

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

LORD, HAVE MERCY: A LENTEN SERIES BASED ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

During our Wednesday Lenten services (through April 9, 3:30 and 6:30 pm), we will listen to the Passion History as it is recorded in Luke's Gospel, and we will examine the Ten Commandments to better appreciate our need for Jesus' death and resurrection. As we study both the commandments and the Passion History, we will cry out together: "Lord, have mercy!" The 3:30 pm services will be livestreamed during Lent. There will be no Thursday evening services during Lent.

PARKING AND ENTRANCE FOR MIDWEEK SERVICES

For our Wednesday Lenten services at 3:30 and 6:30 pm, only the Community Counseling and Care Center doors on the west side of the building will be open. **To provide a secure environment for our Child Care Ministry, the east door will not be open on Wednesdays.**

CHURCH HANDICAPPED PARKING DURING THE WEEK

Please keep the parking spots closest to the door on the west side open for those who need handicapped parking. This is especially true for our Wednesday Lenten services, our weekday Bible studies, and small group Communion.

BECAUSE IT MATTERS MILESTONE!

Thank you for the continued support of our Because iT Matters giving initiative and building project. We have received \$2.4 million in Building Fund gifts already! We remain on target to receive \$3 million by this fall as a downpayment on our \$10 million expansion project. Please keep our workers in your prayers as they work to complete our school addition this summer and our church addition in March 2026.

HONORING OUR PAST

Working is progressing to install four commemorative art pieces to celebrate our spiritual heritage. We are also using this time to repaint and redecorate the Grace Room so that it will serve not only as a Bible study room but also as a small chapel for smaller services and private baptisms. We have received \$5,000 in gifts toward this \$20,000 project. If you would like to give, mark your gift: **"Wish List: Commemorative Art Work."**

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Roger Scholbe (Care-Age), Elayne Maas (Ascension Franklin), and Robert Burkowitz (Medical Suites of Oak Creek). Doris Meinecke has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 117 on Saturday, 121 on Sunday 8:00 am, 189 on Sunday 9:30 am, 232 at The Bridge, and 73 at The Bridge MKE. 252 at 3:30 pm and 65 at 6:30 pm midweek Lenten services.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY: CHRISTOLOGY

Dust off your basic Bible knowledge and recharge your insights. This in-depth study explores the real identity, work, and wonder of Jesus Christ. St. Paul's member Pastor Chris Cordes, Vice President Publishing at Northwestern Publishing House, is leading this study at 9:35 am through March 23.

ST. PAUL'S MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

St. Paul's will have a team in the WELS Softball league playing Tuesday evenings at Junea Playing Field in Milwaukee (6500 W Mt. Vernon Ave). Any confirmed male members of St. Paul's are eligible to play and if there is enough committed interest, we may be able to field 2 teams. Please contact Mike Westendorf at 414-507-8250 or mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org, or Nathanael Kelly at ehlar.cometseeker@gmail.com by April 15.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ST. PAUL'S FOOD DRIVE

The St. Paul's outreach team and school student council are working together to host a food drive for the Muskego Food Pantry on the weekend of April 12 and 13. More information will be coming.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE

At a recent representatives' meeting, Dr. Ken Fisher presented detailed information about the current status of our building and the wonderful blessing the Pick 'n Save property (2.96 acres at 8201 W. Bluemound Road) will be to WLHS. Future plans would seek to enhance safety and security, expand academic and group learning spaces, improve student life (updating the cafeteria and kitchen) and expand athletic facilities. WLHS has the smallest gym out of the sixteen schools in the conference. Twelve have four full-sized courts compared to one at WLHS. This new property is vital because it is the only adjacent land to the current 14.3 acre land-locked footprint, offers parking, allows us to consider building expansion to meet the current and future needs of our ministry, and allows us to rethink the next steps of our Master Site Plans—saving costs and disruption. Pick 'n Save has a long-term lease for the site, which is a blessing to WLHS because it will provide a revenue stream until the next steps are determined. The closing has been scheduled for March 31, pending the formal approval of the Authorized Voters on February 27, 2025.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL "GO" CAMPAIGN

Dr. Fisher described the incredible response to the comprehensive GO (Growing Opportunities) campaign. "God is moving hearts to generosity in amazing ways," he declared. Currently, gifts and pledges toward the \$10 million goal total over \$7.5 million, much of which will be received before closing. WLHS is actively asking parents, friends and alumni to help with donations to close the final gap by the end of 2025. For more information or to donate, visit wlhs.org/GO.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE SPRING TOUR HOME CONCERT

The Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir performs its Spring Tour Home Concert on Sunday, March 16, at 7:30 pm. Free tickets can be reserved by calling the Box Office at 414-443-8802 or by scanning the QR code on the left.



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's School is hosting a sacred concert on Thursday, March 20, at 11:00 am. Two other schools in the area have been invited, so seating may be limited.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Lighthouse Youth Center is seeking candidates for Full-time Campus Site Directors in Milwaukee. Lighthouse serves as a "beacon for Christ" to youth through free after school and summer programs. Visit lighthouseyouthcenter.com for more information about the vibrant ministry of LYC. To inquire about the Campus Site Direction position, contact Adam Zastrow at adam.zastrow@lighthouseyouthcenter.com or 262-707-7838.



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SCHOOL AND YOUTH NEWS

GET INVOLVED WITH KIDS CLUB

There are just 2 months left in Kids Club for this year, and we would love to have a few new adult volunteers be able to observe or help teach. If you are interested in helping a few Sundays and to talk with our team about their experience, reach out to our Youth Minister Katie Klement at kklement@stpmuskego.org.

HELPING PARENTS BUILD STRONG CHRISTIAN FAMILIES – ENROLL TODAY!

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to schedule a tour on our school website: stpmuskego.org.

Thank You for Supporting Christian Education

The cost of education at St. Paul's is about \$9,200 per student. Through our offerings, the congregation supports all school families with about half of that amount. Your generous support of our Tuition Assistance Fund allows us to provide more than \$70,000 in additional tuition assistance to families. Here is just one note of thanks the Tuition Assistance Committee received from one of those families. Praise God for the spirit of generosity the Lord has placed into the hearts of God's people here at St. Paul's!

Please pass on our sincere thanks to the tuition committee for this incredible gift. It will have a truly meaningful impact on our family and our son's future education. The spirit of generosity at St. Paul's is thriving and we are both grateful and humbled to be benefactors of this blessing. Thank you for all the incredible ways you support children and families as we grow together in Christ.

ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO LOVE MISSIONS!

Six of our students at Wisconsin Lutheran High School have been invited to go on a mission trip this summer!

- Jonathan Gaertner to Austin, Texas
- Kiah Schuessler to the Dominican Republic
- Maelee Darling to Nashville, Tennessee
- Lauren Van Landeghem to the Philippines
- Jack Quartuccio to San Antonio, Texas
- Sylvia Scott to Thailand

The total cost of these six mission trips is \$9,200. **If you would like to help these young people, you may give a gift to “Wish List: WLHS Mission Trips.”** Your offerings will be distributed to help these young people and their families cover some of the cost of the trips.

ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO STUDY FOR FULL-TIME MINISTRY

Every year we seek to provide tuition assistance to all our students studying for ministry at Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Our goal this year is to provide \$7500 in tuition assistance. We have received \$3,855 so far. If you would like to help, mark your gift **“Wish List – MLC/Seminary Tuition.”**



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CALL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Child Care Center (CCC) Director, Melissa Enger (nee Poppy). She is a 2006 graduate of Martin Luther College (MLC), and since 2009, she has been the Early Childhood Director at Holy Trinity in New Hope, Minnesota. That ministry serves infants through 4K. Mrs. Enger and her husband Jesse have two children (12 + 9 yrs. old). She grew up here at St. Paul's, graduated from our school, and worked as an aide at our CCC back then.

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

I am writing this letter to acknowledge the divine call I received from you to serve as a Director of your Child Care Center. I am humbled that the Lord has given me not just one, but two calls to serve Him and His people at this time. Over the next few weeks or so, I look forward to learning more about the specifics of this new call. I will give it prayerful consideration and thoughtful deliberation so that I will arrive at a God-pleasing decision of where I can best serve.

I ask that you keep me and my family in your prayers, as well as your brothers and sisters at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Academy, where I currently serve. I also welcome your feedback. Help me understand what you see as the greatest opportunities and needs of the ministry at St. Paul's, so that I can make a wise decision that "seeks first his Kingdom and his righteousness". When we work together to do that, we can be confident that the Lord will bless it and the outcome will be good for his Kingdom.

*Your Servant in Christ,
Melissa Enger*

4K teacher, Julie Shevey. She is a 1995 graduate of DMLC, and for the past 2.5 years has taught 5K at St. John's Lutheran School in Lannon. Prior to that, Mrs. Shevey served here at St. Paul's as our 6th grade homeroom teacher and taught 6th-8th grade ELA, music, and art. She had a desire to teach younger children, had an opportunity to do that at St. John's, and now we would love for her to teach our little children in 4K.

Dear members of St. Paul's,

I am writing to inform you that I have received your divine call to serve as a 4K teacher at St. Paul's. I am humbled and moved that you, along with the Holy Spirit, feel that I have the gifts needed for this position. I look forward to learning more about this call as I know that St. Paul's is very blessed with a vibrant ministry.

In the days ahead, I ask that you please keep me in your prayers as I deliberate where the Lord would best use me as his servant: as a 4K teacher at St. Paul's or as a kindergarten teacher at St. John's in Lannon. It is a comfort to know that God will guide all decisions according to His good and perfect will, and that He will continue to provide for both congregations!

*In His service,
Julie Shevey*

4K teacher, Katie Raddatz. She is a 2007 graduate of MLC, and since 2021, she has served as PreK director and 5K teacher at St. Peter Lutheran School in Fond du Lac. She has a heart for teaching PreK, and her leadership experience would be a great blessing to our ministry. Mrs. Raddatz has three children (13, 9, 6 yrs. old), and her husband plans to enroll at the Seminary in fall 2026 to become a pastor so they will be moving to the Milwaukee area.

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

On Tuesday, March 4, I received a Divine Call to serve in your school as one of your 4K teachers. I am honored to have this opportunity to consider where I can best serve God's people. As my family and I deliberate the Call to your congregation and my current call to St. Peter's Lutheran, I humbly seek your prayers and welcome your input. May the Holy Spirit lead me to make a decision that best serves His kingdom.

*In Christ's Service,
Katie Raddatz*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of March 17, 2025

MON	9:40 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	String Ensemble Rehearsal (Church Basement)
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Main Church)
TUE	9:40 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	4:30 pm	Public School Catechism
	6:00 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	Following the Promise Bible Class (School Rm #8)
	7:30 pm	Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsal (Church Basement)
WED	9:45 am	Reading Buddies (Trinity Café)
	3:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Pickleball Open Gym (Trinity Gym)
THUR	9:00 am	Full Armor of God Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30 am	Thursday Ladies Bible Study (Stoney Creek)
	9:40 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
FRI	8:15 am	School Chapel (Main Church)
SAT	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
SUN	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:00 am	Fix Your Eyes on Jesus Bible Study (School Rm #9)
	9:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:30 am	Kids Club
	9:35 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	10:00 am	The Bridge and The Bridge MKE Communion
	10:30 am	The Bridge and The Bridge MKE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL – TRAVEL TO GREECE AND TURKEY THIS FALL

Walk where Paul walked... in Thessalonica, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and Crete. An optional extension to Istanbul allows us to see where east meets west. Join Pastor Pete and his wife Joni on a group tour, Monday, September 15 – Saturday, September 27. Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center. You can also download a brochure by going to RegisterNow.ittworld.com and use Tour Code: PanitzkeG25. For more information, contact Pastor Pete at 414-350-1436.



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