

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

EASTER IS NEXT WEEKEND! WHOM WILL YOU INVITE?

- **April 17, Maundy Thursday Communion Services:** 1:00, 3:30 (livestreamed), and 6:30 pm – Do you know a member at St. Paul's who hasn't been here for a while? This is a perfect chance for them to reconnect with Jesus in the Sacrament.
- **April 18, Good Friday Tenebrae Services:** 1:00 (livestreamed), 3:30, and 6:30 pm – Who needs to see more clearly the Savior's great love for them?
- **April 19, Holy Saturday Easter Service:** 5:00 pm
- **April 20, Easter Services in the Sanctuary:** 8:00, 9:30 (livestreamed), and 11:00 am
- **April 20, Easter Services at The Bridge:** 9:00 and 10:45 am (livestreamed)
- **April 20, Easter at The Bridge MKE, 3203 S. 76th Street:** Breakfast at 9:30 and worship at 10:30 am with an Easter Egg hunt for the congregation and community following the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers beautifying the altar were given in celebration of Carl and Bonnie Posbrig's 60th wedding anniversary, which was on April 10. May the Lord continue to bless Carl and Bonnie as they live in unity with Christ.

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Vicki Bell (Southpointe).

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 112 on Saturday, 153 on Sunday 8:00 am, 286 on Sunday 9:30 am, 305 at The Bridge, and 91 at The Bridge MKE. 277 at 3:30 pm and 50 at 6:30 pm midweek Lenten services.

PARKING AND ENTRANCE FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

For our Maundy Thursday services, 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 doors will not be open on Maundy Thursday. They will be open for our Good Friday and Easter services.** Please keep the parking spots closest to the door on the west side open for those who need handicapped parking.

KIDS CLUB

Children 3K to 5th grade are invited to enjoy Kids Club every Sunday morning, 9:30 – 10:30 am, in our school. Register online at StPaulMuskego.org/KidsClub or register any Sunday in person. We also invite potential adult volunteers 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.

KIDS BOOK COLLECTION

If you have any Bible picture books or Jesus based children's books that are looking for a new home, Katie Klement, our Youth Minister, is working to build a collection of books to have on hand to use for Kids Club and other areas in Children's ministry. Contact Katie at kklement@stpmuskego.org if you are interested in donating some books, or you can drop them off at the church office during the week.

MUSKEGO SENIOR TAXI

The Muskego Senior Taxi provides reliable transportation for seniors 60 and older and adults of any age with intellectual or physical disabilities. Over the last 17 years, they have given over 60,000 rides. Due to the generosity of our congregation, Community Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner was able to deliver a check for \$1,000 to help them pay for a new car. We are honored to help the community with our gifts!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be having a Blood Drive in the Trinity Gym on Wednesday, April 16, 12:30 – 5:30 pm. To make an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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 member of St. Paul's is eligible to play, and if there is enough committed interest, we may be able to field two teams. Please contact Mike Westendorf at 414-507-8250 or mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org, or Nathanael Kelly at ehlar.cometseeker@gmail.com by April 15.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY – SUNDAYS AT 9:35 AM

Romans Study: Dr. Wade Johnston, professor at Wisconsin Lutheran College, will lead us in a study of Romans, beginning April 13 through the first three weeks of May.

GREECE TRIP – LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER

Registration for Pastor Panitzke's "In the Footsteps of Paul" trip to Greece, Crete, Ephesus and Istanbul is closing April 17. Brochures are in the Welcome Center. Download a brochure by going to RegisterNow.ittworld.com and use Tour Code: PanitzkeG25. For more information, contact Pastor Pete at 414-350-1436.

THE LUTHERAN CHORALE OF MILWAUKEE PRESENTS: *IN CHARITY AND LOVE*

Please join the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee on Sunday, April 27, at 4:00 pm, at St. Lucas Lutheran (2605 S Kinnickinnic Ave) for their spring concert entitled, "In Charity and Love." This concert centers around the extraordinary message of God's love shown through Christ, and our privilege to display that love to others. A freewill offering will be collected. For more information and to make an online donation, visit LutheranChorale.org.

THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: JUNE 13-14, 2025



The Christian Leadership Experience is about building the next generation of leaders for the church. From training our children to living our faith at work, God places opportunities in front of each of us to lead in unique ways. With a broad range of keynotes and breakouts, the CLE has something for everyone, including a presentation by St. Paul's Mike Westendorf. For more information or to register, scan the QR Code.

STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SUMMER TRIP

Join the Stoney Creek community for an Apostle and Madeline Island Tour, July 30 – August 1. This trip includes a 2-night casino stay, meals, Apostle Island tour, Bayfield tour, and a Madeline Island tour. For more information, please contact Stoney Creek at 414-422-4686.



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CALL NEWS

MRS. SARAH DURKEE ACCEPTS CALL

Our 6th grade homeroom teacher, Sarah Durkee, has accepted the call to teach 5th – 8th grade English-Language Arts at Westside Christian in Middleton, Wisconsin. St. Paul's is extremely thankful to God for the blessing Mrs. Durkee has been to our school since the 2022-2023 school year. The Ministry Board will be extending a call to replace Mrs. Durkee on Monday, April 14. Below is Mrs. Durkee's letter to the congregation.



Dear members of St. Paul's,

After much prayerful deliberation, the Lord has led me to accept the call to teach at Westside Christian School in Middleton, Wisconsin. Serving at St. Paul's has been such a blessing for my family and me for the past three years, but I trust that this is how the Lord wants me to use my gifts at this time. Please continue to keep my family and me in your prayers as we finish our time here and transition to our new ministry. We will pray also for St. Paul's as they call for a new teacher.

In Christ,
Mrs. Sarah Durkee

MR. MARK SIEVERT RECEIVES CALL

Our 5th grade teacher, Mark Sievert, has received a call from New Hope Lutheran Academy in West Melbourne, Florida, to teach 7th – 8th grade. Please keep Mark in your prayers as he deliberates where he would like to serve the Lord with his talents and interests.



CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR – CHERYL HENCKEL

For 16 years, Cheryl served as the early childhood director at Little Lambs Child Care Center in West Bend, Wisconsin. She now teaches 3K/4K. She is a 1987 graduate of Concordia University and received her master's degree in 1996 in early childhood education. She earned her WELS ministry certification in 1993. She also serves our synod as the Early Childhood District Coordinator for the Southeastern Wisconsin District of WELS schools.



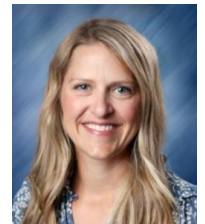
Dear Members of St Paul's Lutheran Church,

With a joyful heart and humble spirit, I am acknowledging the Divine Call which you have extended to me to serve as your Early Childhood Director at St. Paul's. It is exciting to see your ministry plan has the priority of expanding your Early Childhood Ministry. I rejoice that the Holy Spirit is still calling His people to serve in His Kingdom. I have requested the prayers of the members of Good Shepherd and now also ask for your prayers, that I might know His good and perfect will.

In His Service,
Cheryl A. Henckel

4K TEACHER – RACHEL MANSKE

Rachel is a 2010 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College. She currently serves as a kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Franklin, Wisconsin. Prior to serving there, she taught 4K in the West Allis / West Milwaukee school district. She is the aunt of Jacob, Raelynn, and Leah Manske, who are enrolled in our school.



Dear St. Paul's Congregation and School,

On Tuesday, April 1, I received a call to be a 4K teacher at your school. As I now deliberate where best to serve Jesus' little lambs, I appreciate your prayers for me and my family. Please keep both congregations in your prayers and feel free to reach out if you have any comments that may aid in my decision making.

In Christ,
Rachel Manske rmanske@stpaulsfranklin.org

4K TEACHER – RHIANNA HUNTER

Rihanna is a 2023 graduate of Martin Luther College's early childhood program and is currently serving in a non-called position at our Redeemer Lutheran School in Madison in their early childhood center. She will be getting married this summer and moving to the Milwaukee area.



BUILDING NEWS

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- The iron and steel part of the project over the next three weeks will give the new building a definite shape to it.
- The iron and steel being stored outside the church construction fence will be gone prior to Easter.
- The fire sprinkling project for the existing sanctuary will potentially start the Monday after Easter. The sanctuary will not be able to be used Monday-Friday. **As a result, the Thursday 6:30 pm services and small group communion will be held in the Grace Room.** The LES Graduation service on Thursday, May 22nd will still be able to be in the sanctuary.
- The existing sewer line needs to be hollowed out and a sleeve installed. This will shut down the building for at least one day. We will give as much forewarning as possible.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- We will experience significant outer shell progress over the next three weeks
- The project is scheduled to be ready for our volunteer painters the last week of May.

CAMPUS UPDATE

There is a possibility that another construction site in the area could make use of excess soil on our property, providing a significant cost savings. We pray that may be so!



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. You may give directly to the Building Fund or to our Mission and Ministry Fund. Any funds given to the Mission and Ministry Fund beyond our current needs are then transferred into the Building Fund. You may give in person, or give online at StPaulMuskego.org/give.

FURNISHING OUR NEW BUILDING – A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

Wish Lists provide people with an opportunity to give a special gift toward an area of the building and our ministry that is especially important to them. Over the next few months, we will feature different areas of the building with the approximate cost of each piece of furniture or art. To give, mark your gift “Building Fund – Furnishings” or go to StPaulMuskego.org/Give, find the Building Fund, and note what item you are donating for.

Today our focus is on the Main Gathering Area.

- **Hospitality Carts - \$5,000 each**
Can you see it? Hundreds of people every Sunday enjoying coffee, juice, and breakfast food in our Gathering Area. They have come early to church to spend time together. They are staying after the service. Rather than lining up at the kitchen counter for the food and drink, we are planning four hospitality carts (total cost of \$20,000) that will be located throughout the area to provide quick and easy access to members and guests alike.
- **Pub-height tables - \$1,000 each**
Imagine a group of six teens gathered around one of these tables, enjoying a donut and catching up before worship or Bible study. See a long-time member inviting a first-time guest to share some space on a table and new friendships are formed.
- **Wall Murals - \$3,000 each**
A parent walks into our Gathering Area and sees a wall mural by the Child Care Center/Kids Club entrance. The message is clear. “My child is welcome here.” There will be also be a mural in the play area that is designed for toddlers who can play while parents enjoy a snack and get to know each other.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 14, 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)
WED	9:45 am	Reading Buddies (Trinity Café)
	1:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (Trinity Gym)
	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)
	1:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
	3:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion (also livestreamed)
	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
FRI		School and Church Office Closed
	1:00 pm	Good Friday Worship (also livestreamed)
	3:30 pm	Good Friday Worship
	6:30 pm	Good Friday Worship
	6:30 pm	Good Friday Worship at The Bridge MKE
SAT	8:00 am	God's Guys Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:45 am	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Laura Klotz and Joshua Schultz Wedding
	5:00 pm	Easter Eve Traditional Worship
SUN	8:00 am	Easter Traditional Worship
	9:00 am	Easter Worship at The Bridge
	9:30 am	Easter Traditional Worship (also livestreamed)
	10:30 am	Easter Worship at The Bridge MKE
	10:45 am	Easter Worship at The Bridge
11:00 am	Easter Traditional Worship	

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 18

In observance of Good Friday, the church office will be closed all day on Friday, April 18.



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