

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of August 14, 2017

MON	9:00 am	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	5:30 pm	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST
	5:45 pm	Grief Share (Church Library)
TUE	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	5:30 pm	O'Reilly/Stovich Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Back to School Night (Lutheran Elementary School)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	Shannon O'Reilly and Nick Stovich Wedding Ceremony (Church)
	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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Resident Missionary Call Meeting (Grace Room)

Multimedia Ministry

- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
- **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
- **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
- **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FUNERAL

Mary Ann Boldt, born April 2, 1943, entered eternal peace with her Savior on August 2, 2017. A Christian funeral was held August 7, 2017. May Mary Ann's loved ones be comforted in the assurance of their risen Savior today and always.

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the altar were given in loving memory of Armen Dockter by his family.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home. Edwin Gunther is at St. Luke's, and Dorette Probst is at Hales Corners Care Center.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Marvin Pellmann.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

1065 attended worship services last week, of which 803 attended the church picnic.

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

There will be a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 20, at noon, in the Grace Room to call a pastor to serve in a new position called Resident Missionary. If you would like a copy of the position description or would like to suggest a name for the call list, please email Pastor Pete at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest communication from Missionary John Holtz is available in the welcome center. Thank you to so many who give generously to support these outreach efforts to our brothers and sisters in Africa.

AWAKE AND ALIVE – AUGUST 13



You won't want to miss the last Awake and Alive event of the summer with James and Denise Becker talking on the topic of Relationships and Intimacy at 5:00 pm in the Trinity Café and Gym. Come and be part of a great Christian community of 18-25 year olds. In college, working for a living, getting ready to start school - take an evening off and be a part of this encouraging, inspiring community! Visit awakealive.com for more information.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Our thanks to Bill Renschak, our volunteer webmaster for rebuilding our website. Check it out at www.stpaulmuskego.org.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Wisconsin Lutheran College is offering a \$2000 scholarship to any member of St. Paul's interested in attending WLC who hasn't already enrolled. The scholarship is valid for students starting classes the fall of 2017 or 2018. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org with interest.

YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Begins August 22

Our Lutheran School (K-8) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 22. It is a tremendous blessing to serve our students and their families with daily spiritual growth in God's Word, connecting them closer to Jesus every day while also growing their minds and hearts for lives of Christian service. It is not too late to enroll! If you or someone you know might be interested in Christian education, please contact our School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for a school tour as soon as possible at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. Tuition assistance is available.

Pre-K Begins after Labor Day

Our 3K and 4K ministry begins the week after Labor Day, and there are only a few open seats still available! We offer a variety of options – half day or all day, the number of days, and wrap-around care. If you would like to consider Christian education for your 3 or 4 year-old, or if you know someone who would still like to enroll their child, contact Pre-K Director Michele Drska at (414) 422-0320, ext. 144.

School of Early Learning

Our childcare ministry for children six weeks to three years-old is open year-round. If you are interested in enrolling your child or adding your child to the waiting list, contact our SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 10

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives by participating in the programs listed below. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 422-0320 ext. 145 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)

Our Sunday morning youth ministry for children 3 years-old through 6th grade, resumes on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am. Kids Club features a large group opening followed by small group discussion to help your child apply God's word to their lives.

Boost (Grades 7 & 8)

Boost (7th and 8th grade) also begins on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am. Using an engaging, multi-media, but more traditional classroom format, Boost participants experience a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Our preparation for youth confirmation includes three years of study. Children in our Christian Elementary School receive this instruction during the school day. Children attending public school receive this training on Wednesday afternoons. Parents and students participating in the Wednesday afternoon classes must attend the orientation/registration meeting in church on Monday, August 21, 6:30-7:30 pm. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at 414-422-0320, ext. 145.

SHARE JESUS WITH KIDS

If being a part of shaping the next generation for the Lord is something you'd enjoy considering, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark your interest on the Connection Card. Dr. Nelson looks forward to sharing the joys and rewards of youth ministry with you.

ADULTS GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Several Bible studies are resuming in September and new ones are beginning. Register for all of these on the Connection Card.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES

My Son, My Savior – Begins Sunday, August 13. See how Mary experienced and pondered the miracle of Jesus' coming and humbly grew in her understanding that her son was also her Savior. The main message for all is that Jesus is their Savior, too. Join Mr. Jim Haag as he leads this Grace Room Bible study August 13, 20, 27, and September 3 at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

Let's Get to Know God and Ourselves a Little Better – Begins Sunday, September 10. This class will explore St. Augustine's assertion that all of theology is presented either explicitly or implicitly in the first three chapters of Genesis and will be taught by retired Martin Luther College Professor, Pastor Daniel Deutschlander.

Parents' Club – Begins Sunday, September 17. Facilitated by St. Paul's Pre-K Teacher Anne Meyer and her husband Chris, the course *Parenting: The Early Years* will explore ten biblical traits your kids will remember you for. This excellent 6-week, DVD-assisted course will be held in school classroom 8.

Creation Science Part I – Begins Sunday, October 15. Dig deeper into what every Christian should know about origins. This two-week class will be taught by St. Paul's member and creation science enthusiast, Joel Weaver.

Martin Luther: Return to Grace – Begins Sunday, October 29. As part of our remembrance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will take a look at the WELS-produced DVD assisted study based on the PBS documentary *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. St. Paul's member Mel Rindfleisch will teach the class. Mel has a love for history and has taught about Martin Luther at St. Paul's previously. Watch for more details coming on the celebration of this vital event for all of us.

WEEK DAY STUDIES BEGINNING MID-SEPTEMBER

Following the Promise – Begins Tuesday, September 12, at 7 pm.

This is the perfect place to start if you have never done a Bible study. God was planning for you before the creation of the world. God's first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible. In this 15-week study, you will follow that promise through the Bible and see how it impacts your life. This also serves as a preparation-for-membership Bible study. Mark the Connection Card to register.

Through the Bible In a Year – Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning September 13.

Through the Bible In a Year is replacing *The Story* study so that we can use our own Bibles as the textbook, highlighting and taking notes that will be helpful for years to come. The course will be offered on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm beginning September 13, and Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning September 18. Mark the Connection Card for more information.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND – TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

As we go through life we all struggle with our own personal weaknesses and temptations. We know and love our Savior. We long to serve him and live to his glory, but we are weak. It is frustrating for us that the good we want to do, we do not do and the evil we hate, this we keep on doing! This is the cross we have to bear.



There are certain crosses that are unique to certain stages and ages of life. Some temptations and struggles are most common to youth, others to middle age, and still others in the golden years. In this three-week series we will look at the crosses that are rather typical to each of these age groups in the interest of strengthening the one who imagines that he is all alone under his cross.

2017 CHURCH PICNIC SUCCESS!

Praise be to God for His mercy and grace as he, once again, blessed us with a beautiful day, a wonderful attendance of families and friends, and a phenomenal group of volunteers! And a very special thank you goes out to the St. Paul's Picnic Committee: David and Tina Mueller, Jim and Kathy Haag, Brian Ralston, Gary and Kim Christopherson, Wendy Hendrix, Mike and Cheryl Suhm, Bob and Karen Zastrow. From the first meeting on May 31 until the last table was put away on Picnic Sunday, this A-team worked together to "hit it out of the park," as they served their Lord and their church family. Halleluiah! Amen.

THANK YOU GENEROUS DONORS!

Once again St. Paul's members stepped up to help those in need in our community. The "Back to School" backpack efforts resulted in 39 filled backpacks that will be given to kids in our community. Please have all backpacks in the lobby by Sunday, August 13. If you need to make a late delivery, please contact Sally at 414-422-0320, ext. 294.

CANDY DRIVE

The Muskego Community Festival Parade is happening on Sunday, August 27. Help out with this summer event by bringing a bag or two of candy to church on or before the weekend of August 20. Donation of money are also appreciated. Please bring only *Smartees*, *Tootsie Rolls*, or lollipops. There will be a collection bin in the church lobby. What we don't receive in donations, we will need to purchase.

MEALS FOR OUR MISSION PARTNER

Garden Homes Lutheran Church, in Milwaukee's inner city, is a St. Paul's mission partner. The Lighthouse Youth Center, which is part of Garden Homes' ministry, has contacted St. Paul's to see if any groups would be willing to provide a simple dinner for the Lighthouse kids in 2017-18. The normal "menu" is easy stuff to provide and would need to serve about 30-40 youth. The idea would be that the St. Paul's group providing the food could also deliver it, help serve it, and then hang out with the kids a little. If your group would be interested in talking more about this and potentially picking a date in 2017-18, please contact Dr. Nelson 414-750-2586 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

TUG – TEENS UNDER GOD

TUG is a unique ministry for teens – members of St. Paul's and their friends. TUG provides teens with worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service opportunities as well as time to develop Christian relationships with each other and adult mentors within a safe, caring, supportive, and fun environment.

- August 13 – No TUG -Trinity Café in use for Awake & Alive
- August 27 – Discussion: Teen Suicide
- September 10 – Laser Tag (watch for details)
- September 24 – Discussion: Teen Suicide

TUG meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the Trinity Café and Gym, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.



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
School Exterior Window Replacements	\$55,000	\$915	\$54,085
Trinity Gym Floor to Ceiling Room Divider	\$13,000	\$1,955	\$11,045

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 below.

TEXT TO GIVE 414-316-6733

We are excited about this new way to give. Text a dollar amount (always put the dollar sign before it) to 414-316-6733. You will receive a text to register your credit or debit card. After registration, giving is as simple as texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733. Weekly, monthly or quarterly recurring gifts can also be set up.

ONLINE GIVING

Often we say that we want to make our offerings our first priority as a testimony to God that he is #1 in our hearts and minds. An easy way to make that happen is to use automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. You can use the online giving option at www.StPaulMuskego.org or scan the QR code to go directly to our mobile-friendly site.

