

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of May 10, 2021

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
TUE	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Main Church) Following the Promise Bible Study (In-person and online) Open Forum (Online)
WED	6:30 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Traditional Worship Service
THUR	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Main Church) Revelation Bible Class (Online)
FRI	8:15 am	LES Chapel
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service Open Forum (Grace Room)
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Kids Club The Bridge Communion The Bridge Traditional Worship Service

Mother's Day Cards and Books

We've got you covered! If you haven't had a chance to shop for a Mother's Day card, please grab a complimentary one from the church lobby at the welcome counter, the library kiosk, or in any of the rest rooms. The kiosk in the church lobby also has a display of Mother's Day books available. Follow the instructions posted and pick out a great book today!

Our Communion Practice

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith. We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings. We invite you to register for this online class on the back of your Connection Card or by contacting Pastor Nathan Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" of Christian Worship to examine yourself. These prayers can be found on page 156 in the hymnal. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card. The light colored cups contain non-alcoholic wine. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the distributor as you approach to receive the bread. The first pew in the right center section (lecturn side) is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use this pew.

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Known to Be Hospitalized

Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), Ted Nommensen (Autumn Leaves in Franklin), and Lois Bestel (Village at Manor Park).

Attendance

The following attended last weekend's services: 110 on Saturday, 89 on Sunday 7:45 am, 106 on Sunday 9:15 am, 194 at The Bridge, 46 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 27 on Wednesday. 178 attended the Sunday 1:30 pm Confirmation service and 148 the 3:00 pm Confirmation service.

Following the Promise Class

Join Pastor Nate in the *Following the Promise* class Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. This class is a "hybrid offering" with online and in-person options. To join, email him at nstrob@stpmuskego.org or text him at (414) 426-8236.

Summer Care 2021

Our Extended Care staff is offering Summer Care for children ages 3 years old to grade 5 from 6:30 am–6:00 pm. Summer Care will be from Friday, May 28, through Friday, August 13. We will provide a safe, Christ-centered, fun environment for your child. Visit stpmuskego.org/page/summer-care for more information or to register.

Summer Care Lead Teacher Position Available

Mrs. Hintze, one of our 4K teachers, is stepping down from her position as a lead teacher in our Summer Care ministry. We thank Mrs. Hintze for her many years of service to the Lord and our Summer Care families! If interested in this position, contact Seth Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320 ext. 118.

Mr. Steffen Declines Call

Our Vice Principal and 8th grade teacher, Kurt Steffen, has declined his call to teach 6th grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Beverly Hills, Florida. We thank the Lord for guiding him to this decision and pray that he lead St. Paul's Lutheran as they seek to fill the teaching position.

4K Teacher Call Accepted

A note to the congregation:

Through prayer and consideration, I have decided to accept my call to teach 4K here at St. Paul's Lutheran School. This is the congregation in which I grew up and have always considered my home, so I feel all the more blessed and honored to have been called. I am excited to share my God-given talents, faith, and knowledge with the young minds in our congregation and to have St. Paul's guide me and support me along the way.

Thank you,

Lindsay Schneider

Marriage Mini-Class

Marriage is hard. Marriage is fun! Raising kids is hard. Raising kids is fun! On Sunday, May 23, from 12:00 – 1:15 pm, St. Paul's will host a free mini-class 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 (and parenting)! An optional lunch will be served, and childcare will be provided up to age 10. For more information, mark your connection card or email sfitzsimmons@stpmuskego.org or mtkolander@gmail.com.

Single? Dating? Engaged? Married?

Are you 18-30 years old trying to navigate life as a single person or moving through dating with marriage in mind? Navigating life as a single or dating Christian can be difficult. *Awake and Alive* is doing a book and Bible study on "Single, Dating, Engaged, Married" by Ben Stuart via Zoom. To join, mark the connection card or contact Mike Westendorf at mwestendorf@stpmuskego.org or 414-507-8250.

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Open Forums/Voters' Meeting

The annual voters' meeting is Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room. Pick up a copy of the *Messenger* in the Welcome Center with the agenda and reports, including a recommendation to amend the St. Paul's Bylaws to give the Ministry Board authority to disburse funds from the Capital Reserve Fund. The first open forums are this Sunday, May 9, at 9:00 and 10:30 am in the Grace Room. There will also be a Zoom open forum on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 pm. The final open forum will be Saturday, May 15, at 6:00 pm.

Self-Care Mini Conference

In celebration of May being Mental Health Awareness Month, the Community Counseling and Care Center is holding a one-night Self-Care Mini Conference on Thursday, May 20, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Self-care is a vital component of having a pro-active approach to your mental health. If you are looking for new and creative ways to make self-care a part of your everyday life, you don't want to miss this event!

Jammin' on Janesville – June 4

Volunteers are invited to join Pastor Nate and Sally Wallner at Jammin' on Janesville on Friday, June 4. St. Paul's provides a children's game with prizes alongside music by Mike Krill and His Way band members. If you'd like to join in the fun of loving our community and promoting St. Paul's in this way, please mark interest on your Connection Card or contact Sally at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.

Community Outreach – “Birthday Bag” Gift Card Requests

St. Paul's is partnering with the Muskego Woman's Club and the Muskego Food Pantry in helping to provide families with a Birthday Bag for their children. The parents they are helping do not have money to provide a birthday party, so the Muskego Woman's Club is putting the party in a bag! The bags will include cake mix, frosting, candles, and decorations. St. Paul's wants to match each of the bags with a \$15 Walmart gift card for the parents to purchase a gift for their child. The gift cards will be labeled, “From Friends of St. Paul's.” If you would like to participate, please purchase the gift card(s) from Scrip or from the store, put them in an envelope marked, “Birthday Bag GC,” and place in an offering box at church. If you would like to donate money, we will buy the gift cards for you. Any questions? Please contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.

Celebrate Juneteenth Day at Garden Homes

Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a flyer about the Juneteenth Outreach Event sponsored by our Mission Partner, Garden Homes Lutheran Church, on Milwaukee's north side. This is a great way to build relationships with members of our closest mission partner. Check the Connection Card for more information, and Dr. Nelson will contact you.

St. Paul's Hosting Global Leadership Summit Simulcast

On Thursday, August 5, and Friday, August 6, you are invited to gather with thousands of leaders across North America for the Global Leadership Summit. Hear internationally known speakers and leaders like Craig Groeschel, Patrick Lencioni, Juliet Funt, General Stanley McCrystal and many more. St. Paul's will be hosting the simulcast in our sanctuary. Register by July 19 for best price. Go to StPaulMuskego.org and search Global Leadership Summit.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society – May Spotlight

A team of four high school students and two adults spent a week in Madison to volunteer for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church's Outdoor Adventure Camp. The team was divided into groups which connected with 80+ kids in the surrounding Madison area. They participated in all camp activities and shared God's Word about Jesus' love for them. This group returned home grateful in sharing the gospel. What a blessing it is to work together with the Mission Journeys program and to work with other Christians who share a common confession. To learn more, please visit ORLMadison.org and LWMS.org.

GOD'S GENEROUS PEOPLE

Thank You for Your Generous Support

Thank you for every gift you give to support our ministry and the ministry of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and our other ministry partners!

Ways to Give

There are a number of ways to support God's work:

- **Offering envelopes** to give checks or cash. If you do not receive monthly offering envelop packets and would like to begin, contact church accountant Becky Wetzel at bwetzel@stpmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 112. If you no longer need to receive offering envelopes, please contact Becky to stop this monthly mailing.
- **Online giving** at StPaulMuskego.org/Give. You can make a one-time or recurring gift. Giving directly from a checking or savings account is the most cost-effective method, but you can also use a credit card.
- **Text stpmuskego to 77977**. You will receive a prompt to set up your account. After that, it is very easy to give a one-time or recurring gift from your phone.
- **Give stock:** You may save on taxes by making a stock gift directly to St. Paul's. For assistance, contact our church administrator Randy Fink at rfink@stpmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 120.
- **If you are 70½ or older**, you can save on taxes by giving directly from an IRA. Contact Randy Fink for assistance.

Estate Planning

Do you have an estate plan? Have you reviewed recently? If not, the Thirteen 22 Committee encourages you to schedule a visit with an estate coach from SFC Estate Coaching at StPaulMuskego.org/Estate-Planning/. There is no cost to you. The coach prepares you to meet with an attorney and can offer ways to continue your generous support of God's kingdom work through your estate.

College/Seminary Tuition Grants

We want to encourage our young people to prepare for ministry. Martin Luther College offers to match a tuition grant from a student's home congregation up to \$1000. We would like to provide a \$1000 tuition grant for each of the St. Paul's members and each of the Garden Homes members attending Martin Luther College. We would also like to provide a \$1000 tuition grant to a son of our congregation attending Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Excelerate

Our goal is to gather \$220,000 in special gifts to replace the sanctuary lighting system, to enlarge a classroom in our school, build a maintenance garage, and give a tithe of \$20,000 for a new dormitory at Martin Luther College.

Wish List Giving

Thank you also for your special gifts to the Wish List items. You can donate to a Wish List item either by check or online.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Live Stream Gym	\$5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	Fully Funded
Excelerate	\$220,000.00	\$106,865.00	\$113,135.00
Little Lamb, Gabe	\$6,000.00	\$7,170.00	Fully Funded
MLC Tuition Grants	\$7,000.00	\$100.00	\$6,900.00