

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of April 16, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Premarital Enrichment Seminar (Main Church)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
7:00 pm	Adult Volleyball Open Gym (Trinity Gym)	
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
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 and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
6:30 am	TUG Talk – Teens Under God (Trinity Café)	

HEAR AND SEE THE MESSAGE ONLINE!



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and You Tube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
 - **Sermon Videos and Podcasts:** Sunday sermons are available at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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HOSPITALIZED

Stephanie Brandt is at Froedtert, and Robert Fox is at St. Luke's. Betty Teisel is rehabbing at Tudor Oaks and Robert Zirbel at Linden Grove New Berlin.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

ATTENDANCE

987 attended last week's worship services.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK



Your story isn't over, your life can change, and in Christ you are good enough for God. Find out more as we continue to celebrate the Act II of our lives because Jesus is alive! Next week our theme is "Steadfast," based on Acts 7:1 – 8:8. We will see how God is at work in our suffering today as was the case in the early church as well.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

Anyone and everyone is invited to *Following the Promise*, a Bible study tracing the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This study also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is leading these studies in the Faith Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning May 8. A second class begins Sunday, April 15, 8:30-9:30 am, in school classroom 9. It is not too late to register. Contact Pastor Nate at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor John Brug, Ph.D., retired professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in looking at the beliefs and religious practices of Islam: political history, jihad, terrorism, and the role of women. The final lesson will offer suggestions for outreach to Muslims. As part of his doctoral studies, Professor Brug lived in the Middle East for a year. Attend in the Grace Room, Sundays at 9:15 am, through May 6.

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

On Tuesday, the Lord of the Church, through our School Ministry Action Team and Ministry Board, extended a divine call to Mr. Joshua Lepke to serve as our 7th grade homeroom teacher and athletic director. Mr. Lepke currently serves as Dean of Behavior and Culture for 7th and 8th grades at St. Marcus in Milwaukee. Thank you for keeping Josh, his wife, and their three kids (ages 13, 11, and 3) in your prayers over the next few weeks as he considers this call to serve our students and families. Mr. Lepke sent the following letter to the congregation:

April 11, 2018

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church,

I am humbled to receive the call to serve as your 7th grade teacher and Athletic Director. In the next few weeks, I plan to meet with your school and church leaders to get to know the ministry of St. Paul's and gain insight about both the school and congregation. I will look at the needs of St. Paul's, as well as re-examine the needs of St. Marcus where I am currently serving. I ask that you join my family and I in praying that God grants wisdom and clarity, and that He guides the decision to place me where His kingdom will best be served. I look forward to meeting with many of you as this call is deliberated.

In His Service,
Josh Lepke

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The time to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars recently closed. Thank you to all members of Thrivent who directed their Choice Dollars to St. Paul's. In the last year we have received \$3,296 for the Mortgage Fund, \$2,280 for Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance, and \$974 for St. Paul's Childcare.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON — SUNDAY, APRIL 29

A farewell luncheon for Mrs. Bremer, Mrs. Loescher, and Mr. Walz is planned for noon on Sunday, April 29, in the Centennial Gym. A needs list will be sent out through My St. Paul's for those who would like to volunteer to help at the event or bring a dish to pass. A card box will be available at the luncheon for notes of appreciation and gifts. Please contact Wendy Hendrix at (414) 688-1472 or wendylauber@yahoo.com with questions.

GIVE BLOOD — HELP SAVE LIVES — MONDAY, APRIL 23

We will be hosting a blood drive on campus Monday, April 23, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm in the Grace Room. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome as well. Thank you for your support of this important community event.

THE POINT OF GRACE CAMPUS MINISTRY JOB OPENING

The Point of Grace campus ministry is hiring a ministry administrator. This new part-time position (20-25 hours per week) will work with students and partner churches to facilitate ministry operations. This is a great opportunity for someone who is passionate about sharing Jesus with young adults. For a full job description and more information, contact Daniel Schroeder at daniel@tpog.net or (414) 963-2047.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY JOB OPENING

Stoney Creek Adult Community is looking for a creative, energetic, and compassionate person who has a heart for seniors. The part-time position entails coordinating a balanced variety of activities for their community of residents. Contact Cindy at (414) 422-4686 to apply. More information about Stoney Creek may be found at www.stoneycreekmuskego.com

SCHOOL HOT LUNCH HELPER JOB OPENING

Our school hot lunch program is in need of another smiling face in the kitchen. Hours are 10:30 am – 2:30 pm the days school is in session, with duties including general food prep, serving the students, and clean-up. Contact Jill Fehler at j.fehler@taher.com to apply.

ALTAR GUILD IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild members are a vital part of worship. They set up Communion for worship services and fulfill a number of other tasks to prepare the chancel area for worship. If you would like to help out, please contact Pastor Bonack at jbbonack@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 119.

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. 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
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$4,640	\$25,360
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$4,725	\$1,975
Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant	\$10,000	\$400	\$9,600

THANK YOU FOR ENCOURAGING FUTURE CALLED WORKERS

The Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant provides a \$1000 scholarship for each of our members and each of the members of Garden Homes Lutheran Church who are attending Martin Luther College to prepare for fulltime ministry. Each of these \$1000 scholarships is matched by the college for the first 3 years at the college. The deadline for receiving these matching funds is June 1.

St. Paul's member Gabrielle Steidl recently sent us a thank you note for her scholarship: "I want to extend my sincere gratitude for all the support you have given me. Your gift toward my tuition is immensely appreciated and serves as great encouragement to me. I Thessalonians 5:11 says, 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.' Thank you for actively living your faith and fulfilling this Bible passage through your generosity and prayers. I thank God for you! I am excited to continue my education at Martin Luther College as a Spanish Major. I look forward to spreading the Gospel message throughout the world, wherever Christ leads me. Thank you for being a part of my journey."

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Each year your generous contributions to the **Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance Fund (LESTA)** allow us to provide tens of thousands of dollars tuition assistance to families who are not able to cover the cost of tuition. Please consider a gift as this fund is considerably below our expected needs for next school year. The **Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund (SCETA)** allows us to encourage your youth to continue their Christian education at Wisconsin Lutheran High School or Luther Prep School in Watertown.

REMEMBER THE MORTGAGE FUND IN YOUR GIVING

Our mortgage has been reduced to \$1.82 million. This fiscal year our Mortgage Fund offerings have fallen slightly below the \$19,135 monthly payments. Our Mortgage Fund reserve enables us to make our payments in a timely manner. However, there is a need for us to grow in this area of giving. Thank you for prayerfully considering this need in your giving plans.

LET THERE BE LIGHT! – A COOL MILLION PROJECT

New lighting was recently installed in the altar area of the church. This is the first in a series of projects planned for the 60th anniversary of the Centennial Gym, the 50th anniversary of our school, the 40th anniversary of our church building, and the 5th anniversary of The Bridge. More information will be distributed next weekend.



WAYS TO GIVE

Contributions to all funds at St. Paul's can be made via your offering envelopes, clearly marking what the gift is for or by giving online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give or by using the QR code with your mobile device. Offerings for the general mission and ministry of St. Paul's can be made by texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733.



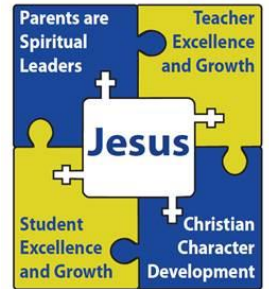
St. Paul's Loves Kids and Teens

LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ENROLL NOW

Our Pre-K enrollment is at 85 for next year. Praise the Lord! We are projecting a Kindergarten class of 23 children – again, praise the Lord! In total we project to have over 315 children enrolled in our 3K-8th grade school learning from a Christian worldview every day. What a blessing!

If you or someone you know would like more information about our school, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. He would love to give you a tour. You may also enroll directly at www.stpmuskego.org/TADS.

Generous tuition assistance packages are available in addition to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. We don't want the cost of tuition to keep your children from the wonderful Christian education and experience at our school.



SUMMER CARE FOR AGES 3-10 AT ST. PAUL'S

Our Lutheran school offers a summer care program for children in pre-kindergarten through grade 4 from May 29 through August 8. Cost is \$5 per hour. Registration forms are available at www.stpmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL PRESENTS NIGHT AT THE WAX MUSEUM

All are invited to enjoy our talented Lutheran school kids as they perform *Night at the Wax Museum*. All performances will be presented on the Centennial Gym stage at the following times: Wednesday, April 18 – 1:00 pm; Thursday, April 19 – 7:00 pm; Friday, April 20 – 7:00 pm.

TUG TALK – APRIL 22

The next TUG (Teens Under God) Talk is Sunday, April 22, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. We will continue our discussion of Joseph: Abandoned, Tested, Trapped, Promoted. Through a thought-provoking video, we'll see how the choices Joseph made impacted his life dramatically. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson with questions about Teens Under God at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

CLASS OF 2018 – LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens graduating from junior and senior high school this spring. Contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, with the following:

- What school are you graduating from?
- What are your plans for fall 2018? 8th grade graduates - what high school? 12th grade graduates - what college, branch of military, or work area?

EASTER FOR KIDS - ALMOST 100

Easter for Kids was once again a great success. 93 children (ages 3-13) attended and over 30 volunteers (9 teens and 22 adults) made this event possible. All in all, a great morning! Thanks to all of our volunteers and to all the parents who sent their children. If you would like more information about our children's ministry programs here at St. Paul's, please contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.