

WISH LIST UPDATES

Little Lamb, Gabe

Last spring, we shared a Wish List request for \$3,000 to publish *Little Lamb, Gabe* by St. Paul's member Carol Kolosovsky in Sweden. We received \$9,330! This has allowed Carol to work with pastors of our fellowship in both Sweden and the Czech Republic to publish the book in both of those nations. Your gifts will cover the publication cost. Any proceeds from the sale of the book in Sweden and the Czech Republic will help support mission work in these nations.



Here is an update on the progress:

- The Czech translation has been completed and has had two proofreads.
- The Swedish translation has been completed and the first proofread is being done now.
- The illustration files have been submitted and the artist has sent her permissions for the Czech and Swedish editions.
- The mock-up book, directions for front & back covers, and other directions have been prepared.

God has moved things forward in a timely way. Author Carol Kolosovsky is so very thankful to God for the progress and the generosity of St. Paul's members and the volunteer translators.

September/October Family-In-Need

What blessing to be able to partner with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Aid and Relief program to help a member family with medical bills! A St. Paul's family has experienced extraordinary medical costs because two family members are receiving treatment. Their high deductible insurance left them with thousands of dollars of unpaid medical bills already this year. Our Synod's Aid and Relief Committee at first committed \$5,000, and then doubled that commitment to \$10,000. St. Paul's members have contributed just over \$9,000 in additional funds to help this family. On behalf of the family, thank you for your incredible generosity.



Helping Those in Need

The support we were able to provide the September/October Family-in-Need was extraordinary. We as a congregation are ready to help others in need. This past week we helped one family with rent, another family with a night of emergency lodging at the request of the Muskego Police Department, and food and gas cards to others. If you are in need, please reach out to one of your pastors to discuss how we might be able to help. If you know someone in the congregation or community in need, please let your pastors know that too.

Athletic Livestream

The picture at right is from this week's girls' volleyball game. Nearly \$5,000 in wish list gifts have made it possible to livestream our games and other programs from both our Trinity and Centennial Gyms. Thank you for your generosity!



NEW WISH LIST OFFERINGS

WISH LIST ITEMS

The “Wish List” includes ministry enhancements that are outside of our budget. To donate, clearly mark your gift “Wish List” and the item. You can donate online at StPaulMuskego.org/Give. Find the fund “Wish List” and in the memo note the item for which you are giving.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Excelerate	\$220,000.00	\$118,693.09	\$101,306.91
School Lettering	\$2,750.00	\$50.00	\$2,700.00
Garden Homes Heating	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Community Care & Counseling Center Artwork	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Awake and Alive Conference	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

Excelerate – Lighting, a School Wall, and Maintenance

This large wish list includes plans to replace the lighting system in the sanctuary, the enlarging of a school classroom, and preparation for a new maintenance garage. A tithe of the gifts received will be sent to Martin Luther College for the first new dormitory in 50 years. The school classroom work is done. We hope we can replace our failing sanctuary lighting by the end of this year or early in the next year.

School Lettering

This signage will remind parents that our youth ministries (Lutheran Elementary School, Confirmation Classes, Kids Club) are here to help them fulfill their God-given role as pastors of their Family Church.



Garden Homes Lutheran Church Heating Assessment

We regularly ask how we can help our sister congregation on Milwaukee’s northside. The current need is to address the heating issues in their sanctuary. The first step is to hire a firm to do an assessment and come up with a plan for improvement. While \$2000 is not a large amount, it will help this under-resourced congregation continue to improve its gospel ministry to a disadvantage neighborhood.



We continue to await state licensing to open our counseling center as a satellite of Christian

Family Solutions. Pastor Bonack has already begun his counseling ministry in the space. This Wish List will provide decorations for the center. Any additional gifts will help cover the cost of furnishings which is about \$20,000.

Awake and Alive Support Gift

A \$2000 gift to this ministry to our 18-25 year-old generation will help make the two-day conference in Mankato a reality.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 11, 2021

MON	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	6:00 pm	DivorceCare (Hope Room)
TUE	9:30 am	Tuesday Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	6:15 pm	Adult Handbell Practice (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Class (In-person and online)
WED	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	Organization of WELS Seniors Meeting (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THUR	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	1:00 pm	Southeastern Wisconsin District Circuit Pastors' Meeting (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	GriefShare (Hope Room)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
FRI	9:00 am	Southeastern Wisconsin District Circuit Pastors' Meeting (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	Southeastern Wisconsin District Council and Circuit Pastors' Meeting (Grace Room)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Class
	9:15 am	Kids Club (3K – Gr 6)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service	

Next Following the Promise Class

Pastor Nate's *Following the Promise* class begins on Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00 pm. This class will be offered both online and in-person. For more information, you can reach him at nstrobels@stpmuskego.org or 414-426-8236.

Pastor Guldberg Returns Call

Pastor Fred Guldberg has returned our call as Family Pastor. Because of the high pastoral vacancy rate in our synod, many of our pastors are getting calls very often. Most pastoral calls in the synod are returned. In fact, within our circuit of nine congregations, all five pastoral calls were returned this week. May we patiently continue to ask the Holy Spirit to bring us the pastor whom he has already chosen to join us in our mission to bring families closer to Christ. The next call meeting has not been scheduled.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

Death

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, called home to heaven the soul of Paul S. Gionfriddo, born February 2, 1923, on Thursday, September 30, 2021. His funeral was held on Friday, October 8. May God comfort Paul's family and his loved ones with the promise of the resurrection.

Wedding

Susan Beal and Peter Claus were married on Saturday, October 9, 2021. May the Lord bless and keep Susan and Peter as they live in unity with Christ.

Known to Be Hospitalized

Bernie Elger (Angels Grace Hospice). Greg Schmidt, Audrey Kennedy, and Amanda Frelka Bruch have returned home.

Attendance

The following attended last weekend's services: 133 on Saturday, 92 on Sunday 7:45 am, 115 on Sunday 9:15 am, 306 at The Bridge, 97 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 23 on Wednesday.

Volunteer Appreciation Night Door Prizes

If you are a part of a local business and are interested in participating in this event, we are looking to offer door prizes to our volunteers. This is a great way to support volunteerism and to promote your business. Some ideas are gift certificates, game tickets, movie passes, wine or gift baskets, or your logo-branded items. Your business will be acknowledged at dinner. If interested, please contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-218-5197.

Child Care Center Lunch Prep Help Needed

The St. Paul's Child Care Center is looking for volunteers to help with lunch preparation Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm. If interested in volunteering, please contact Tammy Dockter at dockterta@stpmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

Pastor Appreciation Month

Throughout the month of October, we celebrate Pastors Bonack, Kuehl, Panitzke, and Strobel. They have been such a blessing to our congregation in so many ways, and it is our turn to bless them. You are encouraged to take time to let our pastors know how much their ministry means to you, through written notes, gifts, and uplifting words. Keeping our pastors in your prayers throughout the year is always appreciated.

The Point of Grace Gathering Event

The WELS Christian Aid and Relief, a compassion ministry currently supporting Hurricane Ida relief efforts, strives to reflect Christ's love to those who are suffering from natural disasters or other hardships. Join The Point of Grace on Wednesday, October 13, at 7:00 pm, as Pastor Dan Sims, the director of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, shares an overview of CAR's work and how to get involved. This event will take place at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Circuit Pastors and District Council Meeting at St. Paul's

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning of this week St. Paul's will host the semi-annual meeting of the 21 circuit pastors of the Southeastern Wisconsin District of the WELS. On Friday afternoon the District Council meets. In the spring, the circuit pastors meet with the officers of the district to be updated on the work of the synod. In the fall, they are further trained and encouraged to be "pastor to the pastors" through Bible study and discussion. (Pastor Kuehl serves as circuit pastor for St. Paul's in Muskego, Star of Bethlehem in New Berlin, Christ in Big Bend, St. Paul's in East Troy, Reformation in Dousman, St. John's in Mukwonago, Living Water in Wind Lake, and Victory of the Lamb and St. Paul's in Franklin.) Thank you, members of St. Paul's, for hosting these gatherings.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



St. Paul's

VOLUNTEER *Appreciation* NIGHT

OCT 23 2021

6:30 - 9:00 pm

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WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

GET CONNECTED THROUGH SUPPORT GROUPS

These groups are held in the Hope Room in the counseling center on the west side of the church.

Current groups include:

Alzheimer's Support – The third Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm

Cancer Support – The third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:00 pm

DivorceCare – Mondays, starting at 6:00 pm

GriefShare – Thursdays gathering at 6:00 pm; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

GET CONNECTED THROUGH SMALL GROUPS

NEW Embrace Grace Small Group

Are you a single mom feeling like you may be in need of a little extra support these days? St. Paul's is here for you. Embrace Grace is a new small group where other single moms like yourself can get together, share personal stories, and learn about resources available for you and your children. For more information, please contact Vicki at vicjer2@wi.rr.com or Karen at karenjboldt@wi.rr.com.

Men's Bible Study – God's Guys

The Saturday morning men's Bible study, God's Guys, is a multi-generational group of men who meet weekly in the Grace Room to share their love of Jesus, Christian friendship, and an awesome breakfast. If you would like more information, please contact Bruce Marggraf at 262-679-4725.

Marriage Mini-Class: *Marriage, A Wise Investment!*

Didn't get a chance to attend our first Marriage Mini-Class this past spring? On Sunday, October 31, from 12:00 – 1:30 pm, St. Paul's will host this class for a second time, sharing marriage and parenting resources for couples. Many men and women at St. Paul's care about family, so make the investment in your marriage today! Lunch will be served, and childcare will be provided for up to age 10. Please register by October 24 by marking your Connection Card or emailing Meta Rosenberg at mtkolander@gmail.com.

Upcoming OWLS Meeting

The next OWLS meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, at 12:00 pm in the Grace Room. Please bring a bag lunch and come through the main church doors. I am looking forward to seeing you then. – Charlene Pingel (President) 262-490-2579.

Pickleball Begins October 14

Our church pickleball league will begin a new season on Thursday, October 14 and go through December 15. The group plays most Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. No seasonal commitment required. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Cindy Proeber at 414-801-2845.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this league. If interested, contact Sally Wallner at 414-218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.

GET CONNECTED THROUGH LARGE GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Grace Room Studies at 9:15 am

Retired Seminary Professor Forrest Bivens will complete his study on Luther's Catechism on October 10 and 17. Retired Asia Lutheran Seminary President Dr. John Lawrenz will teach a course on Daniel from October 24 – December 5.

Tuesday Women's Study at 9:30 am in the Grace Room

Based on Galatians 5:22, 23, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Each lesson emphasizes why the good news of Jesus is the only thing that can cause these fruits to blossom. To join or for more information, contact Michele Eiche at 414-202-7522.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Thank you for every gift you give to support our ministry and that of our ministry partners!

Malawi Mission Partner.

Pastor John Holtz, son of our congregation, serves in Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa. Our special gifts to our Malawi Mission Partner provide about one-fifth of the funds necessary to keep Pastor Holtz on the mission field. To watch a video featuring Pastor Holtz, google “Moments with Missionaries – Lilongwe, Malawi.”



Mexican Mission Partner

Costa Maya Ministries began with Wisconsin Synod members who built their winter home just outside of Mahahual, a four-hour drive south of Cancun on Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula. Their family devotions grew to a small house church. When the synod didn’t have the money to begin formal mission work there, a small group of Christians began to fund it themselves. About ten years later, they have their first permanent building and continue to reach up and down the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. The building below was built with the help of St. Paul’s through our Cool Million Tithe.



Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School

Our third mission partner works with Lighthouse Youth Center to reach a disadvantage neighborhood on Milwaukee’s northside. Dr. Joel Nelson of our staff served as principal here for five years and remains our staff contact with this mission partner. If you would like to serve Friday suppers at the youth center or get involved in some other way, contact Joel at jnelson@stpmuskego.org.

Gifts to our Mission Partners: Clearly label cash or check gifts or give online at StPaulMuskego.org/Give, using the fund “Mission Partners” and in the memo note which mission partner.