



St. Paul's Heartbeat

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When we started **A Cool Million** 18 months ago, we knew that if we were going to raise \$1 million for mundane things like a parking lot and shingles and HVAC ducts and lights, the hearts of God's people would have to beat with a love for the Savior. That's why **A Cool Million** logo features the heartbeat.

With this letter, we want to celebrate your heart that beats with generosity here at St. Paul's!

Spring 2018

The first project was to replace **the lights in the altar area**. The old system had become a fire hazard and had been removed. The new system was installed in time to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior on Easter 2018.



Summer 2018



The next project was the repaving of the **parking lot/playground** behind the Trinity Gym and the addition of **more playground equipment**. The windows in the Centennial Gym were also replaced.

But it wasn't just changes on our own campus. Through our

Cool Million tithes, we were changing ministry for our **Mission Partner in Costa Maya, Mexico**. A significant part of their ministry is bringing children and families to their ministry center and traveling up and down the coast to serve mission



stations an hour away. **Our first three \$10,000**

Cool Million Tithes helped to purchase a van for the ministry and provide a substantial down payment on land for a permanent ministry center in Mahahual. At left you can see some of the members of the congregation who gathered for a work day to clear brush. **Through your gifts, you were there!**



Spring 2019



In January, Mission Partner John Holtz of Malawi, Africa, reported on a mission trip to Uganda to meet with Pastor Makisimu Musa (at right with his wife Mary and children) and the other pastors and evangelists of **New Hope Lutheran Church of Uganda**. Our fourth \$10,000 Cool

Million Tithe will provide funds for further exploration of this promising mission field.



In March, St. Paul's President Mike Grimes and Pastor Panitzke were privileged to present our fifth \$10,000 Cool Million Tithe to Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School on Milwaukee's north side. Part of our gift will be used to encourage promising young Christian leaders in their

faith by sending them to the International Youth Rally in Florida. The other half will be used to purchase iPads for their "smallest learners" to use in their Christian Elementary School.



A Busy Summer 2019

A major summer project was work on the inside and outside of the **Centennial Gym**. The ceiling of this sixty-year-old structure had become dark and dingy. Walk into the gym now and you will see the bright, clean new ceiling. What you will not see is the extra insulation and the new shingles. These improvements will make the Centennial Gym useful for decades to come!



At our church picnic in August, we were able to present our sixth \$10,000 Cool Million Tithe to the family for **Friends of China**. On August 26, the _____ moved to _____, to begin a two-year mission effort. There are already signs that the government is beginning to make mission work there more difficult. (Names and location are omitted lest we compromise the ministry!)

The last four Cool Million \$10,000 Tithes will be used by **Friends of China** to send to others into this ripe mission field while the door is open. Please keep them in your prayers!

A Cool School in 2019!



If you were in our school this summer, you saw that it was a busy place because of **A Cool Million!** Ancient boilers were replaced with efficient roof top units. Duct work was tucked away into hallway ceilings.

The best part of the summer was to walk into our school on a muggy first day of school and see children in a comfortable learning environment! **Thanks a million for A Cool Million!**



A Major Fall 2019 Project

Our church roof looks good from a satellite view, but the reality is that it needs significant repair, more insulation, and new shingles. This reroofing project will be one of largest **Cool Million** projects, second only to the new HVAC in the school. The project will take a couple of weeks and should be completed in late October.



Plans for 2020!



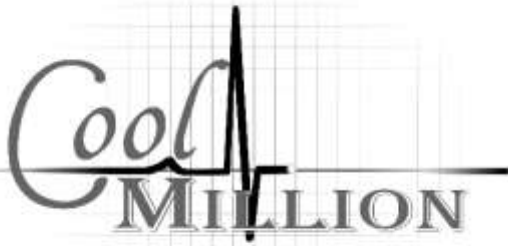
The Bridge service, begun 6 years ago, has become an important part of our ministry with approximately one-quarter of our weekly attendance at The Bridge. Each week a small army of volunteers sets up and takes down tens of thousands of dollars of equipment.

The final major **Cool Million** project will be to install permanent sound and lighting to save wear on equipment and reduce set up time. Other projects, pending funding, could include further work on the Centennial Gym (sound/light) and converting one of the old boiler rooms into much needed office space.

Thank You!

It is amazing to see what God has accomplished through your generosity over the 18 months of our **Cool Million** effort! You have blessed God's people here and in many places around the world!

This generous response is in addition to your on-going support of our Mission and Ministry Fund, our Mortgage Fund and many other special efforts that God has placed on your heart. Truly we have reason to say: **"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His mercy endures forever!"**



Finishing the Task

We have already received \$625,000 in gifts, plus an additional \$125,000 in commitments. We are three-quarters of the way to **A Cool Million! We hope to reach that goal by the summer of 2020.**

We invite you to continue to support **A Cool Million** through special gifts. The chart at right can help you see the size and number of additional gifts (one-time or recurring) that would enable us to reach our goal of an additional \$250,000.

Enclosed is **A Cool Million** offering envelope for your convenience. You may also give a one-time or recurring gift online at StPaulMuskego.org/give.

Gift Size	Number of Gifts
\$10,000	5
\$5,000	5
\$2,500	20
\$1,000	65
\$500	65
\$250	65
\$100	70
\$50	70

Tax-Wise Giving

If you are 70½, you can give up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity like St. Paul's without having to pay income taxes on that money. This gives you a tax break, even if you don't itemize. No matter what your age, you may want to donate appreciated stock to avoid capital gains tax. Our Church Administrator Randy Fink is happy to help or to answer questions. Call him at 414-422-0320, ext. 120.

A Privilege to Serve God's People!

God has blessed St. Paul's members with hearts that beat with a love for Jesus and a desire to share his love with others. It is a privilege to serve the Savior with you as we fulfill our mission: **By every possible means we bring every person within our area of influence closer to Christ.**

Your servants,

Pastor Pete Panitzke

Pastor David Kuehl

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

Pastor Nathan Strobel