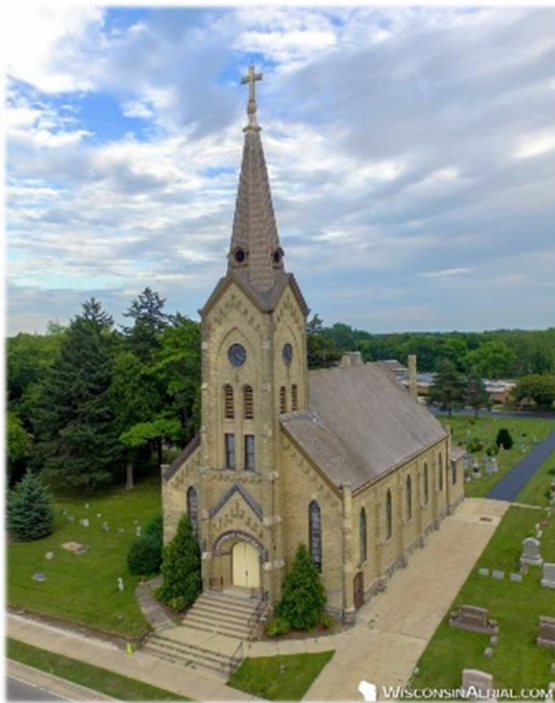




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### **St. Paul's Makes Difficult Decision**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been serving the Muskego area for the last 165 years. The first building was erected in 1858 and served the congregation for 47 years. It was torn down so that the 1905 church could be built in the same place.



The 1905 building served the congregation for 73 years until the current church was built in 1978.

For the last 44 years, this building has not been used regularly. The lack of parking, handicapped accessibility, adequate bathrooms and air conditioning makes refurbishing this building for future ministry use impractical

While St. Paul's celebrates the ministry that took place in this building, it was determined that the investment of ministry dollars to preserve a vacant building is not good use of the resources God has given us.

As the congregation begins to plan for future additions, the congregation approved taking this church building down so that we can preserve elements of the building in new and remodeled construction so that we might continue to honor the gospel ministry that took place in this building.

There are no plans for demolition in the immediate future. Before demolition will begin, the congregation and community will have an opportunity to tour the building.