

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of August 13, 2018

<b>MON</b>	9:00 am	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	5:30 pm	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST
<b>TUE</b>	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	6:30 pm	Back to School Night (Lutheran Elementary School)
	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
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Installation of New Lutheran School Teachers
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:15 am	Reception for New Lutheran School Teachers (Faith Room)
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Victory of the Lamb, Franklin)

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## 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](http://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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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# FAMILY CHURCH

## God Sets the Lonely in Families

- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds;  
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.
- <sup>6</sup> God sets the lonely in families (Psalm 68:4-6).



On September 9<sup>th</sup>, we are beginning the “Family Church” series with this truth in mind: **God promises to be a father to the fatherless and set the lonely in families.**

What does your family look like?

This?



or this?



or this?



or this?



## No One Alone

Our first goal in the “Family Church” effort is to make sure that everyone at St. Paul’s and The Bridge understands they are part of a family. You may be part of a nuclear family, part of a large extended family that gathers often, or you may be single, divorced, widowed or an empty nester. No matter! We are all part of the family of God.

We hope to form dozens of new Life Groups of three to a dozen people or more where individuals and couples experience that “family of God” love and care. We ask that these groups meet for Bible study and discussion for six weeks in a row to allow time for the group to coalesce. Our prayer is that these groups might become your church family where you can laugh together, pray for each other, and encourage each other. If, at the end of the six weeks, you haven’t found your group a good fit, you can discontinue meeting and try again in our next small group effort.

## GroupLink – A Chance to “Try It Before You Buy It”

GroupLink (Thursday, September 13 and/or Sunday, September 16 at 6:30 pm) is a 90-minute experience to find others who are interested in becoming part of a Life Group. As you learn more about Life Groups and talk with those present, you will be able to determine those whose schedules and interests match yours so that you can form a new group.

The beauty of GroupLink is that for the last 30 minutes, you actually can have your first small group experience, getting to know each other and plan the next meeting time and location. **Check GroupLink on your connection card today.**

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## HOSPITALIZED

Terri Raduege has returned to Autumn Leaves, and Lynn Johnson has again been discharged from the hospital.

## ATTENDANCE

907 attended worship services last week of which 648 attended the picnic service.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

## 2018 CHURCH PICNIC THANK YOU

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:

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. Halleluia! Amen.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## BE A READING BUDDY STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

*Reading Buddies* will begin its fourth year of encouraging a love of reading in our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, beginning Wednesday, September 5. *Reading Buddies* meets every Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Trinity Cafe. Contact Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons this week at (920) 342-7924 or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) if you are interested.

## 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 [kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

# YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

### School Begins August 21

Our Lutheran School (K-8) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 21 with an anticipated enrollment of 228. IFASST registration day is Monday, August 13, 9:00 am to noon and 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Back to School night is Thursday, August 16 in the Trinity Gym with two sessions to choose from: 6:30 – 7:10 pm and 7:15 to 8:00 pm. It is not too late to enroll! Contact School Administrator Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

### Pre-K Begins after Labor Day

Our 3K and 4K ministry begins the week after Labor Day. With an anticipated enrollment of 88. There are only a few open seats available. Contact Pre-K Director Michele Drska at (414) 422-0320, ext. 144. 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.

## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 9

For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).

### Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)

Our Sunday morning youth ministry for children 3 years-old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade resumes on Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 am.

### Boost (Grades 7 & 8)

Boost (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) also begins on Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 am using a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word.

## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation instruction for public school youth in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be offered Wednesdays at 4:30 pm beginning August 29. Required orientation for parents and youth is Monday, August 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in church. For more information contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).

## 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. If you'd like to attend, contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).

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## REST FOR THE STRESSED MESSAGE SERIES

We know that rest is found in God's Word. But how can we get more benefit from reading the Bible? Join us as we continue to practice a Bible reading pattern that Martin Luther suggested, using the four questions found in today's message outline.

### No Time? Luther's Answer:

"Guard yourself against such false and deceitful thoughts that keep whispering: Wait a while. In an hour or so I will pray. I must first finish this or that. Thinking such thoughts we get away from prayer into other things that will hold us and involve us till the prayer of the day comes to naught." – Martin Luther



### AUGUST 19

### GRATEFUL

### PSALM 33

Lord, I live in a world that is all too often negative in its viewpoint. The glass is half empty instead of half full. Yet I have so much to be grateful for. You have given me so many good things. Help me to count my blessings.

### AUGUST 26

### SAFE

### PSALM 139

Lord, you know all things, you are present everywhere, you are all powerful and you are holy. Should that comfort me or frighten me?

### SEPTEMBER 2

### SOOTHED

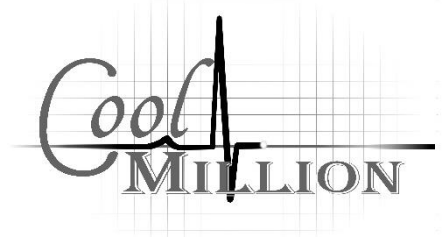
### PSALM 73

Lord, I look at the people around me and their lives don't make sense to me. Everything seems to go right for the people who don't give you a second thought. What am I missing?

# GIFTS TO GOD

## A COOL MILLION

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Cool Million capital campaign. Based on the \$630,000 in gifts and plans for giving, we have approved the replacement of our school's HVAC system that will result in the entire building being air conditioned. The work will begin this summer and be completed next summer. We are also planning to update the Centennial Gym next summer but those plans are dependent on us receiving sufficient funds by February 2019 to proceed with that next project. Write "Cool Million" on your Connection Card and we will send you additional information.



## MORTGAGE FUND

With the focus on A Cool Million, giving to the Mortgage Fund has fallen behind our monthly needs and we are dipping into our reserves. Please include the Mortgage Fund in your regular giving plans.

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund encourages 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, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

"I can't afford tuition." What a blessing to be able to assure a parent who wants Christian education for their child that generous members of St. Paul's give special gifts to LESTA (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance) Fund and to SCETA (Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance) Fund. These special gifts enable us to provide generous assistance to those in need.

## ONLINE GIVING

The most cost-effective way to give is by automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. Go to [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) or use the QR code to go to our mobile-friendly site. You can designate your gifts for General Fund, Mortgage Fund, Cool Million, LESTA, SCETA, etc.



# ST. PAUL'S LOVES OUTREACH

## NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### CANDY DRIVE

We will be participating in the Muskego Community Festival Parade on Sunday, August 26. Help out by bringing a bag or two of candy to the collection bins at the Welcome Center in the church lobby the weekend of August 19. Donations of money are also appreciated. Please bring only *Smartees*, *Tootsie Rolls*, or lollipops.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AT LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER

St. Paul's is partnering with Lighthouse Youth Center of Garden Homes Lutheran Church to provide suppers for their after-school ministry. The typical menu is easy food to prepare and serves about 30-40 youth. Volunteers provide the food, deliver it, help serve it, and then hang out with the kids a little. If your group would be interested please contact Dr. Nelson (414) 422-1711, ext. 145 or [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). More information about Lighthouse Youth Center can be found at [www.lighthouseyouthcenter.com](http://www.lighthouseyouthcenter.com).