



## WEDNESDAY NOTE

December 5th, 2018

### An Interesting Look at the Shapes of the Manger Cradle...

In simple line drawings of the Nativity, the cradle is often depicted in the shape of an X. “X” is also the letter we sometimes use to mark a spot. The cradle marks the spot where God entered our world in human form as one of us.

**The letter x has the form of two v’s, one inverted under the other, like two funnels joined at their points.** The upper one funnels 4000 years of Old Testament history to one place and to one point in time. The place? Bethlehem. The time? “When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.” He “became flesh and lived for a while among us.” What God funneled down to the world in the cradle, he funnels out to the world through the cradle’s Child.

**The upper V in the X points from heaven to earth. The inverted V points from earth to heaven.** Together they combine the earthly and the heavenly, the divine and the human. At the point of the intersection lies Mary’s Child, God’s Son. Appropriately his name is Immanuel, God with us. He incorporates time and eternity. He unites the mortal with the immortal. His Father extends his hand to you through his Son and says, “Welcome to our family.”

### Upcoming Events

Dec. 5	Wed.	Reading Buddies – 9:45 to 10:45am Advent Services – 3:30 & 7:00pm Children’s Choir Sings @ 3:30pm Service Soup Supper – 4:30 to 6:30pm
Dec. 6	Thurs.	A Girls’ Reserve Triangular @ St. Paul’s Muskego (T) St. Paul’s vs. Star of Bethlehem – 4pm Star of Bethlehem vs. St. John’s Tosa – 5pm St. Paul’s vs. St. John’s Tosa – 6pm
Dec. 7	Fri.	Chapel – 8:15am B2 Boys’ Basketball Game @ St. Marcus – 4:30pm
Dec. 8	Sat.	Christmas for Kids @ St. Paul’s Muskego – 9am to Noon
Dec. 9	Sun.	Grades 4-5 Sing @ 10:45am Service
Dec. 10	Mon.	B2 Girls’ Triangular @ St. Paul’s Muskego (T) St. Paul’s vs. Trinity – 4pm Trinity vs. Mt. Calvary – 5pm St. Paul’s vs. Mt. Calvary – 6pm
Dec. 11	Tues.	C Girls’ BB @ Star of Bethlehem – 4:30 & 5:30pm

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Dec. 12	Wed.	Reading Buddies – 9:45 to 10:45am Advent Services – 3:30pm & 7:00pm Junior Choir Sings @ 3:30pm Service
Dec. 13	Thurs.	Boys’ C BB @ St. Paul’s Franklin – 4:30pm B2 Boys’ BB @ St. Paul’s Franklin – 5:20pm Boys’ A Reserve BB @ St. Paul’s Franklin – 6:10pm
Dec. 14	Fri.	Theme Day – White Out Day C BB @ Mt. Calvary – 4pm Girls’ B1 BB @ Mt. Calvary – 4:50pm Boys’ B1 BB @ Mt. Calvary – 5:40pm Girls’ A BB @ Mt. Calvary – 6:30pm Boys’ A BB @ Mt. Calvary – 7:30pm
Dec. 15	Sat.	Boys’ C BB Tournament @ Mt. Calvary – 9am
Dec. 17	Mon.	Cousins Sub Orders Due!
Dec. 19	Wed.	Advent Services – 3:30 & 7pm
Dec. 20	Thurs.	Cousins Sub Day – No hot lunch! C Girls’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 4:30pm (C) B1 Girls’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 4:30pm (T) C Boys’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 5:30pm (C) B1 Boys’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 5:30pm (T) Cheerleading – 5:30pm (T) B2 Girls’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 6:30pm (C) A Girls’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 6:30pm (T) A Boys’ BB Game vs. Trinity – 7:30pm (T)
Dec. 21	Fri.	3K – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade dismissed at 11am Christmas Service – 5pm (PreK, Grades 1-8) & 7pm (Grades K – 8)

\*\*\* WLHS – Wisconsin Lutheran High School \*\*\*(C) Centennial Gym \*\*\*(T) Trinity Gym

**Live Generously Through Missions** - Mission money is collected each time we have chapel. Our second quarter featured mission is to help support WELS Kingdom Workers as they establish reading gardens in rural Indonesia where schools have no books and limited education is offered. So far our total offering this quarter is. \$368.75.

**Book-It** - Remember K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders to bring your Book-It Reading Logs to school every Tuesday.



**LES Theme Day** – The next theme day is Friday, December 14th – White Out Day!

**Extended Care** – Extended Care will be available for your children during Christmas break. You **must** pre-register in writing if you will be using Extended Care on any of these “No School Days.” A form is available in the office. See Mrs. Drska or Mrs. Bourdo for more details.

**Friends of Jesus Toy Drive** – St. Paul’s School is participating in a toy drive for needy children. Each student can bring a new (\$15 value or more) toy or game to school this Friday, December 7th. A flyer including the labels and instructions may be found in the office. Please wrap these gifts and put the label on indicating the appropriate age/sex of the recipient as well as a brief description of the toy. These presents will be given to families in our area who are suffering through hardships, as well as needy families in the inner city of Milwaukee.



**Cousins Day – December 20th** – We will be offering Cousins subs for lunch on December 20th. There will be no hot lunch available that day. An order form is attached. Please note that milk is **NOT** included with the cost. Milk can be ordered separately. Orders are due December 17th by 9:00 am. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please use **1**

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**order form per person.** Additional forms are available in the school office or at [stpmuskego.org](http://stpmuskego.org) and click on Current Parent Page. Payment for Cousins will be billed to your Hot Lunch Account.

**Pre-service musicians** – We are looking for students in grades 5-8 who would like to share their musical gifts with our guests before our LES Christmas Services on December 21st. Piano or any other instrument is welcome. Please contact Mrs. Kirchoff with the name of your song by Wednesday, December 12th. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

**Weather-Related School Cancellation Info** – It's the most wonderful time of the year, isn't it!?! St. Paul's will automatically close or delay if Muskego-Norway Public Schools (MNPS) close or delay. MNPS post emergency weather closings on their websites and local news stations. St. Paul's will post cancellations on TV Channels 4, 6, 12, and 58 (along with their associated radio stations), on our Facebook page, and send a text / email / voicemail alert through our alert system.

**St. Paul's Website** – Visit our school website at [www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org). Click on the current parent page link on the left to access the hot lunch menu, current events and calendar. You can also access links to teachers' pages and more!



**St. Paul's Facebook Page** - Especially to our new families here, if you are on Facebook and have not requested to join our school's Facebook page, please do so through this web address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/531517423667601/>. Great photos and updates will start coming as the many blessings of our school year begin to happen each day!

**Absent/Late Students** – If your child will be absent or tardy, please call your child's teacher or the school office at 414-422-0320. It is very important that you notify us of your child's whereabouts. If your child will be later than 9:00 am, please let us know if they would like to order hot lunch.

**Wednesday Note by Email** – If you would like to receive the Wednesday Note by email, please email Emily Meitner ([emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org)) from the address that you would like the Note emailed to and I will add you to the distribution list. You may not receive all the attachments, but a list of items that were attached will be included.

**SCRIP Program** – St. Paul's is excited to continue our SCRIP Tuition Program. You will have the option of applying 60% of the rebate generated by your purchases to a student who has a completed Scrip Tuition Account application on file. The other 40% goes to our LES Tuition Assistance Fund. You can also elect for the entire rebate to go to Tuition Assistance. Forms are available in the office or can be downloaded from our website ([www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org)). SCRIP orders will be placed every Tuesday. An order form is attached. Please have your orders in by 9:00 am to the office. Remember, you can pay your Kohl's credit card with Kohl's SCRIP! Placed orders should be ready for pick up on the Friday following an order unless we are off of school. Any questions, contact Emily Meitner ([emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org) or 414-422-0320 ext. 110). Thanks for supporting St. Paul's by purchasing SCRIP gift cards.



**Box Tops for Education** - St. Paul's participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Simply cut the coupons out of the product packaging (NEATLY on the dotted line, please) and turn them in to your classroom's collection box. Each coupon is worth 10 cents, and all money raised helps support the activities sponsored by UNITY, our parent/teacher organization. Parents can log-on to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) and register to support St. Paul's – Muskego. They can earn box tops for our school just by watching videos and entering special drawings. Start clipping!

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## ***SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES***



**Happy Birthday Jesus!** - St. Paul's 2018 *Christmas for Kids* is this Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. in the Trinity Café, Gym, and school. The morning will feature, singing, the Christmas story, crafts, games, and a special, surprise presentation. Register online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), complete the back of the Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). *Christmas for Kids* is for children ages 3-12. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their "ticket" for the morning. Contact Dr. Nelson at (414)-422-0320, ext. 145 with questions.

## ***WELS HAPPENINGS***

**WLHS Sacred Christmas Concert**--The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

**Job Opening**--Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for a Gift Services and Tuition Specialist. This position is responsible for recording gifts to WLHS and the Foundation in Raiser's Edge, managing tuition payments in Smart Tuition, preparing congregational reports and assisting with events as needed. Experience with making entries into financial software is preferred. A good working knowledge of Microsoft Office is required. Candidates must be a member in good standing in a WELS congregation. Applicants should submit a resume to [hr@wlhs.org](mailto:hr@wlhs.org).

## ***Community Happenings***

**Muskego Warriors** – Back by popular demand! 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Baseball Clinics. Sessions will take place Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Each session is \$20 and includes a free t-shirt. Please email Heather Rintelman for more information ([hrintelman@yahoo.com](mailto:hrintelman@yahoo.com)) or register online at [www.muskegowarriors.org](http://www.muskegowarriors.org).

## Advent and Christmas Worship Services

Midweek Advent worship services: December 5, December 12, and 19, at 3:30 and 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve worship services: 12:00(The Bridge), 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day worship services: 8:00 and 10:00 am



*It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"*

*Mark 1:2-3*

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