

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Lee Dreyer (Tudor Oaks), Herbert Lichtenberg (transferred to Elizabeth Residence Franklin), and Sherwin Beyer (The Woods).

## BAPTISMS

Micah Daniel Beck, son of Daniel and Analysis (nee Rivera) Beck, was born January 12, 2024, and will be baptized at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Carter Jordan Soderland, son of Jay Soderland and Kristin Bortmann, was born November 21, 2022, and will be baptized in a private ceremony on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

May God bless both Micah and Carter in their baptismal faiths.

## ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 262 at 3:30 pm and 152 at 6:30 pm on Ash Wednesday, 128 on Saturday, 124 on Sunday 8:00 am, 445 on Sunday 9:30 am, 244 at The Bridge, and 83 at The Bridge MKE. 228 at 3:30 pm and 63 at 6:30 pm at Midweek Lent.

## ST. PAUL'S NOMINATED FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR!

St. Paul's is honored to be nominated as the Muskego Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year for 2023! We thank Pastor Nate and Sally Wallner for their many outreach efforts and for the incredible impact St. Paul's has in Muskego. We also congratulate and thank the other nominated businesses who play a pivotal role in our community.

## PROF. DAVID SCHARF RETURNS CALL

Professor David Scharf has returned our call to serve as our Pastor of Discipleship.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Almost three weeks ago, I received a call from you to serve as one of your Pastors. Over the last weeks, there have been many prayers said, and I've had many discussions with people from there and here. It has been a joy to learn about your ministry. God has blessed you with so much opportunity to reach out to the Muskego area and beyond! However, after much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to return the call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and continue to serve the future called workers at Martin Luther College.*

*I will continue to pray for St. Paul's as I would ask that you continue to pray for Martin Luther College.*

*Serving Christ with you in His Kingdom,  
Pastor David Scharf*

## SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING TO CALL A PASTOR

The next special voters meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 about 7:30 pm, after the 6:30 pm Lenten service. We are awaiting word from our District President to confirm the date.

## CHRISTIANS PREPARE FOR DEATH

Death doesn't need to be a taboo subject when, in Christ, heaven is our home. If we prepare ourselves for our death by our faith, why wouldn't we also want to prepare our families for our death in every way we can? With that in mind, St. Paul's Legacy Committee has contracted with Tom Slye of SFC Estate Coaching to help individuals and families navigate the process of preparing a will/estate plan. At no cost to you, Tom educates and coaches you to the point of becoming "attorney-ready." Schedule a meeting with Tom using the QR code, or note your interest on the Connection Card.



## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT – MARCH 17

The Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir performs its Spring Tour Home Concert on Sunday, March 17, at 2:30 pm, at Wisconsin Lutheran College, in their Center for Arts and Performance. Dr. James Nowack, the director of the choir, is a member of St. Paul's. Free tickets can be reserved by calling 414-443-8802 or at [wlc.edu/BoxOffice](http://wlc.edu/BoxOffice).

# GET CONNECTED WITH OTHERS!

## ST. PAUL'S LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS

St. Paul's has an opportunity for you to praise God with your instruments and voices! Our Brass (trumpet, euphonium, trombone, tuba, French horn), Woodwind (piccolo, flute, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone), Strings (violin, viola, cello, bass), and Vocal choirs have immediate openings. All levels of ability are welcome – ages 14+. If interested, contact Mike Westendorf [mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org](mailto:mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org) or Heidi Schuh [hschuh@stpmuskego.org](mailto:hschuh@stpmuskego.org).

## MEN'S SOFTBALL AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's will once again field a team to play in the WELS Softball League Tuesday nights in late April through early August. Games are generally played at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 pm. The team is open to all male members confirmation age and older. If you are interested in playing this year, please contact Mike Westendorf at [mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org](mailto:mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org) or text him at 414-507-8250.

## NEW GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY – SUNDAYS IN MARCH AT 9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Aderman is leading a Grace Room Bible Study on *Learning to Complain from Jeremiah*. We invite you to join us for this lesson on how God's grace lessens complaints and brings about blessings.

## TEMPLELOVEFITNESS BIBLE STUDY AND PILATES

TempleLoveFitness group classes focus on increasing body awareness and confidence. Join Anna Wallander the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:45 pm for Bible Study and/or a Pilates class at 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. This class is for women of all ages and any fitness level. To sign up, contact Anna at 214-519-9587.

## ON CAMPUS SMALL GROUPS

There are a number of small groups who meet weekly on our campus: Thursday morning women's Bible study, Saturday morning God's Guys, Mommy and Me for mothers with young children. There are also groups who gather simply for fellowship like the Walking Group or the Card Players Group. If interested in any of these or in an in-home small group Bible study, please note it on your Connection Card.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Our Community Counseling and Care Center, under the direction of Pastor Jeffrey Bonack, offers a number of support groups such as DivorceCare and Anxiety and Depression Support Group. If you would be interested in participating in a support group, you are always welcome. Check the Weekly Calendar. For more information you may also mark your Connection Card or call Pastor Bonack at 414-422-0320 ext. 119.



## PARENT WORKSHOP – PARENTING WITH THE BRAIN IN MIND – FEBRUARY 25

Presented by Kara Darling, MS, CCC-SLP, you are invited to learn how to help your child(ren) build a solid foundation for social, emotional, and mental health. Sign up for this workshop by scanning the QR code.

## WELS YOUTH RALLY – JUNE 25-28

This year, the WELS Youth Rally will be held June 25-28 in Fort Collins, Colorado, at Colorado State University. This rally is for high school students and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering high school this year. Join with teens from across the country at the foot of the Rocky Mountains to explore the many messages God delivers "From the Mountaintops" of Scripture. If interested, contact Family Minister Paul Schuessler at [pschuessler@stpmuskego.org](mailto:pschuessler@stpmuskego.org) or visit [welsyouthrally.net](http://welsyouthrally.net) for more information.

## WELS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – JULY 28-30

Join hundreds of other WELS women at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee for the 2024 Conference *Empowered to Proclaim*. Learn more and register at [WELSwmconference.net/#](http://WELSwmconference.net/#).

# LOOKING TO SERVE THE CITY?

## **THE BRIDGE MKE LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER REOPENS!**

Tuesday, February 20 was the official first day for our reopened Lighthouse Youth Center on The Bridge MKE campus. There were 9 youth present, which is a very good start. Four new contacts and 5 had attended this past summer. Because The Bridge MKE is also an election site, many people came into the building. There were two parents who were very excited to see the program and bring their youth. It was a great day for community service and connections!

## **VOLUNTEER WITH LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER**

Volunteers are needed to make and serve Friday Night Dinners each week at Lighthouse Youth Centers. The first Friday at The Bridge MKE is already taken! To sign up, scan the QR code. Questions? Email Abbie Helwig at [abbie.helwig@lighthouseyouthcenter.com](mailto:abbie.helwig@lighthouseyouthcenter.com).



## **CAREER FAIR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – APRIL 11**

Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School is hosting their 4th Annual Internship and Career Fair on April 11. Following the fair, students will have the chance to apply for various positions. Kingdom Prep is seeking volunteers from 1:30 to 4:00 pm who would be willing to help students craft strong applications. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please share your interest by emailing [internship@kplhs.org](mailto:internship@kplhs.org).



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## **SECONDARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE (SCETA)**

Thank you to those who have contributed to the SCETA Fund. St. Paul's members attending Wisconsin Lutheran High School or Luther Preparatory School for the 2024-25 school year are encouraged to apply for grants from this fund. Grants are awarded primarily according to financial need. Applications for SCETA Fund grants are available in the school office. Application deadline is March 15, 2024. Families must reapply each year.

## **MRS. ANNMARIE HINTZE ACCEPTS CALL**

One of our 4K teachers, Annmarie Hintze, has accepted the call to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Living Hope in West Allis. St. Paul's is extremely thankful to God for the dedication and joy that Mrs. Hintze has served with since the 2005-2006 school year.

*Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,*

*I have decided with the Lord's guidance to accept the call to serve as third grade teacher at Living Hope. I know this letter will be received with mixed emotions of joy and disappointment because either way, a congregation will be without a called worker. As believers, we are filled with joy and comfort, knowing that our unchanging, all-knowing Lord has a plan.*

*I am so grateful for the prayers, thoughts, and conversations that I have had over these past few weeks. It has been a privilege for me to reflect on my many years of ministry at St. Paul's. My time at St. Paul's has been filled with countless blessings, both for me and my family, and I am so thankful that the Lord saw fit to place me here. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers as I transition to a new ministry in a new place. You certainly will continue to be in mine.*

*Your sister in Christ,  
Annmarie Hintze*

## **MR. MARK SIEVERT RECEIVES CALL**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mark Sievert, has received a call from St. John's in Lannon to teach upper grade science and math. Now he must decide where the Lord can best use his gifts. If you would like to share your thoughts and prayers, you can email him at [msievert@stpmuskego.org](mailto:msievert@stpmuskego.org).

## **CALL TO TEACH 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE**

At the recommendation of the School Ministry Action Team, St. Paul's Ministry Board has called Miss Kimberly Ehlke to serve as one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers with Mrs. Sarah Tonn. Kimberly teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Trinity Lutheran School in Caledonia, Wisconsin.



## **DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CALL**

The Ministry Board has called Scott Georgson to be our Director of Instructional Technology. He's currently serving at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Please keep Scott and his family in your prayers as he determines where the Lord can best use his gifts.

*Dear Members of St. Paul's,*

*Peace to you all in Jesus! Deliberating this call, as well as one I received at Wisconsin Lutheran High School this week, and my current call to Good Shepherd is humbling. Yet God's grace is sufficient for each of us in all the challenging tasks of life. During the coming days, please keep my wife, my three daughters, and myself in your prayers, as I will be prayerfully considering where God can best use me to serve him.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Mr. Scott Georgson*



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 26, 2024

<b>MON</b>	9:40 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	6:00 pm	DivorceCare (Hope Room)
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Main Church)
<b>TUE</b>	9:40 am	Walking Group/Mommy and Me (Trinity Gym)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:00 pm	Adult Handell Practice (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	Anxiety and Depression Support Group (Hope Room)
	7:00 pm	Following the Promise Bible Class (Grace Room)
	7:30 pm	Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsal (Church Basement)
<b>WED</b>	9:45 am	Reading Buddies (Trinity Café)
	3:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
<b>THUR</b>	9:30 am	Thursday Ladies Bible Study (Hope Room)
	9:40 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
<b>FRI</b>	6:30 pm	Card Players Group (Trinity Café)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	God's Guys Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:45 am	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:30 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:30 am	Kids Club
	10:00 am	The Bridge and The Bridge MKE Communion
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## PRAY FOR MORE WORKERS IN THE HARVEST FIELD

Jesus told his disciples to pray for more workers. This is especially true for our church body as we experience hundreds of pastor and teacher shortages. Let us pray and let us support our young people interested in ministry. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota is our synod's college to prepare future called workers. Next year, we expect to have seven St. Paul's members at MLC. The college offers congregations a \$1,450 matching tuition grant for each student. If you would like to help these young people prepare for ministry, consider a **Wish List Gift** – our goal is \$10,050 to provide matching funds. Mark your gift clearly "Wish List" MLC or go to [StPaulMuskego.org\give](http://StPaulMuskego.org\give), find the Wish List fund, and note MLC in the memo line.



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