

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FUNERAL

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, called home to heaven the soul of Dennis Miller on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. May our God of all peace and comfort be with the Millers and their loved ones today and always.

HOSPITALIZED

Nancy Rindt (Linden Grove New Berlin) and Dorrette Probst and Dolores Witte (home hospice care).

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last weekend's services: 101 on Saturday, 57 on Sunday 7:45 am, 105 on Sunday 9:15 am, 115 at The Bridge, 30 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 235 on Ash Wednesday 3:30 pm and 120 on Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm.

DO YOU REALLY KNOW ME?

"Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:30) Jesus asked his disciples that critical question just six months before his crucifixion.

Over the six weeks of the Lenten season, we will study the Gospel of Mark to answer that critical question anew. On the weekends, we will work our way through Mark 1-11. During our Wednesday meditations, we will focus on Jesus' suffering in the last chapters of Mark.

The 3:30 service will include a Children's Message as part of our on-going effort to welcome families back into regular in-person worship.



Wednesday, February 24

Wednesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 10

Patient

Courageous

Irreproachable

Mark 14:26-42

Mark 14:43-65

Mark 14:66-15:15

Weekends

February 28

March 7

March 14

The Teacher

God in Flesh

The Compassionate

Mark 3-4

Mark 5-6

Mark 7-8

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Nate Strobel is currently leading our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*—on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm – online only. If you miss a class, watch it later on YouTube. Enjoy camaraderie with Pastor Nate while you learn the basics of what the Bible teaches. You will track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life.

ONLINE STUDY OF REVELATION

The next Revelation Study with Pastor Pete is Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 pm. Register your interest on the Connection Card or email him at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S HAS AN APP!

Download our new app, **St. Paul's Muskego**. You can find it on Google Play or on the Apple App Store. You'll be able to watch Pastor Pete's video messages, read his blog, watch livestream services, easily give your offering, and so much more! It's a great way to simplify your life and access what you need from your church. If you need help using the app, contact Tammy Miller at 414-422-0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org.

THE IMPORTANCE OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Currently we have about 50% of our pre-COVID-19 in-person worship attendance and about 500 views of our online worship opportunities each week.

For some, online worship is the best solution

- for health reasons,
- because of distance,
- to overcome scheduling conflicts, or
- because an individual is able to focus better using an online setting.

Parents have shared with us how online worship gives them a chance to bond in worship and model worship with their children in the intimacy of their home, where immediate discussion can take place. We are extremely thankful for the online worship ministry that has developed here at St. Paul's.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

At a recent discussion among our teachers, pastors, staff ministers, and office team, we recognized a number of reasons to encourage in-person worship.

- Worshipping with fellow Christians in one room is a foretaste of the joy of the communion of saints gathering in heaven.
- The reception of the Lord's Supper and the celebration of baptisms in worship.
- The friendships that are formed and strengthened before and after worship.
- The encouragement that friends, young and old, give to each other as they worship together.
- The structure and accountability that helps build a life-long pattern of regular worship.
- The role modelling that goes on as we watch others in worship and learn from them. For example, a child whose parents may not sing at home can be encouraged to join in singing praises by hearing and seeing other worshippers singing.

REGAINING A PATTERN OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP

To help people feel comfortable in regaining a pattern of in-person worship:

- We will continue our **five weekend worship services**, even though some services have very low attendance. For anyone desiring more social distancing we recommend the Sunday 7:45 and 10:45 am services because of the lower attendance.
- We will offer **two Wednesday Lenten services at 3:30 and 7:00 pm**. The **3:30 pm service will include a Children's Message** by Pastor Pete in addition to the message from a guest preacher.
- **We will add Easter Services**. All services in the sanctuary will be identical: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 6:30; 7:45; 9:15, and 10:45 am. At The Bridge, the Easter schedule will be 9:00 and 10:30 am.
- We will provide **more outdoor worship services** on June 6, July 4, August 1, and September 12. The concerns about COVID-19 will make regular, in-person worship for many people unlikely until the pandemic is past. At the same time, we will do all we can to welcome all who are ready to return.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

APPRECIATING OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our Lutheran schools are treasured places...because Jesus is there. Lutheran Schools Week takes time to celebrate that – the joy and impact of Christ on our kids and families. Most parents realize it is really hard to raise children, have a successful marriage, and build a Christian home in today’s culture that is abandoning a conservative, Biblical worldview at an alarming rate. We love being a congregation that partners with parents through our school to help build stronger Christian families!

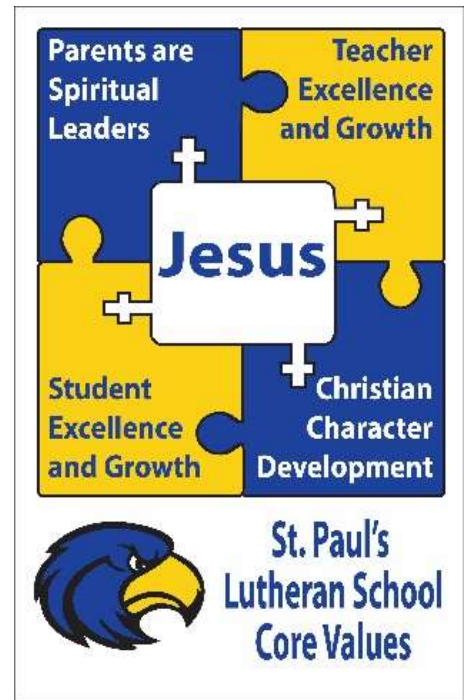
OUR SCHOOL’S ROLE IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

“We are so glad we became part of the St. Paul’s family. Such an important foundation especially in these unfortunate times. Our kids thrived at times and survived at others but all because of the amazing faith the staff has. Our children were filled with the Word and love instead of more fear and anxiety from worldly views” (A new St. Paul’s school family).

We at St. Paul’s want to bless more families in this way. We are so thankful that at this point we already have 95% re-enrollment for next year, which is far higher at this point than ever!

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL OFFERS...

- Assistance to build a strong Christian family
- An amazing teaching staff leading your kids
- Teaching and learning from a conservative, biblical worldview
- Christian-centered character development and mentoring
- 75% of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Before and after school care
- Generous tuition assistance—over \$600,000 in financial aid given each year
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs



LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2021-2022

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
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

Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
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

MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Principal Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, for more information about our school, the Parental Choice Programs, and/or to schedule a tour.

KIDS CLUB'S ROLE IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Each Sunday at 9:15 am we partner with parents through our Kids Club program for children 3K – 6th grade. We also provide a weekly Family Lesson for parents to use at home. For more information contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpmuskego.org or call (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.