

ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY PARTNERS

A CAPELLA CHOIR

We welcome these representatives of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, one of our many ministry partners. A special welcome to the seniors in the choir who are participating in their last "sing out." Their first "sing out" as freshmen was also here at St. Paul's!

Soprano

Sophia Berg
Adalin Bogenschneider
Anastasia Buske
Lucy Gittins
Mary Hahm
May Hargraves
Abby Hartung
Izzy Hatzung
Zia Haywood
Allison Hermanson
Aicha Keita
Maya Kuether
Shelby Sadler
Julia Seeger
Elizabeth Serigos
Cavanaugh Sipe
Hannah Strong
Sydnee Sweet
Khandace Terrell
Jocelyn Uttech

Alto

Rebecca Abramowski
Faith Balza
Anaya Britton
Brooklyn Carter
Annabelle Coudron
Maelee Darling
Megan Geibl
Emerson Glodowski
Danielle Graetz

Bria Hargraves
Grace Hartung
Lily Hatzung
Annalise Kuehn
Leah Lawrence
Emily McLaren
Grace Moudry
Madelynn Nickels
Grace Pufahl
Nariah Riddick
Hannah Rimpel
Kiah Schuessler
Sylvia Scott
Bethany Stroh
Lydia Stroh
Mylie Tonn
Juliette Walta
Jenesis Wesley

Tenor

Brody Ban
Simon Doerr
Tommy Doerr
Isaiah Harris
Jibril Lagundoye
Fred Ramsey
Hayden Rouse
Oliver Schapekahm
Elliot Sinclair

Bass

Kaden Bintz
Benjamin Blakeman

Micah Broekema
Ethan Buch
Micah Buschkopf
Luke Carlovsky
Atticus Delwiche
Lucas Crowder
Miko Gurgel
Lincoln Hatzung
Quinn Koschnitzke
Tyler Poston
Nathan Redfield
Gabriel Rose
Ethan Schaefer
Henry Schapekahm
Dominic Scott
Henry Swearingen

Accompanists

Tommy Doerr
Jessi Kolberg

Percussion

Lincoln Hatzung

Strings

Simon Doerr
Grace Pufahl
Kiah Schuessler

Director

Lisa Uttech

HELP GARDEN HOMES GET THE WORD OUT

Garden Homes Lutheran Church, 2450 W. Roosevelt Drive in Milwaukee will be hosting a **Juneteenth Block Party** on June 19, 3:30 to 6:30 pm, "celebrating how God loves all his people." Garden Homes is inviting us to celebrate with them and to help them get the word out by distributing flyers in their neighborhood. Meet at Garden Homes on Saturday, June 7, at 10:00 am to receive maps and flyers. We will go out from 10:30 to noon. Garden Homes will provide a light lunch following to thank our volunteers. If you can help, please let Nikki Henderson know at nikkih@gardenhomeslutheran.org.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

OPEN FORUMS: A TIME TO LEARN, A TIME TO BE HEARD, A TIME TO REJOICE

The Spring *Messenger*, with a variety of reports and ministry plans, will be distributed after all services this weekend. There are also copies in the Welcome Center. The Ministry Board invites women, men and children to attend one or more open forums which have been scheduled after each one of our weekly worship services to make them convenient for our entire church family to attend.

- Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00 am at Stoney Creek Adult Community Center, S69W14142 Tess Corners Dr.
- Sunday, May 18, after the 8:00 am worship (about 9:15 am) in the Hope Room
- Sunday, May 18, after the 9:30 am worship (about 10:45 am) in the Grace Room
- Sunday, May 18, after The Bridge worship (about 11:45 am) in school room 9 (Mr. Witkowiak's classroom)

CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

Lee Vaccarella, born February 10, 1940, entered eternal peace with his Savior on May 7, 2025. His funeral is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, at 3:00 pm, with the visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. May our God of all peace and comfort be with Lee's loved ones.

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Gloria Fieldstad (LindenGrove New Berlin), Bill Hudy (East Troy Manor), Susan Salmon (Tudor Oaks), Roger Scholbe (Waukesha Memorial), and Richard Vernier (Ruth Hospice). George Buhrandt and Bret Henkel have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 27 on Thursday, 80 on Saturday, 124 on Sunday 8:00 am, 187 on Sunday 9:30 am, 250 at The Bridge, and 76 at The Bridge MKE. 285 at 1:30 pm and 283 at 3:30 pm confirmation services.

GREAT QUESTIONS GREAT CONVERSATIONS

Every Wednesday a new podcast is being released. Find it on the St. Paul's YouTube page or wherever you find your podcasts. This week the title is: "The Power of the Gospel to Change Culture" with Prof. Mark Paustian of Martin Luther College. Start with the question: What is your favorite Bible story?

A PLACE TO START: FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Nate Strobel is leading a new session of our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*— on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 pm, both in person and online. To join, contact Pastor Nate at 414-426-8236.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY – SUNDAY, MAY 11, 18, AND 25 AT 9:35 AM

Dr. Wade Johnston, professor at Wisconsin Lutheran College, will lead us in a study of Romans.

GRACE ROOM MISSION PRESENTATION – SUNDAY, JUNE 1, AT 9:35 AM – THAI VILLAGE MINISTRY

Lydia Schultz recently moved back from Chiang Mai, Thailand after serving with Friends Network and volunteering at Thai Village, a nonprofit in Northern Thailand whose purpose is to train and employ low-income people, support Christian education, and share God's love in the community. Lydia will talk about the different programs and ministry that happens at Thai Village and in Thailand as part of Friends Network, and ministry affiliated with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

WELS 175TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK

In honor of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod celebrating 175 years, a limited-edition hardcover book filled with captivating images and fascinating stories has been published. We have 50 copies available for purchase at 20% off the cover price which comes to \$25 a book. Visit the Welcome Center to purchase a book using the white envelopes that are there and dropping them in the offering box. Cash and checks will be accepted.



SCHOOL NEWS

4K TEACHER CALL

St. Paul's has called Rebecca Neumann to serve for one year as a 4K teacher. Rebecca is a 2022 graduate of Martin Luther College. She was a tutor at Luther Prep School for two years. She currently serves in the St. Vrain Public School District in Longmont, Colorado. Her husband, Micah, is finishing his vicar year at Carbon Valley Lutheran Church in Firestone, Colorado. We pray that Rebecca accepts our call to serve here while Micah completes his final year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Below is her note acknowledging our call to serve:

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Monday, I received a phone call from your congregation informing me that I have been extended a call to serve as one of the 4K teachers at St. Paul Lutheran School for next school year. I know that He will guide me as I deliberate where I can best serve His Kingdom. Please keep me in your prayers as I consider both call to St. Paul's. Proverbs 16:9 states, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

*In Christ,
Mrs. Rebecca Neumann*

CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR

Cheryl Henckel has declined our call to serve as our Child Care Center Director. We are seeking local candidates to serve in this role to replace Tammy Dockter who will be retiring after serving in our child care center for twenty years. If you know a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod who might be qualified to lead this ministry, please contact Church Administrator Randy Fink at rfink@stpaulmuskego.org.



SPJO – TUESDAY, MAY 20

We look forward to two special events. SPJO is St. Paul's Junior Olympics. Our student body is divided up into teams who compete as a team. The day ends with the famous "Over Under" game. Join us on Tuesday, May 20, all day or part of the day.

GRADUATION – THURSDAY, MAY 22, AT 6:30 PM

We invite you to join in thanksgiving to God as our 8th graders graduate. The service features two student speakers, sharing their insights about their class verse.

FURNISHINGS WISH LIST

We are very thankful for the work being done on the four-classroom addition to our school. We encourage you to consider a special gift of thanks to help us furnish this addition. You can give simply to **Because it Matters Building Fund** or you can designate your gift as you desire. For example a gift of \$250 might be designated **"Wish List – 5 student chairs."**

- Student chairs for \$50 (need 60)
- Student desk for \$300 (need 60)
- Teacher desk chair for \$150 (need four)
- Teacher desk for \$800 (need four)
- Worktables for Industrial Arts room for \$800 (need 10)
- Stools for Industrial Arts room for \$100 (need 20)
- Half-moon table for \$500 (need 3)
- Promethean screen used for instruction by teacher for \$5,000 (need 4)



CALL NEWS

Every spring our Synod President and District Presidents meet at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, to assign graduates to their first calls as teachers or staff ministers. Call Day 2025 at Martin Luther College will be Saturday, May 17. The next week they meet at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, to assign graduates to their first calls as pastors. Call Day 2025 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be Thursday, May 22.

This year St. Paul's has several Call Day connections to celebrate!

KATIE KLEMENT

On Call Day 2024, our Youth Minister Katie Klement was assigned to a one-year call to serve here at St. Paul's. It was a one-year call to allow our synod the flexibility to assign her and her then-future husband Zach to another field of labor in 2025. We are happy to announce that our Synod and District President have already informed us Katie's call has been made permanent. This will be announced at the MLC Call Day.



ZACH KLEMENT

This past year Zach has served Lighthouse Youth Centers as The Bridge MKE Site Director. He also served as a staff ministry intern here at St. Paul's as his final requirement for graduation from Martin Luther College. During the last several months of his internship, he has served as the Campus Host at The Bridge MKE, being present every Sunday morning and being involved in worship and other activities. Because Zach can only be assigned to this area, the St. Paul's Ministry Board could request our Synod's Assignment Committee to assign Zach as our full-time Bridge MKE Campus Host. Our District President has agreed this is an excellent assignment for him. We expect Zach's assignment to be announced at MLC Call Day.



NATHAN MILLER

Nathan, the son of Dan and Michelle Miller, is graduating from Martin Luther College with a teaching degree. He could be assigned to any of the 276 Lutheran Elementary Schools or 29 area Lutheran High Schools within our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. After all the teacher graduates are assigned, there will still be about 100 to 120 teaching vacancies within our synod.



NATHAN WRANOVSKY

Nathan, the son of Steve and Amy Wranovsky, is graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He will be assigned to one of the 156 pastoral vacancies within our synod. This year there are 25 candidates available. The Seminary Call services is Thursday, May 22, at 10:00 am.

PASTOR FRANK ITALIANO

Our new pastor has found a home to purchase in the area... and answer to many prayers! He will begin his ministry among us on June 2, with installation on June 8. See the *Messenger* for more information.

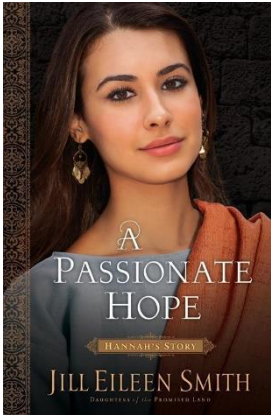
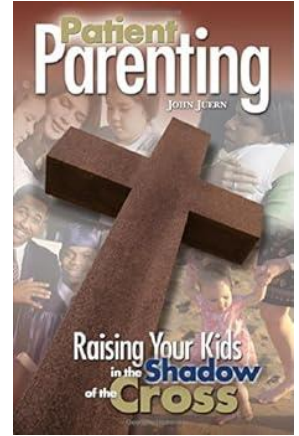
MOTHER'S DAY/PARENTING NOTES

CHECK OUT THE CHURCH LIBRARY KIOSK IN THE ENTRY

To commemorate our mothers, this month the library kiosk is featuring fiction and non-fiction books relating to women, motherhood and parenting. You may check out one of the books from the kiosk or check out one of the books from the library in the Grace Room. If you need assistance, ask one of our greeters or an usher.

Patient Parenting: Raise Your Kids in the Shadow of the Cross

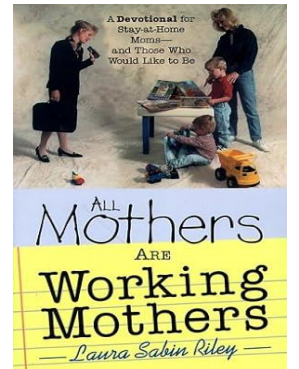
Raising healthy children in today's world is a monumental challenge that depends on solid Christian parenting in the shadow of the cross. *Patient Parenting* covers a wide range of child-related issues that affect children's behavior and development.



A Passionate Hope: Hannah's Story

A wonderful novel showcasing the life of Hannah, mother of Samuel, prophet and priest of God. Set in Shiloh amid the corruption of the priesthood under Eli and his sons, Hannah prays for deliverance from her barrenness and receives God's answer of healing and grace to her and the nation of Israel.

All Mothers are Working Mothers is a great daily devotional for mothers who work in or out of the home, giving guidance and encouragement for the very important job of parenting.



CARING FOR MOTHERS IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS



Your gift to WELS Lutheran for Life has the power to make a real difference. You can provide free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and education to women in tough situations through a life-affirming pregnancy medical clinic in West Allis. What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than to help mothers in tough situations choose life for their babies? Support WELS Lutheran for Life by scanning the QR code.



“PREVENTING THE SUMMER FUN SNATCHERS” WORKSHOP – MAY 18, 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Jesus calls us as parents to raise our children to know him, listen to us, and love others. Practice is essential. Kimberly Joy Krueger is back to share with parents how to take care of themselves and how to make the most of the summer. Lunch and childcare will be offered. Scan the QR code to register.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 18 – Last Day of Kids Club for the school year
- May 20 – St. Paul's Junior Olympics
- May 21 – Annual voters' meeting at 7:00 pm
- May 22 – Lutheran Elementary School graduation at 6:30 pm
- June 8 – Pastor Frank Italiano, Jr., installed at 9:30 am service (introduced at all services)
- June 15 – Outdoor service at 10:30 am replaces The Bridge service
- July 20 – Outdoor service at 10:30 am replaces The Bridge service
- August 17 – Outdoor service at 10:30 am replaces The Bridge service
(School addition dedication and installation of new teachers)

JOIN THE OWLS FOR A PIZZA PARTY

You are invited to join the St. Paul's Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors for their May 14 meeting, at 12:00 pm, in the Grace Room. Enjoy delicious pizza, followed by fun, prizes, and good conversation. If you have any questions, please call Charlene Pingel at 262-529-1562.

AWAKE AND ALIVE SUMMER EVENT – JUNE 1, 6:00 – 9:00 PM AT THE BRIDGE MKE

Dr. Brandon Steenbock, Family Minister at St. Mark's in De Pere, Wisconsin, will be our special guest speaking on the topic: "What To Do When Relationships Break?" Grow closer to Jesus and grow closer to each other. For more information, contact Mike Westendorf at mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org.

JAMMIN IN THE PARK – JUNE 6

Do you want to promote St. Paul's Church and School within our community? Consider helping at Jammin in the Park on Friday, June 6. The event runs 5:00 – 9:00 pm and will be located at Veteran's Park in Muskego. Volunteers are invited to load up vehicles, set up the booth, run children's games, answer questions, and take down. We also need volunteers to load up the truck on Thursday, June 5. Short shifts are available. You can sign up by scanning the QR code.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our Youth Minister Katie Klement is planning two Sunday evening Bible studies on June 8 and June 29, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The first topic will be "Friendship." Text Katie at 469-318-9464 to stay informed.

WELS BARGAIN CENTER

The center located at 84th and Lisbon in Milwaukee appreciate your prayers, donations and your hours of volunteering. This week we had 38 volunteers attend our appreciation luncheon. For the month of April we had \$13,935 in revenue which allowed gifts of \$2446 to The Point of Grace, Wisconsin Lutheran institutional ministries and Lighthouse Youth Centers. Our first quarter sales are 4.1% higher than a year ago. God continues to bless us. Besides the new volunteers, which is wonderful news, we also have had Lisbon Avenue paved on the eastbound side. Please continue to remember us with your donations and come in to shop Tuesday through Saturday 930 to 330. Also, new volunteers are always welcome especially for Saturdays. A three-hour shift once a month would be very helpful. Call the Bargain Center at 414-463-2595

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of May 12, 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
	7:00 pm	Anxiety and Depression Support Group (Hope Room)
	7:00 pm	Following the Promise Bible Study (Grace Room)
WED	12:00 pm	Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group (Hope Room)
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)
	1:00 pm	Lee Vaccarella Visitation (Main Church)
	3:00 pm	Lee Vaccarella Funeral (Main Church)
	6:30 pm	Traditional Worship Service
FRI	2:00 pm	Kindergarten End-of-Year Program (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	Open Forum (Hope Room)
	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
	10:30 am	Open Forum (Grace Room)
	11:30 am	Open Forum (School Rm #9)
	12:30 pm	Parenting Workshop (Grace Room)



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.