LUTHERAN REFORMATION HISTORY

Today we celebrate "Reformation Day," remembering those whose spiritual insight and courage continue to bless us today, more than 500 years after they lived. We remember especially Dr. Martin Luther who was born in 1483 in Eisleben, Germany. A gifted young man, his father wanted him to become a lawyer, but his conscious would not let him rest.

To find peace for his soul, Martin Luther became a monk in 1505 at the age of 21. He followed all the rules which were to make him more holy. In 1507 he became a priest. None of this gave Luther the peace of mind which he was seeking.

Luther's study of God's Word as a professor at the University of Wittenberg gradually led him to know the love of God in Christ and the peace he had been seeking so urgently. "Forgiveness of sins," he taught, "is not something which we earn for ourselves by our own good deeds. Rather, it is a free gift which God gives to us as a result of all that Jesus did for us as our Savior. Salvation, therefore, is completely and only by faith in Jesus."

At this time, the Pope allowed the sale of indulgences all over Germany to raise money for the building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Luther objected to these worthless pieces of paper that promised people release from the punishment of their sins in purgatory in exchange for a payment of money. He wrote 95 theses or statements in Latin which showed the sale of these indulgences was contrary to the Bible. On October 31, 1517, Luther nailed his theses on the door of the Castle Church where public announcements were often posted.

The 95 theses were quickly translated, printed and spread over much of Germany and other parts of Europe. The Pope ordered Luther to appear in Rome to answer charges of false teaching. Luther's ruler, the Elector (Ruler) of Saxony, used his influence to insist that Luther's case be settled in Germany instead.

In 1521 Emperor Charles V summoned Luther to come to a meeting of the German princes called the Diet of Worms. The emperor hoped that at this diet he could end the religious differences between the German princes, so that they could help him stop the invasion of the Ottoman Turks. He told Luther that he did not want to hear debate on Bible teaching but only an admission from Luther that his teachings were wrong.

After prayerfully thinking over his answer for a day, Luther said, "Unless you can prove from the Bible that I have made wrong statements, I cannot and I will not take back anything. My conscience is bound by the Word of God. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

Because of Luther's refusal, the emperor declared him an "outlaw" whom anyone could kill after 20 days. Elector Frederick, however, saved Luther by having him kidnapped and taken to a secluded castle called Wartburg where he stayed about a year. While at the Wartburg, he translated the New Testament into German. In 1522 Luther was able to return to Wittenberg. For the next 24 years God used Luther and others to establish the Reformation so that the Emperor was not able to destroy it.

Today we celebrate God's gifts to His Church through the Lutheran Reformation.

- The three great truths: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone
- The Bible in the language of the people
- Hymns sung by the people
- Luther's Catechism as a simple summary of the Christian faith

Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of Luther's Small Catechism to keep in your Bible. Stop by the Library Kiosk in the Commons to find books about the reformation to learn more.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HOLIDAY WORSHIP

Many are beginning to plan family and friend get-togethers for the holidays. Here is our worship schedule:

- Wednesday, November 25 – 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Service (livestreamed)
  Note the service starts an hour earlier than in past years.
- Thursday, November 26 – 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service (No Bridge or Bridge MKE)
- Monday, December 7 – 6:30 pm Congregational Advent and Christmas Sing-along
  All are invited to join in singing some of our favorite Christmas songs, closing with the Hallelujah Chorus.
- Wednesday, December 9 – 6:30 pm Christmas Concert at The Bridge MKE (tentative)
- Wednesday, December 16 – 6:30 pm Christmas Concert at The Bridge Muskego (tentative)
- Tuesday, December 22 – 5:00 and 7:00 pm School Christmas Service
- **Note New Christmas Eve Schedule: Thursday, December 24**
  10:00 am – Traditional and Bridge services
  Noon – Traditional and Bridge services
  2:00 pm – Traditional service
  4:00 pm – Traditional service
  4:00 pm – Bridge Service at The Bridge MKE, 3203 S. 76th Street
- Friday, December 25 – 10 am Christmas Day with Communion (No Bridge or Bridge MKE)
- Thursday, December 31 – 5:00 pm – New Year's Eve with Communion in Sanctuary

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Ladies afternoon fellowship will meet Wednesday, Nov 4, at noon. The speaker will be from New Beginnings. Please bring a bag lunch.

OWLS MEETING

Seniors are invited to the St. Paul's OWLS meeting on Wednesday, Nov 11 at noon, in the Grace Chapel. Bring a lunch and join them as they discuss the future of the OWLS organization. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Pingel at 414-529-1562.

VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT AT THE BRIDGE MKE – NOVEMBER 10

St. Paul's member Karen Lippert directs the Letter Carriers Band who will celebrate our veterans with a patriotic concert at The Bridge MKE, 3203 S. 76th St, Tuesday, November 10 at 7 pm. Invite a friend.

A GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE - WEEKLY STUDY

There are multiple opportunities to join Pastor Pete on journey through God's Word: Mondays at 6:30 pm, Wednesdays at 9:30 am, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm online (contact Pastor Pete for the Zoom link), replay of the week's study available on Thursday mornings. Google: YouTube Peter Panitzke.

SUNDAY GRACE CHAPEL BIBLE STUDIES – 8:00 AND 9:00 AM

Our Blessed Christian Fellowship: In a time of history when we are so aware of what divides us, wht actually unites us? Our unity is in Christ. Our faith in him is a blessed fellowship. Led by Pastor Chris Cordes, St. Paul's member and Northwestern Publishing House Vice President.
Pastor Chris Cordes. Format: Lecture based.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE – TUESDAYS AT 7 PM

A 12-week class on the Bible's teachings is for guests and members of St. Paul's and is a path to membership if desired. The class meets in the Garage Room from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and continues to November 24. No cost. No homework. In-person or online. Contact Pastor Strobel (nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.

St. Paul's News

Baptisms
Archer, Fox, Jetson, and Indicah Sigala, children of David and Tracy Sigala, baptized Nov 1, 2026, at 9:00am.

Known To Be Hospitalized
Dan Dockter at Ascension in Franklin, Jim Beyer at St. Lukes, and Joan Spaulding at Watertown RMC.

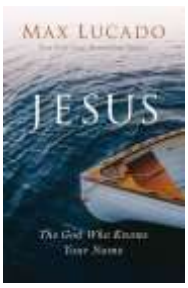
Attendance
Last week's services: 32 on Thursday, 139 on Saturday, 189 on Sunday 9:00 am, 76 on Sunday 10:30 am, 106 at The Bridge (9:00am), 225 at The Bridge (10:30am) and 54 at The Bridge MKE. Total: 821

Call News
- Pastor Jon Enter, serving at St. Croix Academy in the Twin Cities is considering our call to serve here as our School Pastor.
- Our 7th Grade home room teacher, Mr. Jared Witkowiak, is considering a call to teach middle school science and serve as athletic director at David's Star Lutheran in Jackson.
- St. Paul's member Rachel Weidower has declined her call to teach at St. John's, 68th and Forest Home.

Luther Prep Open House & Band Concert
Parents of 5th - 8th grade parents are invited to Luther Prep's Open House. Have a complimentary dinner in the Caf, get a campus tour & enjoy our Fall Band Concert. Go to lps.wels.net/visit to get details and RSVP by Tues, Nov. 3.

Could You Donate Lights?
St. Paul's student council is decorating the hallways for Christmas and needs white Christmas lights. If you have lights to donate, they can be brought to the Trinity Café during school hours. All lights need to be donated by November 17th. Thank you!

From Our Library – Check out the Kiosk in the Commons
Grow closer to Jesus by reading Jesus: ***The God Who Knows Your Name*** by Max Lucado. Meditate on Jesus' heart, his joy, his passion, his pain and his sorrows, and why he gave so much to save you.



To commemorate the Reformation, the kiosk is featuring books and DVDs on Martin Luther. ***Luther*** is a powerful documentary on Luther's challenge to return the church and all believers to the very foundation of their faith – Jesus Christ.

Wish List Items: Kids Club Teacher Shirts
With our children's ministry doing a "restart" this year and moving to the new building, we would like to order Volunteer T-shirts for our Kids Club team to wear on Sunday mornings. This would help parents identify those who have been screened, trained, and can be trusted with their child. It also gives another layer of excellence and professionalism to our children's ministry. If you would like to give a special gift for this $1,200, mark your gift "Wish List: KC shirts.

School Musical Help Needed
Our school is looking for a qualified individual to lead our 6th-8th grade performance this spring. If you are interested and would like to learn more, contact Principal Fitzsimmons, sfitzsimmons@stpmuskego.org.

Weekly Calendar

For the week of Nov 2, 2026

MON	9:30am	Walking Group (Commons)
	6:30pm	String Ensemble Rehearsal (Garage)
	6:30 pm	Through the Bible Study (Grace Chapel)
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
TUE	8:30 am	Full Armor of God Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30am	Walking Group (Commons)
	6:30pm	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30pm	Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsal (Balcony)
	7:00pm	Following the Promise (Garage)
WED	9:30 am	Through the Bible Study (Grace Chapel)
	10:00 am	Home School Group (Garage and Commons)
THUR	8:00am	Rooted to Rise Bible Study (Commons)
	9:30am	God's Gals Bible Study (Garage)
	9:30 am	Walking Group (Commons)
	6:30 pm	Traditional Worship Service (With Holy Communion)
SAT	8:00 am	God's Guys Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Chapel)
	9:45 am	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service (With Holy Communion)
SUN	8:00 am	Grace Chapel Bible Study
	9:00 am	Kids Club Session #1
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (With Holy Communion)
	9:00am	The Bridge (With Holy Communion)
	10:30 am	Kid's Club Session #2
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service (With Holy Communion)
	10:30 am	The Bridge (With Holy Communion)
	10:30 am	The Bridge MKE

Fun at Muskego Trunk or Treat

Our Outreach Team was blessed to interact with dozens of Muskego residents this past week at the Trunk or Treat right outside of the Muskego Police Department. We also enjoyed seeing "familiar faces" … although as the picture at far-right shows, some of those familiar faces were hard to recognize!

Lost & Found Items

All items in the lost and found will be donated by November 14th if not claimed. The lost and found is about the coat rack in the East Entrance hallway.