

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of August 6, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
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	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom #9)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial 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 with Holy Communion
SUN	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

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

Terri Raduege is at St. Luke's. Lynn Johnson has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

831 attended worship services last week.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Mary Schauwitzer, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

CLOTHED IN CHRIST IN BAPTISM

A first step toward a stronger faith is a one-hour personal visit and study on baptism. Schedule this First Step visit with Pastor Nate Strobel by marking the Connection Card or contacting him at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

This is the perfect place to start if you have never done a Bible study. Did you know that God was planning for you before the creation of the world? Intriguing! 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 class is also a path to membership at the end if you so wish. There are two opportunities to join in on this study this fall: Tuesdays, beginning September 4, at 7:00 pm and Sundays, beginning October 14, at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate to register at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

A GENEROUS GOD CREATES GENEROUS PEOPLE

The light of God's grace and goodness has again shown through the generosity of his people here at St. Paul's. Our July Family in Need was hit with extensive medical bills and lost wages due to significant health issues among three family members. God's people have responded with gifts totaling \$8,250! Thank you for your generous support and love to members of our Christian family!

Our on-going Friends in Need fund enables us to help members and strangers. Recently Pastor Strobel was able to work with the Muskego Police Department to help a family. Officer Petz sent us this note: "I want to thank Pastor Nate, your church and congregation for help in our time of need. It was wonderful to have resources available to provide crucial assistance to those so desperate."

May God continue to bless the people at St. Paul's with a generous heart to bring the love of Christ to all those in our area of influence.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:19-21).



FAMILY CHURCH

See a Family Church in Action

When Jesus came to Bethany, a family opened their home for a Life Group with Jesus at the center.

Mary and Martha didn't always get it right. Mary sat at Jesus' feet. Martha got angry with Mary and with Jesus. "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work?"



But even in this imperfect family, Martha's faith grew. When their brother died it was Martha who confessed about Lazarus, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." About Jesus she confessed, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." It was Martha that showed love to her sister by calling her aside with the good news, "The Teacher is here, and is asking for you" (John 11:24,27,28).

Busy Martha and quiet Mary both found time to sit at Jesus' feet. They learned of his love for them. They learned to love each other. That's what happens in a Family Church.

Our Call to Lead Family Churches

If you are a parent, the Savior is calling you to lead your Family Church. "Train a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). It is from mothers and fathers that children best learn of the Savior's love and what it means to love each other.

This fall we will study Paul's letter to the Ephesians with the goal of helping parents recognize themselves as their children's first pastors called to lead the children to sit at Jesus' feet. We are developing tools to help you fulfill your calling.

Our Call to Develop Family Churches

Even though we live in an urban area and may be connected with hundreds through social media, we can feel incredibly isolated. Loneliness is a plague that affects many of us.

"God sets the lonely in families" (Psalm 68:6). Trusting in this promise, we want to develop Family Churches, small groups from three to a dozen or more, a family of brothers and sisters in Christ who meet regularly to sit at Jesus feet together.

GroupLink

We are offering GroupLink twice (Thursday, September 13 and/or Sunday, September 16 at 6:30 pm) to link together brothers and sisters in Christ who would like to join a Life Group.

GroupLink is a 90-minute experience in which those interested in small group Bible study get to know one another. As you mingle and discuss questions, you have a chance to learn where people live, whether they are married or single, with children or not, and what times each could meet as a group. At the end of the evening, you will actually have your first short Life Group meeting and schedule the next time this new Family Church will meet. After you meet several times, you will have the opportunity to decide if this group fits your needs or if you would like to join another Family Church.

ST. PAUL'S LOVES OUTREACH

MUSKEGO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Our participation in Muskego National Night Out went very well! We were able to interact with hundreds of children and adults while enjoying the beautiful weather God gave us. The love of Jesus was shown through the hearts of our volunteers as they spoke about our church and school and we were excited to debut our new custom canopy made specifically for outreach events. Thank you to all who participated!



NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CANDY DRIVE

We will be participating in the Muskego Community Festival Parade on Sunday, August 26. Help out with this summer event by bringing a bag or two of candy to the collection bins in the church lobby the weekend of August 12 or August 19. Donations of money are also appreciated. Please bring only *Smartees*, *Tootsie Rolls*, or lollipops. What we don't receive in donations, we will need to purchase.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AT LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER

St. Paul's will once again be partnering with Lighthouse Youth Center of Garden Homes Lutheran Church this year to provide suppers for this after-school ministry. Lighthouse Youth Center is located in Milwaukee's inner city. The mission of Lighthouse is to be a beacon for Christ to the youth of the community. If you would like to learn more about this service opportunity, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

Dates available are the following:: September 7, October 19, October 26, December 7, December 14, January 4, January 11, February 1, February 8, March 29, April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 17.

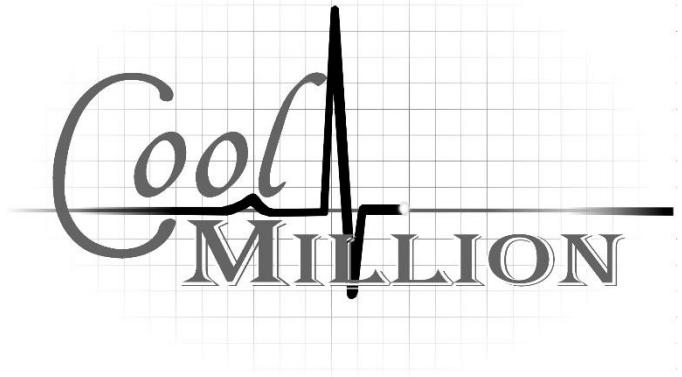
More information about Lighthouse Youth Center can be found at www.lighthouseyouthcenter.com.

PICNIC OFFERING — A COOL MILLION

Sixty years ago, St. Paul's dedicated the "Youth Center" with a gym and several classrooms. This building enabled the congregation to begin a Christian Elementary School 10 years later.

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our first school building and the 50th anniversary of our school, we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received from him through this build and this ministry!

On this Picnic Sunday weekend, we are designating gifts in the Picnic Offering Envelope for the Cool Million capital fund drive, much of which will go to upgrade and maintain our school building.



Those attending the picnic can see the initial results of these gifts:

- the school playground has been repaved
- new swing sets are being installed
- new windows in the Centennial Gym (completing a multi-year effort to replace all the windows in the 1958 "Youth Center").

Projects that we hope to accomplish next summer include:

- replacing an aging heating system with a new HVAC system so that the entire school will be air conditioned
- remodeling the Centennial gym with shingles, ceiling treatment, sound system, stage lights, and electrical upgrade.

In addition to on-campus improvements, our tithe of the Cool Million will support missions around the globe. So far we have sent \$20,000 to Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico, enabling them to purchase a used van that is essential for their ministry and place \$13,000 into their building fund.

We have already received \$237,000 in gifts and another \$400,000 in plans for giving for a total of \$637,000. It will take all of that and more for the improvements to our school. Our hope is that we will receive sufficient gifts by January 2019 so that we can approve all of these improvements to our school in the summer of 2019.

Any gift that you can give today or in the future toward a Cool Million is most appreciated. You may give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give, or clearly mark your offering "Cool Million."

Here are Some Smart Ways to Give in 2018:

- Donate appreciated stock and eliminate capital gains tax.
- Name St. Paul's Legacy Fund or Gift Trust Fund as a beneficiary of retirement plan assets. These assets remain taxable when distributed to a loved one but are tax-free when given to a non-profit.
- Give from your IRA (if age 70 ½ or older). Regardless of whether you itemize your taxes, this gift helps you fulfil your required minimum distribution and is not considered taxable income.
- Gifts of real estate.

(Adapted from Wisconsin Lutheran High School Foundation Newsletter)

YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Begins August 21

Our Lutheran School (K-8) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 21. 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.

St. Paul's Child Care Center

Our child care 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 Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 9

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 9, 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 9, 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. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 29 at 4:30 pm. Parents and students participating must attend the orientation/registration meeting in church on Monday, August 20, 6:30-7:30 pm. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at 414-422-0320, ext. 145.

TUG – TEENS UNDER GOD

On Sunday, August 19, 6:30-8:00 pm, St. Paul's teens are invited to Victory of the Lamb in Franklin for an evening of outdoor games, food, and a bonfire. This is the "reciprocal" event Victory of the Lamb is hosting after our TUG group hosted them on our campus last July. If you'd like to attend, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org so he can communicate an accurate count to the Victory of the Lamb planners. It will be a fun night with a great group. Once we have an accurate head count, transportation will be coordinated.

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SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is in need of a Teacher's Aide in the Infant Room, Wednesdays, 12:00 - 5:00 pm. Start date needed is December 10 continuing through March 4 (12 weeks).

A Teacher's Aide is also needed in the One-Year-Old Room, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 - 2:00 pm. Start date needed is December 10 continuing through January 21 (6 weeks).

Please Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubaer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200 to apply.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Wisconsin Lutheran High School has a need of a part-time instructor to lead their fashion techniques courses. The individual must have competence in sewing basics and more complex projects as well as operating a serger machine. A teaching degree is preferable but not necessary. WLHS offers three levels of fashion technique courses with no more than 13 students in a section. Daily teaching commitment is approximately two and a half hours a day which could be scheduled for either the morning or afternoon. Interested persons please contact WLHS Human Resources at hr@wlhs.org.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

Stoney Creek is headed to see *Grease* at the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson on September 26. Enjoy a great dinner, super show, and upbeat songs. Call the Stoney Creek office for more information and to register at (414) 422-4686.