

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Marvin Pellmann, born December 21, 1929, entered eternal peace with his Savior on January 6, 2021. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 2:00 pm. May our God of all peace and comfort be with Marvin's loved ones.

FUNERAL

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, called home to heaven the soul of Dennis Miller, born March 10, 1950, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. His funeral is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, at 2:00 pm, with a visitation starting at noon. May the God of peace comfort the Millers and their loved ones.

HOSPITALIZED

Phil Nickerson and Nancy Rindt (Linden Grove New Berlin), Paul Gionfriddo (Froedtert), Dorrette Probst and Dolores Witte (home hospice care), and Mary Watts (hospice care at New Perspective).

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last weekend's services: 123 on Saturday, 68 on Sunday 7:45 am, 144 on Sunday 9:15 am, 151 at The Bridge, 80 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 135 at 3:30 pm and 61 at 7:00 pm for the Wednesday Lenten services.

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, March 3	Courageous	Mark 14:43-65
Wednesday, March 10	Irreproachable	Mark 14:66-15:15
Wednesday, March 17	Self-Sacrificing	Mark 15:16-32
Wednesday, March 24	Steadfast	Mark 15:33-47
Weekends		
March 7	God in Flesh	Mark 5-6
March 14	The Compassionate	Mark 7-8
March 21	The Lover of Sinners	Mark 9-10
March 28	The Coming King	Mark 11

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.

CABIN FEVER? GET OUT AND PLAY AS A FAMILY!

The Saturdays of March 6 and 20 have been reserved 9:30-11:30 am for the Trinity Gym to be open for use for families with grade school children to come out and play together. If your little ones have cabin fever, bring them and have fun together. This is also a community outreach opportunity to invite your neighbors with kids to join you. Bring your own balls, jump ropes, or gym-friendly games. This event is intended for parents to play with their children. No supervision will be provided. However, a St. Paul's host will be on site. Please contact Sally Wallner at (414) 422-0320, ext. 294 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org with questions.

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WISH LIST

Often individuals ask about special 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
iPads for K-I	\$6,000	\$5,875	\$125
Centennial Gym Scoreboard	\$5,000	\$20	\$4,980
Trinity and Centennial Gym Cameras	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
Trinity Gym Resurfacing Special Graphics	\$6,000	\$6,000	Fully funded

Trinity and Centennial Gym Cameras

One of the silver-linings of the pandemic is the start of livestreaming our home sporting events. This is something we would like to continue even after pandemic capacity limits are lifted. Sample videos have been viewed and the video quality is very good. The contract is with the same company that installed the school security cameras as part of the safety grant a few years ago. This upgrade would allow us to "click-and-live-stream" very easily, compared to the set up process that is needed now. These cameras could be used for other gym events as well, not just school sports.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY CANCELLED

Due to COVID 19 concerns, the Milwaukee Metro South Circuit of the LWMS has cancelled its Spring Rally that was scheduled to take place Saturday, April 24, at Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis. For more information, contact St. Paul's LWMS Reporter Nadine Steger at gstege1@gmail.com.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY IS HIRING

Stoney Creek Adult Community Is looking to hire an energetic, ambitious person with strong management skills to serve as a part-time activity director. For more information email Cindy at cindy@stoneycreekmusekgo.com.

GET THE ST. PAUL'S 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.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM DECEMBER FRIENDS IN NEED FAMILY

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of my family I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks for your overwhelming generosity. Your donations have been vitally helpful in this time of hardship. The good Lord sees fit to allow us all the opportunity to overcome adversity and we as a church body routinely come together to support one another. Your thoughts, prayers, donations, and spiritual encouragement have sustained us, Bless you all. It is my genuine hope the Lord continues to bless and keep you all in his loving embrace. Thank you for all you have done.

Yours in Christ,
Name Withheld

EXCELERATE!

Covid-19 accelerated shifts that were already happening in God's church.

- online worship and less frequent worship
- virtual learning
- isolation with the emotional strain it brings to individuals and families

During most of 2020, the church was tapping on the brakes, reacting to the changes like a driver uncertain what was around the next bend in the road.

As we look ahead into the second half of 2021 and beyond, it is our prayer that we can **Excelerate** into the changes that are necessary in the post-pandemic world to fulfill our mission: *By every possible means we bring every person within our area of influence closer to Christ.* Pick up a copy of the *Winter Messenger* from the Welcome Center and join one of the open forums to discuss these challenges and opportunities.

Open Forums

To discuss issues facing St. Paul's as we prepare for ministry beyond COVID-19

In Person

Sun Feb. 28 at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
in the Grace Room
Sat. Mar 6 at 6 pm in Grace Room

Zoom Forum

Thurs. Mar 4 at 7 pm
Register on Connection Card

EXCELERATE WISH LIST--\$220,000

There are three improvement items on our **Excelerate Wish List**:



- Replace the lighting fixtures in the main part of the sanctuary. The system to control the lighting failed several years ago. A new system will not be compatible with the current fixtures.
- Move a wall between the school's library and Spanish classroom to provide a larger classroom.
- Build a maintenance garage. This building will also provide workspace for our school children to learn basic woodworking and possibly small engine repair.

The cost of these three projects is about \$200,000. We will model the tithe by also committing \$20,000 to the Equipping Christians for Ministry Fund to help Martin Luther College build its first new dormitory in 50 years. The total *Excelerate* Wish List is \$220,000. We have already received \$100,000 of that amount! If you would like to help make these three projects a reality, mark your gift *Excelerate*.



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The Thirteen 22 Society's name comes from Proverbs 13:22, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children." To help individuals and families prepare estate plans, we have contracted with SFC Estate Coaching for 30 coaching slots. Our coach Tom Slye will help you take the steps to be prepared to take your estate plan to attorney. We can even suggest attorneys that we have worked if you don't have an attorney already. If you have questions about the process, speak to Pastor Pete (414-422-0320, ext. 122). You can schedule a time to meet with Estate Coach Tom Slye at no cost to you at StPaulMuskego.org/Estate-Planning/.