

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## FUNERAL

Lois Stichmann, born April 7, 1931, entered eternal peace with her Savior on December 18, 2020. Visitation is Monday, December 28, 2020, 10:00 am – noon, with the funeral immediately following. May the God of all hope and comfort be with the loved ones of Lois.

## HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Brittany Michaels (Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina), and Dorrette Probst (home hospice care). Lois Niermann has returned home.

## ATTENDANCE

The following attended last weekend's services: 82 on Saturday, 89 on Sunday 7:45 am, 116 on Sunday 9:15 am, 166 at The Bridge, and 70 on Sunday 10:45 am.

## SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS JANUARY 4

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins January 4 for our 3K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lutheran school. St. Paul's participates in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs. Income eligibility information is listed below. Our congregation also provides over \$600,000 in tuition assistance each year. Don't let financial concerns keep you from exploring this opportunity to help your child grow in faith. Schedule a tour with School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org).

## LUTHERAN PREK AND ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 31

January and February are the months where many families are interested in learning more about a school for their child. Whether this is for 3K, 4K, Kindergarten or transferring into 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, all are welcome. Do you know someone like this? If so, invite them to our open house on Sunday, January 31, 1:00-3:00 pm. I would love to talk to them about our schools. For COVID precautions, a sign-up for a time slot will be posted to the school website ([www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org)) soon. We will have 3 families per 20 minutes. You may also contact me at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit.

### 2021-2022 Income Limits for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
2	\$37,928	N/A
3	\$47,784	\$54,784
4	\$57,640	\$64,640
5	\$67,496	\$74,496
6	\$77,352	\$84,352
***Add \$9,856 for each additional family member		

### 2021-2022 Income Limits for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
2	\$51,720	N/A
3	\$65,160	\$72,160
4	\$78,600	\$85,600
5	\$92,040	\$99,040
6	\$105,480	\$112,480
***Add \$13,440 for each additional family member		

# NEXT MESSAGE SERIES

## THE INTENTIONAL LIFE

Join us, beginning January 10, for a new message series *The Intentional Life*.

In the days of the old sailing ships, the greatest danger sailors faced was not piracy or storms at sea, but simply being “becalmed” hundreds of miles from land.

The word “becalmed” sounds peaceful, but with no wind, a sailing ship could drift aimlessly for days or weeks until the sailors perished from lack of food and water.

In our lives, our most dangerous enemy may be not some sudden temptation, demonic assault, or even the personal “storms” of life, but the danger of simply drifting. The author of the Book of Hebrews warned, “We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away” (Hebrews 2:1).

### Are you drifting?

As we begin the new year, we pray that the Holy Spirit (in both Hebrew and Greek the word for “spirit” and “wind” are the same) fill the sails of our lives so that we live with purpose and intention.

Join us as we seek *The Intentional Life of Love*.

January 10	Love Uncomfortably	I Corinthians 9:22
January 17	Love in Action	Galatians 6:2
January 24	Love among Friends	I Thessalonians 5:11
January 31	Love within Families	Joshua 25:15
February 7	Love Generously	Matthew 6:21
February 14	Love to God's Glory	I Corinthians 10:31

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 12

Twelve *Tuesdays* in a row with the option to miss a class and catch up on YouTube! This *online-only* class is offered from 7:00-8:15 pm and covers the main teachings of the Bible. Review or discover the *heart* of your Creator in the work of his Son *Jesus*. Jesus entered the world to save us from sin and bring us safely home to heaven. He lived perfectly in our place, died the death we deserve, and rose from the dead proving that *heaven is ours* through faith in him. A path to membership if you like or just touching base with the God of the Bible to hear what he has to say! Join Pastor Nate beginning in January.

# ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Traditional Service

Our Sunday, 9:15 am, traditional service is livestreamed every Sunday. A video archive full-service replays are available on each platform below.



@ [www.StPaulMuskego.org/online-worship](http://www.StPaulMuskego.org/online-worship)



@ St. Paul's Muskego



@ St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Muskego, Wisconsin

## The Bridge Casual Contemporary Service

The Bridge is livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am on each of the following platforms. You can find an archive of full-service replays on each platform.



@ [www.StPaulMuskego.org/online-worship](http://www.StPaulMuskego.org/online-worship)



@ The Bridge Church Muskego



@ The Bridge at St. Paul's

## ST. PAUL'S MINISTERIAL STAFF *Office (414) 422-0320*

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## SPECIAL YEAR-END GIFTS

Often individuals ask about special year-end giving ideas for our ministry. Below is the current "Wish List." If you would like to give toward these items, clearly mark your offering, "Wish List," with a note, for example, "Centennial Gym Scoreboard."

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Church Family Room Furniture Updates	\$8,850	\$3,753	\$5,097
iPads for K-I	\$6,000	\$5,875	\$125
Centennial Gym Scoreboard	\$5,000	\$5,000	Fully Funded
Trinity Gym Resurfacing Special Graphics	\$4,000	\$100	\$3,900

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

Our Mission and Ministry Fund is our "general fund" that supports our St. Paul's Church and School ministry and the ministry of Wisconsin Lutheran High School and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

## MISSION PARTNERS

Mission Partners was a program begun by our synod over a decade ago to give members an opportunity to be more personally involved in mission support. Our Mission Partners are supported only by special gifts given by individuals and organizations within our congregation with no funds coming from our Mission and Ministry Fund. Our current mission partners are:

- Malawi Mission Partner – Pastor John Holtz is a son of our congregation serving in Malawi, Africa.
- Mexican Mission Partner – St. Paul's member, Dan Thiel, served at Costa Maya Ministries on the Yucatan Peninsula.
- Garden Homes Mission Partner – St. Paul's Staff Minister Dr. Joel Nelson served as principal at this church and school on Milwaukee's north side.

## MORTGAGE FUND

The mortgage on our 2010 Trinity Gym, Café and classrooms addition is paid by special gifts to the Mortgage Fund. Special gifts to this fund beyond our monthly payments can be used on additional principle payments.

## GIVING REMINDERS...

- The safest and most cost-effective way for St. Paul's to receive your one-time or recurring gift is through an online donation. Nearly 40% of our gifts are received in this way. Set up your online giving at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) using our new PushPay giving platform.
- If you are 70 ½ or older, giving a gift from your IRA could reduce your tax payment.
- Giving a gift of appreciated stock can also provide tax advantages.
- Our Gift Trust Fund and Legacy Funds have been established to receive estate gifts. Find more information at <https://stpaulmuskego.org/estate-planning/>.