



For the week of July 22, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<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
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	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! A video archive of sermons is available at [www.stpaulmukego.org/worship/sermons](http://www.stpaulmukego.org/worship/sermons).

The Bridge, our casual contemporary service, is livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am on each of the following platforms. You can find an archive of past messages on each site, with the full-service replay on YouTube.



[www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)



@ The Bridge Church Muskego



@ The Bridge at St. Paul's



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WEDDING

Congratulations to Jonathan and Emily (nee Davis) Fink, who were joined in marriage on Saturday, July 20. May God bless their marriage and their commitment to each other in Christ.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

## HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc and June Hackbart in hospice care at Dycora in Greenfield. Donald Oakes is at Froedtert, Carol Kolosovsky at St. Luke's, Sandra Merfeld has transferred to New Berlin Linden Grove, and Carol Gosseck to Village at Manor Park.

## ATTENDANCE

918 attended last week's worship services.

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Nate for a look at the basics of what the Bible teaches and how God's promises throughout the Bible relate to you on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm. Invite a friend and grow in the Word together. Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at [nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org), or register on the Connection Card.



## GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY—BEING AWAKE AND ALIVE

As a follow-up to *What Makes Teens Tick* and a continuation of the Sunday morning Grace Room sessions on the need to be attentive to all generations, representatives of *Awake & Alive*, the ministry for 18-25 year olds, will speak about the unique, spiritual issues facing young adults today. Please consider attending *Being Awake & Alive*, Sunday, July 28, at 9:15 am, in the Grace Room.

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT—AUGUST 8 AND 9

On August 8 and 9, the Global Leadership Summit will telecast live in HD to over 500 locations nationwide. St. Paul's will be one of the live telecast locations this year for the first time. St. Paul's receives a discounted rate of \$119, which is a savings from the \$208.00 regular rate if you use our priority code PV2019. Register at [StPaulMuskego.org/GLS](http://StPaulMuskego.org/GLS).

## HOLY LAND EXCURSION INFO MEETING

Pastor Panitzke will be giving a short presentation about the upcoming trip to the Holy Land (June 16-25, 2020) on Sunday, July 21, at 9:15 am in the Faith Room for anyone interested. If you would be traveling alone, please speak to Pastor Panitzke. Single travelers, both male and female, have asked about finding a roommate to reduce costs. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

## ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER INFANT OPENING

Our Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room (6:00 am – 6:00 pm, 6 weeks – 12 months). If you need child care arrangements, contact Child Care Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or [kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org) or for a tour and answers to your questions.

# WHAT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS ALL ABOUT

Several of us attended the funeral of our dear sister in Christ and former St. Paul's teacher Linda Martens. Her casket lay at the foot of this statue of Jesus in her home congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grant Park, Illinois.

As we saw her lying at Jesus' feet, seeing the power and reality of death, Mr. Fitzsimmons leaned over and said to me, "Imagine what it was like when Jesus raised people from the dead!" At that moment, it was hard to imagine seeing Linda, dead for a week, sit up alive in her casket.

**But that is what Christian education is all about! Seeing death has been defeated.**

- In the pew behind me, a little girl was asking her mom about Linda. Her mom explained, "Linda's soul is with Jesus right now. Her body is only asleep. Jesus will come back and raise up her body some day." **Christian education is all about death defeated. It starts in the home.**
- Mr. Fitzsimmons shared with Miss Martens' family our plan to include a special recognition for Miss Martens at the **opening service of our school on Tuesday, August 20**. He explained, "This message of heaven is the reason our school exists - to teach truth so that all of us will receive our eternal reward and hug first from our Savior and then from one another." **Christian education is all about death defeated.**
- Our public school confirmation classes will be starting in late August. The goal is not just that our young people are confirmed, but that they have a life-long relationship with their Savior. The evening of Linda's funeral, a former public-school confirmation student, now a first-time mother, expressed her desire for baptism for her baby boy. She and her husband have a life-giving, death-defeating relationship with Jesus, and they want that for their son too. I saw in my mind the image of the statue of Jesus at the church in Grant Park, watching over Miss Martens, but also over this little boy. **Christian education is all about death defeated.**



**The risen and ascended Savior has defeated death. We shall live forever.** There is no more important message for us to learn for ourselves, to share with our children, and to share with the world around us.

**Thank you for every gift you give to support gospel ministry here at St. Paul's.** Every gift, no matter what the designation, ultimately has this same goal—to share this death-defeating message!

**Initial financial reports from the fiscal year ending June 30** indicate that our offerings for both our Mission and Ministry Fund and our Mortgage Fund were at the level we had estimated last year. Cool Million gifts total \$565,000. The special picnic offering envelope will be used for a Cool Million with the prayer that we might receive approximately \$150,000 in new gifts and plans over the next few months to fully fund our many summer renovations.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## MISSION NEWS FROM AFRICA

- Pick up the July Mission Partner Communique from Pastor John Holtz, a son of our congregation and a missionary in Malawi. He shares his experiences on the second exploratory mission visit to Uganda. With the approval of the WELS One Africa Team, a \$10,000 tithe gift of our Cool Million campaign is funding this Uganda mission exploration. Our regular gifts designated Malawi Mission Partner provide the synod with approximately 1/3 of the funds necessary to support Pastor Holtz's ongoing mission work in Malawi.



- Pray for St. Paul's member, Kara Darling, who left for a three-week mission trip to Malawi with WELS Kingdom Workers. May God bless her ministry there. May her service also be an inspiration to her five young children and the rest of us, that we too ask, "Lord, what gifts have you given to me that I might put to use in your kingdom work?"

- Ten of us from St. Paul's just returned from a visit to Lusaka, Zambia, where we toured the two Lutheran elementary schools supported by the Vulnerable Children's Foundation. We will host an "Under the Canopy" this fall to share some of our experiences, but we'd love to share stories with you now. Just ask any of us: Glenn and Linda Ebeling, Bob and Sharon Garbe, Bryan and Lynda Guhr, Tammy and Aaron Miller, Peter and Joni Panitzke.



*Pastor Jonathan Kongongo, his wife Sarah, and Joni and Pastor Panitzke. Pastor Pete had the opportunity to preach at Pastor Kongongo's church at Kaunda Square Township in Lusaka.*



## SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES

Matthew West's song "Grace Wins" captures the truth we want to claim for ourselves this summer as we study St. Paul's letter to the Romans.



*For the prodigal son*

*Grace Wins*

*For the woman at the well*

*Grace Wins*

*For the blind men and the beggar*

*Grace Wins*

*For always and forever*

*Grace Wins*

*For the lost out on the street*

*Grace Wins*

*For the worst part of you and me*

*Grace Wins*

*For the thief on the cross*

*Grace Wins*

*For the world that is lost*

*There's a war between guilt and grace,*

*And their fighting for a sacred space,*

*But I'm living proof*

**Grace wins every time.**

We are paving the way through Paul's letter to the Romans. Prepare for an uncomfortable ride. Experience some "g's" as Paul allows us to feel the weight of our guilt. We will understand Matthew West's comment about "the worst part of you and me."

But Paul's purpose is to prepare us to experience the exhilaration that only the "g's" of God's grace can give. God's grace wins over the guilt of every failure and every act of rebellion. Grace wins over the power of sin so that God can work amazing changes in us.

**Invite your friends to celebrate with you: "Grace Wins Every Time!"**

July 28 – Romans 4

August 4, Picnic Sunday – Romans 5:1-11

August 11 – Romans 5:12-21

August 18 – Romans 6:7-7:6

August 25 – Romans 7:7-8:17

September 1 – Romans 8:18-39



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC—COMING SOON!

**When?** Sunday, August 4, at 11:30 am, following the outdoor church service.

**Where?** On the St. Paul's grounds.

**What?** Burgers, brats, and hotdogs for purchase. Plus, beverages, ice cream, and other treats.

**What Else?** Children's games and play area, face painting, adult bags tournament, musical entertainment.

**Why?** Because you couldn't have more fun on a Sunday afternoon if you tried!

We are still looking for more volunteer help.

- Food Tent— Grill cooks and food preppers are needed.
- Children Games—An attendant is needed for each game (there will be 5 or 6 games) running in 2 shifts. This is an easy and fun job for a young adult.

Be generous with your time! Sign up for a volunteer position on the table in the lobby.



## A COOL OFFERING ON PICNIC SUNDAY

In your offering packet is a green "Picnic Offering" envelope. These special picnic offerings will be included in the Cool Million effort.

## PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

If you have a child entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall who will be enrolled in a school other than St. Paul's Lutheran School, please contact Dr. Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) to receive all the necessary information about the program and the August 19 orientation night that will be held in the church, 6:30-7:30 pm. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 28 at 4:30 pm.

## KIDS CLUB THIS FALL

If being a part of shaping the next generation for the Lord is something you'd enjoy, contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card to experience the joys and rewards of youth ministry.

## READING BUDDIES WILL BE BACK THIS FALL – JOIN THE FUN!

Reading Buddies starts Wednesday, September 4, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Trinity Cafe. Read together with a Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student in 15 minute increments. Help instill the love of reading and enjoy the camaraderie with our students. Contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons to volunteer at 414.422.0320, ext. 118 or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org). Volunteer for as many Wednesdays that work for you.