March 24. God be praised for the gift of faith given to Kash through the power of God's Word together with the water of baptism.

## FUNERAL

Arthur Johnson, born February 4, 1939, entered eternal life with his Savior on Monday, March 18, 2019. Art was the husband of St. Paul's member, Sherry Johnson. Pastor Strobel had the privilege of ministering to Art during the last year of his life and conducted his Christian funeral on Saturday, March 23, 2019. May the God of all comfort and hope be with the family and loved ones of Art.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Bruce Marggraf, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## HOSPITALIZED

Bernie Elger is at Linden Grove New Berlin, Lois Guhr at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Randall Martin at St. Luke's, Theresa Raduege at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, and Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago.

## ATTENDANCE

1242 attended last weekend's worship services. 362 attended midweek Lenten services.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 8:30 am. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## CLOTHED IN CHRIST IN BAPTISM

What a blessing that we have had seven baptisms at St. Paul's in the last three weeks! Have you or your children been baptized? Do you have questions about baptism? Our Resident Missionary Pastor Nate Strobel would be happy to meet with you for a one-hour personal visit and study on baptism. Schedule this visit by marking the back of your Connection Card or by contacting Pastor Nate directly at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

Pastor John Holtz, a son of our congregation, has sent his March newsletter. He speaks of the horrible flooding that has hit Malawi and the faith that has shown through during these tough times. Pick up a copy at the Welcome Center. For over a decade, gifts from individuals at St. Paul's have provided a large portion of Pastor Holtz' support. We thank you for your generosity!

## CLASS OF 2019 – LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

Are you graduating from grade school or high school this spring? St. Paul's would like to celebrate you. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) to let him know your plans for fall 2019 — name of high school or college, branch of military, or area of work.

## CHURCH CEMETERY WREATHS AND ARRANGEMENTS

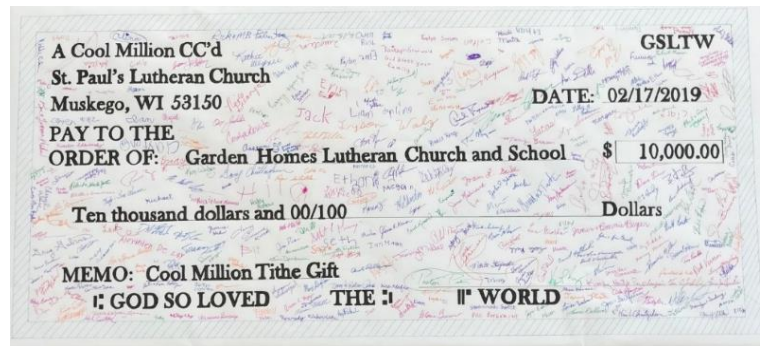
It is that time of year to remove all Christmas wreaths and arrangements from the cemetery. After March 30, they will be placed behind the historic church. Please contact Dan Navarrete at (414) 422-0541 with questions.

# THE COOL MILLION

## WE CAN (ALMOST) SIGN THE CHECK! THANK YOU!

St. Paul's President Mike Grimes and Pastor Panitzke will be worshipping at Garden Homes Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 31, to present the fifth of our \$10,000 Cool Million tithe gifts.

Our current total is \$492,223. We need just \$7,777 so that we can sign a real \$10,000 tithe check!



## A COOL MILLION THANK YOU



Earlier this year, our Malawi Mission Partner John Holtz told us in his monthly communique of an opportunity for a new mission field in Uganda. He and the synod administration agreed that our fourth Cool Million Tithe Gift for mission work would support this Uganda exploratory work. We received the following letter of thanks from Rev. Larry Schlomer, the administrator for our synod's world mission efforts:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St Paul's Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for your incredibly generous gift of \$10,000 in support of African Field Special Projects, Uganda Outreach! We are grateful for this gift above and beyond your congregational mission offering. What a blessing it is for us to share the love of Jesus to as many people as possible around the world.*

*Together, with the help of your gifts, we will be reaching out to more people in foreign countries who need to be fed the good news of the gospel message. What a privilege it is to feed the hungry with God's grace and to give the water of life to thirsty souls! Thank you for your gift, and please pray for open doors and open hearts to hear the message.*

*Serving Him together with you and all believers,*

**Larry M. Schlomer**

*Administrator, Board for World Missions*



## A COOL VAN – A COOL MILLION GIFT

St. Paul's member Dan Thiel sent us this picture of the van that our Cool Million tithe helped purchase for Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico. In the picture at right you see them picking up children along the beach to bring to the church to have a healthy meal and learn about their Savior.

## A COOL SCHOOL – ONE OF MANY 2019 COOL MILLION PROJECTS

We are in the process of signing contracts for summer work:

- Completion of the HVAC work in the school (so the entire school will be air conditioned and have a reliable heating system).
- Refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling and installing new lights.
- Reroofing the Centennial Gym and the church.

To accomplish these tasks, we need an additional \$325,000 in gifts by the end of the summer, which would bring us to \$825,000 in Cool Million gifts. Thanks in advance for every gift given in response to God's great compassion toward us in Christ. Mark your gift "Cool Million" or give online at [StPaulMuskego.org/give](http://StPaulMuskego.org/give).

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## DONATE YOUR SOLES FOR JESUS

*Soles for Jesus* is a Milwaukee based organization that is dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by distributing shoes to the under-served people in sub-Saharan Africa. 452,000 shoes have been sent all over Africa since 2010, setting individuals one step ahead on the path to a better quality of life.

One in two people live in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. HIV has devastated the region, and in wake of this epidemic there are millions of orphans struggling to exist on their own. The number of orphans in Africa that need the basic necessity of shoes is astounding – over 20 million. Shoes lower the risk of injury and infection and are a gift that lasts for years, not only as a reminder of God's love but also as catalyst to a better quality of life.



**Soles For Jesus**

This will be the third year our school will be holding a shoe drive.

This year we will also have a donation drop off location here at church. Just bring your new or gently used shoes through April 7 to the church lobby during worship times. (Please - no boots, heels, or flip flops) For more information about *Soles for Jesus* visit [www.solesforjesus.org](http://www.solesforjesus.org). Thank you for your continued partnership in sharing the unconditional love of Jesus!

## OPENINGS ON THE ST. PAUL'S STAFF

### JOIN OUR CLEAN TEAM

We are looking to fill a second shift part-time flex position to cover 8-16 hours of weekly work. Our staffing model has the flexibility of working anywhere from a 3-hour shift to a 5-hour shift. The work schedule is flexible with some shifts starting later into the evening hours to accommodate those with busy day-time schedules. If interested in learning more, please contact Church Administrator Randy Fink at [rfink@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:rfink@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 120.

### JOIN THE BRIDGE NURSERY TEAM

Do you love kids and find joy in the thought of improving the worship experience for our guests to The Bridge? We are currently hiring a part-time childcare provider for The Bridge nursery. Hours are 10:00 – 11:30 am, two Sundays per month. For more information contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.

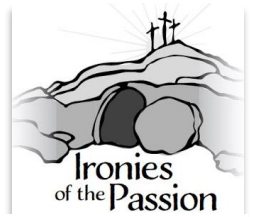
## ASK AN ATTORNEY – SPONSORED BY CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS

What are the financial implications of nursing home care? What are the best assets to give to the work of the Lord? Is there a limit to how much I can gift to my children? What is probate, and should I worry about it? You are invited to a free seminar where you can ask these or your own questions of Attorney David Nommensen on Wednesday, April 3, 11:00 am, at Stoney Creek Adult Community. Please RSVP to Maureen at [msertich@wlcfs.org](mailto:msertich@wlcfs.org) or (262) 345-3550. Bring your questions or you may submit them before the seminar to [info@wlcfs.org](mailto:info@wlcfs.org) or (262) 345-5542.

# LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES—3:30 AND 7:00 PM

Join us as we continue to walk with Jesus through the critical hours leading up to his suffering and death. We are looking at statements full of irony that were spoken during Jesus' passion, comments that surprise us because of who said them or that they have a meaning so different than what the speaker intended. We will be blessed with a guest preacher each Wednesday.



## SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

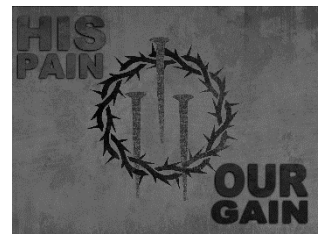
Wednesday's soup supper will be hosted by our child care center. Homemade chicken vegetable soup and a taco bar will be served. Free will offerings will be used to buy a Bye Bye Buggy stroller that seats four children and is known for its ergonomic maneuverability. A sand and water table, twister cars, and floor mats for the infant room will also be purchased as funds allow. Enjoy camaraderie, a warm meal, and a great cause Wednesday, March 27, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room.



## SUNDAYS OF LENT – HIS PAIN OUR GAIN

"Christ for us." That is the summary of the Christian message and the focus of our Sunday Lenten series. Everything he did, everything he suffered, was for our benefit. During the Lenten season, our goal is to find rest for our souls in this simple truth: Christ for Us.

March 31	His Honesty
April 7	His Justice
April 14	His Joy



## EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby if you would like to purchase one or more of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be beautify the church for all Easter services and may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be made out to St. Paul's, placed in a provided envelope marked, "Easter Flowers," and placed in the lock box provided.

## EASTER FOR KIDS – SATURDAY, APRIL 13

St. Paul's annual Easter For Kids will be Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:45 am, at the school. This event is for children ages 3-12. The morning will feature singing, games, crafts, a puppet show, the Easter story, and more. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org). If you'd like to help, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the Connection Card.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 18	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	3:30 and 7:00 pm
April 19	Good Friday	1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm
April 20	Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm
April 21	Easter Sunrise *	6:00 am
	Easter Festival	7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 am
	Easter at The Bridge	10:15 am

\* The Easter Vigil an Easter Sunrise services will be identical.



# DIVINE CALL NEWS

## MR. MIKE WESTENDORF ACCEPTS CALL

Mike Westendorf has accepted our call to serve as Resident Musical Artist/Director of Video Production at St. Paul's. God has blessed Mike with the ability to lead contemporary worship as well as the ability to mentor other musicians. It is our prayer that with Mike's full-time call to St. Paul's we will be able to raise up more musicians and worship leaders for contemporary worship. These musicians and leaders will not only bless the ministry on our campus, but also the potential additional Bridge sites in the greater Milwaukee area, and other congregations of our church body who are looking for contemporary musicians for their services.

We will also be tapping into Mike's ability as a story-teller, asking him to spearhead our efforts to use more video to tell God's story through Bible studies and short teaching videos. The production of more testimonials, telling the story of God's work in people's lives to give others hope and confidence in the power of God's Word, is also a goal. Finally, Mike has a desire to help young Christians grow in their faith. Because of that, he will be asked to lead our high school and college-age ministries.

Mike will be transitioning out of his current employment at Innovative Weather this summer. He will begin his new role on our staff in October—after the severe weather season.



## DIVINE CALL EXTENDED TO MRS. CHRISTEL STRUTZ

The St. Paul's Ministry Board has extended a call to Mrs. Christel Strutz to teach third grade in our elementary school. Mrs. Strutz currently serves as a third and fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's in Cudahy. Her husband, Randall, is a teacher and head coach of the varsity girls' basketball team at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Please keep Mrs. Strutz in your prayers as she deliberates this call.

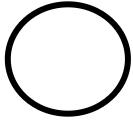
## MS. NICOLE GLODOWSKI DELIBERATING DIVINE CALL

Ms. Glodowski, one of our fourth grade teachers, is deliberating a divine call to teach third grade at St. Phillip's Lutheran School in Milwaukee. Ms. Glodowski appreciates any comments or input that you may have for her. Please keep her in your prayers as she prayerfully considers where God would have her use her gifts and talents.

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JOIN US ONLINE!   

- **Watch Live:** Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am @ [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook @ The Bridge at St. Paul's, and You Tube @ The Bridge Church Muskego.
  - **Sermon Videos and MP3s:** An archive of sermons is available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) as well as on each platform above.
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## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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1. Begin your time together sharing highs and lows of your past week. Where have you seen God answering prayers in your life?
2. Pastor Nate began his message with the question: *Does life ever feel like God is asking you to jump out of an airplane?* Does this ring true for you? Why or why not?
3. Read Ephesians 2:10. What comfort does this verse offer us when the challenges in our daily walk begin to feel overwhelming or hopeless?
4. Read Jesus' words to his Father in Luke 22:42. Have you ever felt like praying this prayer? Talk about that experience.
5. Which of Pastor Nate's two encouragements seem less daunting to you as you consider applying them to your life today:
  - Plan for it! *Be proactive in DOING God's will and in ADDRESSING God and his will.*
  - Embrace it! *Step forward in FAITH and into ACTION.*
6. As our celebration of Easter quickly approaches, consider whom among your friends and family doesn't have a church home and could possibly join you for an Easter service. Close your time together in prayer that God blesses your invitations.