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Week of February 24, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Strings Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Nomination Committee Meeting (Church Basement)
TUE	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom #8)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	6:30 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
7:45 pm	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)	
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul's Quilting Fellowship
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	High School Boys Basketball
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 am	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service	

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Levi Michael Schmid, son of Michael and Bethany (nee Gannon) Schmid, was born June 19, 2019 and baptized in a private ceremony on February 19, 2020. . May God bless Levi today and always in his saving faith (*1 Peter 3:21-22*).

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Steve Drobka, Janelle Gray, Lois Guhr, Connie Hikade, Josh Nagel, Judy Schmidt, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Carol Gosseck is at Clement Manor, and Marlene Sobczak is at Linden Grove Mukwonago. Rex Hartwig, Fred Liermann, and Nancy Rindt have returned home.

ATTENDANCE

1134 were in attendance at last week's worship services.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery of friendly caregivers during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the East Wing of the church. An usher will be happy to direct you if needed.

THIRTEEN 22 SOCIETY—THANK YOU

“A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children” (Proverbs 13:22). Do you have your estate plans in place? St. Paul's has contracted with SFC Estate Coaching to help our members complete or update their estate plans. There are coaching times available on Monday, March 2, Tuesday, March 3, Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10. Go to StPaulMuskego.org/Estate-Planning to learn more and to schedule a coaching visit.

2020 CHICKEN DINNER THANK YOU!

Wow, what a year! Thank you to 100 volunteers who gave their time and talents, including 13 students doing service projects. Thank you to everyone! Attendance was near a record high with 744 served. We received \$2,100 above cost that will go into the Cool Million fund. Special thanks to the chicken fryers, Spud Buds, Ron and Sue, and Swessels' Pulaski Inn for their support in making this event a success. God be praised!

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE – BIBLE BASICS AND YOU

Pastor Nate Strobel is leading our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*— right now on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Pastor Nate would love for you to join him as he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you. Register on the back of your Connection Card or contact Pastor Nate directly at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

NEXT GRACE ROOM SERIES: PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

Join frequent Grace Room presenter, Dan Kolosovsky, as he leads participants through the new testament book, Colossians, under the theme, *Lord Over All Who Brings Full Forgiveness to All*, Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am, March 8 - April 5.

LENT BEGINS AT ST. PAUL'S

Are you “undefeated”? Or do you feel “defeated” the moment you get out of bed?

UNDEFEATED

OUR JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB

“Undefeated” is not how most of us would describe our spiritual life.



But the season of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a time not only to admit our defeat but to follow the Savior through apparent defeat to final victory on Easter. It is a time to claim his “Undefeated” status as our own.

Join us during these 40 days of spiritual preparation. On the weekends, let’s admit how we are defeated in many ways. In the Wednesday services we will walk with Jesus in his final hours and remember all that he suffered that we might be “Undefeated.”

Undefeated Weekend Series

March 1	Undefeated by the Devil	Genesis 3:1-5
March 8	Undefeated by Skepticism	Genesis 12:1-8
March 15	Undefeated by Spiritual Blindness	Isaiah 42:14-21
March 22	Undefeated by Dysfunction	Genesis 37:1-11
March 29	Undefeated by Death	Ezekiel 37:1-14

Undefeated Wednesday Series

Services at 3:30 and 7:00 pm include the reading of the “Passion History,” the compilation of the four Gospel accounts of Jesus’ suffering and death. A soup supper will be served in the Grace Room between services.

February 26	Undefeated by the Law	Exodus 24:12-18
March 4	Undefeated in the Upper Room	Matthew 26:20-30
March 11	Undefeated in the Garden	Matthew 26:36-46
March 18	Undefeated by Spiritual Blindness	Matthew 26:69-75
March 25	Undefeated by Judicial Dysfunction	Matthew 27:11-31
April 1	Undefeated by the Cross	Matthew 27:32-55

LENT NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday's soup supper will be hosted by the Quilting Fellowship of St. Paul's. This faithful group has been providing quilts to those in need of comfort and hope for 12 years. Over 500 quilts have been given to the homebound, babies and moms of WELS Lutherans for Life, VA Hospital, St Paul's Alzheimer's Group, Tomorrow's Choice of Waukesha, Muskego Woman's Club, and many cancer patients and survivors. Our quilts are labeled with "Jesus Loves Me." In addition, we once again partnered with the Wisconsin Woodworker's Guild to provide twenty doll-sized quilts to go with their handmade Barbie Doll beds given to children in need for Christmas. Any donations given at the soup supper will be used for quilting materials to continue our mission. Quilts will also be on display with a suggested donation of \$30-\$50. The Quilting Fellowship meets the first Thursday of the month. For more information about joining our group, contact Annette Navarre at (262) 922-0009 or singnavarre@gmail.com.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Hosts are needed yet for 2 soup suppers; March 18 and 25. For more information contact Church Administrative Assistant Tammy Miller at tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 111.

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Our Easter Festival Choir and Orchestra need vocalists and instrumentalists! Have you been wanting to join St Paul's music ministry but haven't been sure how to get started? Join the Easter Sunday Festival Orchestra and Choir! Contact Heidi Schuh, worship volunteer coordinator, at hschuh@stpmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 115, for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: EASTER FOR KIDS!

St. Paul's Easter For Kids 2020 is happening Saturday, April 4, 9:00-11:45 am, at the school. This event is intended for children ages 3-12. Singing, games, crafts, a puppet show, the Easter story, and more will be enjoyed by the kids. If you'd like to help, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

HOPE AND HEALING IN THE HURT OF DIVORCE – BEGINS TUESDAY

DivorceCare starts a new 13-week session on Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in school classroom 8. Contact Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org, or (414) 422-0320, ext. 130 for more information. Come when you can, each week can stand alone in its content.

JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! We livestream The Bridge every Sunday at 10:15 am on the platforms below. Past messages are also available on each platform. Full HD replays of complete services are available on our YouTube channel.



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MISSION NEWS

JOHNSON CREEK OPPORTUNITY

Eighteen months ago, the owners of the Gobbler Theater in Johnson Creek, began worshipping at St. Paul's. They offered St. Paul's the use of the Gobbler on Sundays as a worship venue free-of-charge. Since then, St. Paul's leadership has had numerous contacts with pastors in the Johnson Creek area, seeking to work with our sister congregations to offer a non-traditional worship language like our Bridge in an area where there are no congregations of our synod offering this worship language.



In October, members of our synod in the Johnson Creek area reached out to St. Paul's expressing interest in working with us to start this new mission effort. Pastor Panitzke has been meeting for Bible study with this core group on a weekly basis and to discuss ministry plans. The core group will be touring the Gobbler Theater for the first time on Saturday, February 29.

In January, the Western Wisconsin District President asked the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board to work with St. Paul's and this core group to help develop a mission plan. The Mission Board is also working with Immanuel, Farmington (a country church 2.5 miles outside of Johnson Creek) to expand their vision how they might also serve the Johnson Creek area.

While we have no definitive plans to announce at this time, the core group is encouraged by these developments and welcomes continued prayers for open doors, brotherly conversations, and ministry cooperation with all those involved in this growing community.

FRIENDS OF CHINA UPDATE

As part of our Cool Million effort, we have given \$30,000 to Friends of China, an organization of Wisconsin Synod members, that sends lay people into China to develop relationships across which the gospel of Christ can be shared. Our former teacher Jessica Vanderhyde served in China in this capacity for several years.

The coronavirus continues to disrupt life and so also ministry plans in China. The mission family whom we met at our August 2019 church picnic remains in Thailand, unable to return to China. Other Friends of China staff have returned to the United States. Let us join in prayer that God would grant success to the containment of this virus and that our Savior would use even this time of disruption for the good of his Church.

YOUTH NEWS

EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH

Registration is open for the 2020-21 school year for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons would love to give you a tour of our school facilities and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

There are families with financial need who do not qualify for the Parental Choice programs. For these families we strive to provide generous tuition assistance. We do not want to have finances hinder any family from benefiting from our school. Please consider a special gift to the LESTA Fund (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance), either online or mark your gift clearly and place it in the offering plate.

CLASS OF 2020 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Each spring, St. Paul's celebrates our teen members graduating from junior or senior high school. A list of our 2020 graduates along with their post-graduation plans are included in the worship folder at the end of May. **Junior High Graduates:** Where were you planning on attending school next year? **Senior High Graduates:** Where are you graduating from and what are your post-graduation plans? (ie. college, military branch, work force, or undecided) Please share this information with Dr. Nelson as soon as you can at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or call (414) 422-0320, ext. 145. Thank you and may the Lord bless the final months of your final years of junior or senior high school!

LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPRING PLAY – MURDER AT AUNT AGATHA'S

Save the date for our school play set for the weekend of April 25. *Murder at Aunt Agatha's* is part mystery, part ghost story, but mainly, all comedy! The dearly departed Aunt Agatha's nieces and nephews have gathered at her mansion to hear the reading of her will. As the lawyer begins, there's more greed than grief permeating the room, which perhaps is why Aunt Agatha stipulated that anyone wanting a share of her money must first survive the night in her house. Too bad she forgot to mention there would be ghosts! Singing, dancing ghosts, in fact! But as one family member after another is murdered throughout the night, this almost begins to feel more like an Agatha Christie mystery! The varied lot of characters are sure to entertain.

WELS YOUTH RALLY SUPPORT

St. Paul's is in the final stages of determining how many teens want to attend the WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, Tennessee this summer. Cost for the 4-day experience is \$375/person excluding transportation to and from the rally. If you might be interested in assisting the St. Paul's teens attending the rally, but may have difficulty paying expenses, please contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or 414 422-0320, ext. 145.