

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of August 27, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Instruction Classes
	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)
	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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

WATCH 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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FAMILY CHURCH

YOUR FAMILY NEEDS YOU

I received a text from a sister in Christ this week:

“I very much would love to find a small group where I can find friends. My best friend is moving to... and I’m going to need a female friend.”

You may feel that you don’t need to be a part of a Life Group or small group Bible study. But what about your sister or your brother in Christ?



YOU COULD BE AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Many of us are praying for the “impossible,” that not a single Christian here at St. Paul’s and The Bridge is facing the joys and challenges of life alone. We are praying that God would use the Family Church effort to fulfill his promise that he “sets the lonely in families” (Psalm 68:6).

Could you be an answer to these prayers? Could you be a part of a small group or could you be a Life Group host?

WHAT DOES A LIFE GROUP HOST DO?

Hosting isn’t rocket science! It is as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4.

1. Pick a night for the group and stay consistent.
2. Prepare enough seats for the group (either consistently in your home or rotate locations among the group).
3. Have a firm start and end time.
4. Have snacks (a cold glass of water or more elaborate snacks).

If you are willing to consider being a host, mark your interest on the Connection Card.

HOW DO GROUPS FORM? GROUPLINK

New Life Groups will be formed at the GroupLink sessions on Thursday, September 13 and/or Sunday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. We’ll explain what a small group is like, provide snacks to enjoy, and starter questions so that you can get to know others present at GroupLink. By the end of the evening, you’ll have found a group of people with whom you feel comfortable.

At the close of GroupLink, the new groups will have a short Growth Group meeting to plan the next time that they will get together.

Use the Connection Card to let us know which GroupLink you will be able to attend.

FAMILY CHURCH STARTS SEPTEMBER 9

- September 9 – The message series begins, acknowledging that no family is perfect.
- September 23 – Small Groups will begin to meet.
- October 14 – RAWKs Fund. Families and small groups will be invited to receive a gift to which they can also contribute to be used for RAWKs – Random Acts of Worship Kindness.
- October 21 – Rededication – “Pastors” of families and groups rededicate themselves to fulfilling their roles so that they might “save yourself and your hearers” (1 Timothy 4:16).
- October 28 – Celebration – Remembering the ultimate goal of the Family Church, that we might celebrate together before God’s throne forever.

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HOSPITALIZED

Brian Swessel has been discharged from the hospital.

BAPTISM

Lucas James Wishmann, son of Joseph and Brittany (nee Jefferson) Wishmann, was born December 23, 2016, and will be baptized after the worship services on Sunday, August 26. Praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Lucas.

ATTENDANCE

941 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

There are two opportunities to join in on this study this fall: Tuesdays, beginning September 11, at 7:00 pm and Sundays, beginning October 14, at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate to register at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org. This class serves as a path to membership at the end if you so wish.

NEW SEASON OF BIBLE STUDIES TO BEGIN

A diverse line-up of Bible studies has been scheduled for the Grace Room on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15, beginning September 9. Check the church website under the heading "grow" to learn more about the courses and their presenters.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4

All ladies are invited to join the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 am every Tuesday, beginning September 4, in the Faith Room. The first series of lessons for 2018-19 will take a "verse by verse" look at Paul's letter to the Ephesians, which is sometimes called the book that helps us find our true identity.

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

St. Paul's Child Care Center is in need of a Teacher's Aide 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 or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL BEGINS SOON

Handbell rehearsal will resume on Tuesday September 4, at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. There is room for one more player. If you are interested in playing bells, please contact Dave Lemke at 262-679-9537 or dlemke718@gmail.com.

FIRST GRADE TEACHER LINDA MARTENS RETIRES

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

With a sad but confident heart, I offer my retirement from the teaching ministry effective immediately. Family obligations have led me to this hasty and necessary decision. I am confident that this is the Lord's will.

I am always thankful to the Lord for the privilege of teaching His children. I'm also thankful for your support and love. Your congregation, faculty, and students remain in my heart and prayers. I ask you also to remember me in your prayers.

God's words are always our support and strength. He says in Jeremiah 29:11; "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In the name of the Good Shepherd who blesses and guides,

Linda Martens



OUR APPRECIATION FOR MISS MARTENS' MINISTRY

As a way to express our appreciation for Miss Martens' ministry among us, we are gathering monetary gifts to present to Miss Martens to help her as she makes this sudden transition from full-time ministry to retirement due to sudden and pressing family obligations. Please mark your gift clearly "Miss Martens Gift." Make checks payable to St. Paul's. You may place them in the offering at church or drop it by the school office. You may also text to give a special gift (Example: \$20.00 Martens) to 414-316-6733.

ST. PAUL'S LOVES KIDS AND TEENS

PRE-K BEGINS AFTER LABOR DAY

Our 3K and 4K begin the week after Labor Day. We have an anticipated enrollment of 88 with a few open seats available. We offer a variety of scheduling 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.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES IN TWO WEEKS



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 in the school. Kids Club uses a “Large Group-Small Group” format of Bible stories, music, singing, and lesson reinforcement activities that engage all the learning styles.



Boost (Grades 7 & 8)

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

For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. You can find the Kids Club and Boost schedules of lessons on the church website at www.stpaulmuskego.org/grow/sunday-morning-youth-ministry/.

BE A READING BUDDY

Reading Buddies is a weekly reading program in our Lutheran school where an adult partners with a child to listen and at times read with them to encourage a love for reading. Individuals of any age may volunteer for as many times per month that work for you. Reading Buddies will begin Wednesday, September 5 and will meet every Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Trinity Cafe. Contact Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons at (920) 342-7924 or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org if you are interested.

TUG ON SEPTEMBER 9

The next Teens Under God (TUG) night is Sunday, September 9, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Trinity Gym. It will be open-gym time. TUG is a great place for teens to grow in faith and develop Christian relationships. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

FINANCIAL PEACE FOR YOUR TEEN AND YOU

Generation Change, a Dave Ramsey course for teens and their parents that is part of the well-known *Financial Peace University* series will be offered the Sundays of September 16, 23, and 30, 12:00-1:30 pm. Teens (and parents) will learn their value in God's eyes and what the Bible says about money. The importance of giving, the dangers of debt, how to budget and save wisely, and how to plan for large purchases will be covered. All sessions will be in the Faith Room with complimentary lunch provided. To reserve your place, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, by September 9.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE COMMUNITY

WATCH FOR OUR FLOAT IN THE MUSKEGO FESTIVAL PARADE

St. Paul's will be sponsoring a float in the Muskego Festival Parade on Sunday, August 26. One of our worship bands from The Bridge, His Way – featuring Mike and Emily Krill, will be performing on the float for the community. The theme of our float is *“Snow place to go? Don't wait until the cold of winter to come to a place of warmth and welcome.”* Flyers will be distributed promoting the platforms available to watch The Bridge live-streamed worship service each week, as well as lots of candy tossed to the crowds. Watch for us and give a friendly wave and hello!

ST. PAUL'S CARES FOR THE COMMUNITY

St. Paul's will be supporting the Muskego Chamber of Commerce Student Education & Workforce Development program by sponsoring an Adirondack Chair this fall. Once local art students paint the chair, it will be on display at St. Paul's for the community to see and then travel to a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit mentoring lunches, career tours, and student scholarships. This is just another way that St. Paul's shows our care and support for the community of Muskego.

STORAGE NEEDED FOR LIVING NATIVITY STABLE

The garage where the Living Nativity set/stable is currently stored has been sold. We need to have the set moved out by the end of November. The stable walls, floor, and ceiling do break down into pieces and only need to be accessed once every 2 years. The space needed is approximately 7 feet X 14 feet with a 7 foot height. If you are able to provide a home for these items or can provide a referral of a location, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at (414) 422-0320, ext. 294, or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MUSKEGO SENIOR TAXI

As part of our community outreach, we share opportunities for our members to volunteer within our community. The Muskego Senior Taxi is actively looking for a new closer. A closer would volunteer their time on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, approximately 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm, to file paperwork and prepare instructions for drivers the next day. If you are interested in learning more, contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294 or Kayla Parker at Muskego Senior Taxi at (262) 679-4754.

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

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT STONEY CREEK

Walgreens will be coming to Stoney Creek on Tuesday, September 11th at 1 pm to offer flu shots. To sign up, contact Anita at Stoney Creek at 414-422-4686. For more information about Stoney Creek check out their website at www.stoneycreekmuskego.com.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL INSTALLATION AND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Join WLHS in celebration at their installation and anniversary service on Sunday, September 9, at 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (1205 S 8th St.) in Milwaukee. The service will include the installation of St. Paul's former teacher Mr. Justin Walz. All are invited to stay for the reception following the service.

WLHS JR. VIKINGS FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

The Wisconsin Lutheran High School football program is offering a 3-day camp on September 8, 15, and 29 for boys in grades 2-4 to familiarize them with the fundamentals of football in a Christian setting. Participants will spend time practicing football basics (stance, catching, throwing, etc.) before dividing into teams to play games. Cost is \$25 per person. Please register by Monday, August 27, by going to www.wlhs.org/jrvikings and selecting "Flag Football Registration."

EXTRA FABRIC NEEDED FOR FASHION TECHNIQUES CLASS AT WISCO

Do you have more fabric than you'll ever use? Would you like to see sewing skills passed on to the next generation? The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Fashion Techniques department is in need of extra fabrics, scraps, notions, and patterns for students to develop their God-given talents. Please contact Patti Wenzel at (414) 453-4567, ext. 1851, or patti.wenzel@wlhs.org.

JUNIOR VIKING GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

All girls entering grades 4-8 are invited to tryout for the Jr. Vikings girls' basketball team. This team is part of a Christ-centered program aimed at helping girls who are interested in attending WLHS and playing high school basketball. Register for tryouts at wlhs.org/jrvikings under "Girls Basketball." Please E-mail Coach Randy Strutz at randall.strutz@wlhs.org with questions.