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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

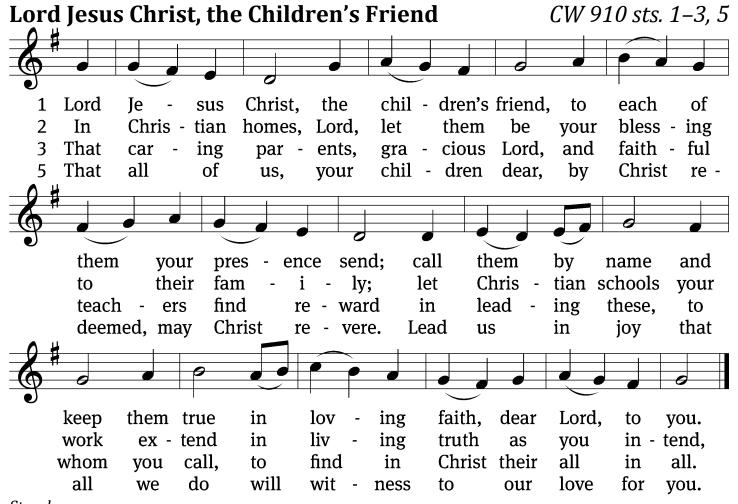
There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: What a marvel it is to observe children grow! Learning their shapes and colors. Sounding out words and reading them. Walking to running. Catching and throwing a ball. Grasping more about God's amazing creation. As we celebrate the Lord's grace for us and dedicate our new early childhood wing this weekend, God impresses on us the importance of growth in our Savior and his Word. "Come and Grow!"

Communion Preparation: Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.

WELCOME



Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,

That I may follow it to the end.

Direct me in the path of your commands,

For there I find delight.

How I long for your precepts!

In your righteousness preserve my life.

Confession and Absolution

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

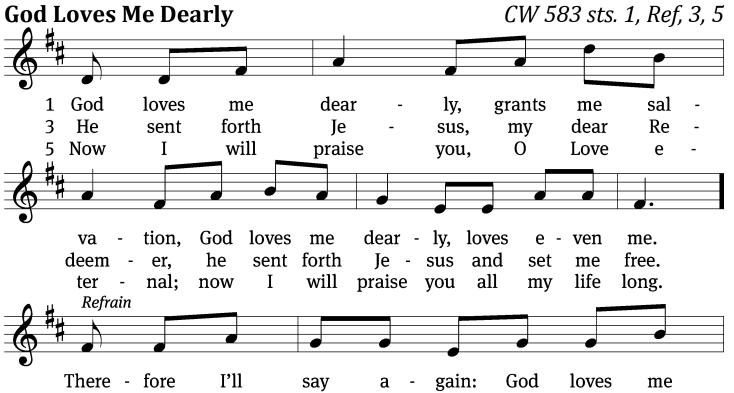
Yet we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For these and all our sins, we humbly ask for God's forgiveness:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I was born an orphan and an enemy, outside of your kingdom. In many ways I have offended you with my attitude and my actions. I have neglected those in need around me. I deserve to be shut out of your presence forever, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us. He sent his one and only Son, Jesus, to live in perfect love toward him and all people in our place. At the cross, this holy Son was forsaken by God and suffered death for us. He rose again to prove that we have been reconciled to God. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you have granted us grace to build this place of learning. Come and be present here by your Word, that this place may be a workshop of your Spirit in which youth will be made wise for salvation and many may grow in faith and understanding to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

Baptism [Monday]

Sutter Miles Dolan

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

As spiritual leaders teach the LORD's word, parents are to impress that word on their children as well.

¹These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Train Up a Child

Choir Anthem

Sung by Festival Choir

Train up a child in the way that he should go that he will never depart. Train up a child in the way and she will grow with the Word in her heart. Feed them truth, guide the way, teach them promises God has made, that they may live in God's love and grace.

Train up a child as you teach him right from wrong, as he follows the Word. Train up a child as you lead her to be strong, be strong in the Lord. Feed them truth, guide the way, teach them promises God has made, that they may live in God's love and grace.

Many voices call, many things may draw them far away. Though their paths may go far away from home, the Word shall remain in their hearts.

Train up a child; your rewards will go beyond the days you live. Raise them in love; generations will be blest by the love that you give. Feed them truth, show the way, teach the promises God has made, that they will carry on to train up a child. And they will live in God's love forever.

Stand

Gospel *Mark* 10:13–16

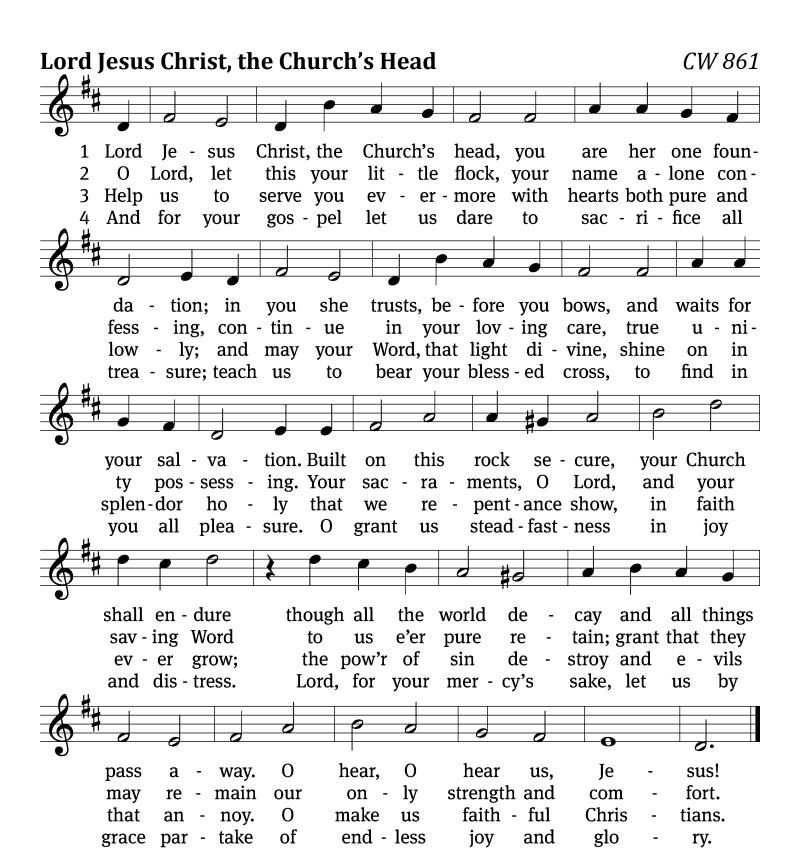
Jesus urged that the little children be brought to him and that all receive the kingdom of God like a little child.

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



Sermon

Ephesians 4:7–16

The ascended Lord gives spiritual leaders for his people's growth in faith, knowledge, and service.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

⁹(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

In Building the Body of Christ...Your Unique Gifts Are Needed!

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Dedication of New Early Childhood Wing Installation of New Faculty [10:30]

Stand

Special Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

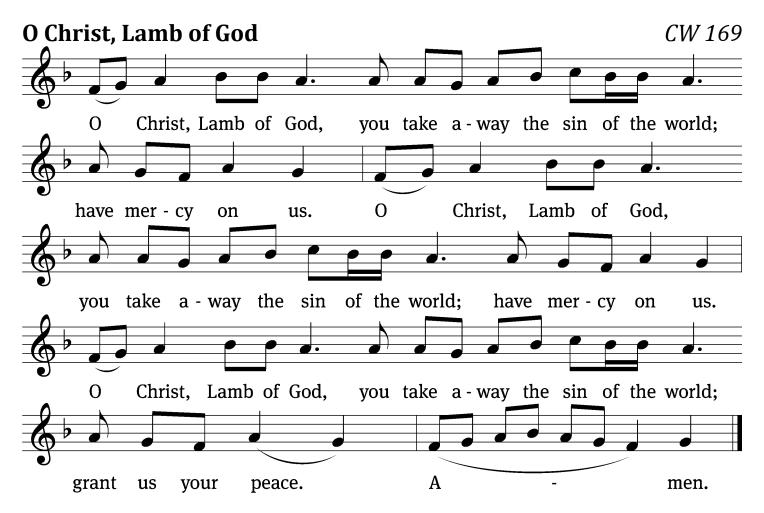
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

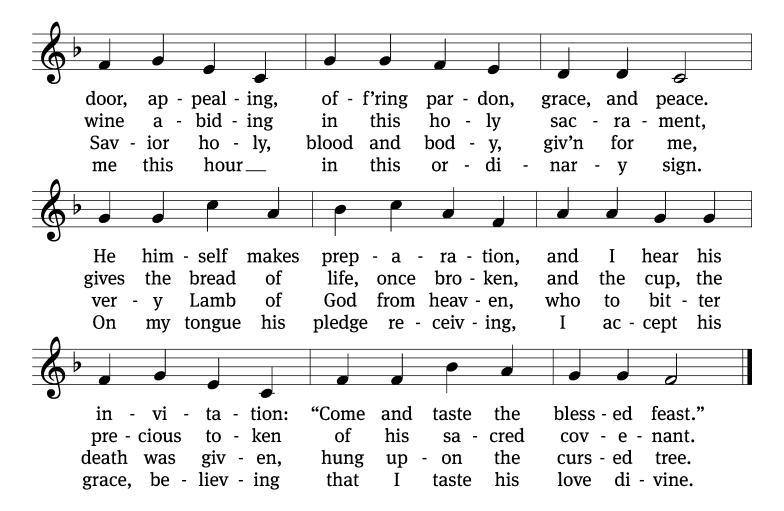


Be seated

Distribution

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.





- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call. Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation, balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

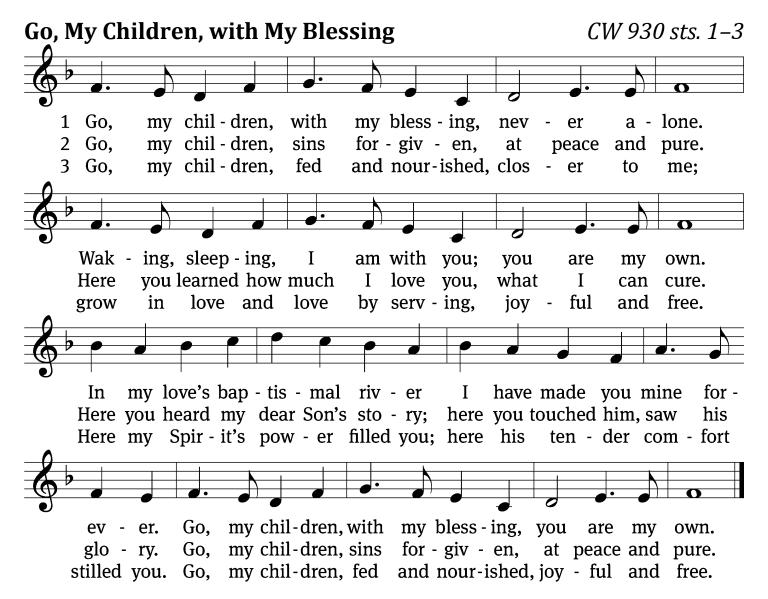
Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



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Dismissal Anthem

Tend

Sung by Trio

In the landscape of my life, you don't rush through any season. You always take your time. A careful hand, a gentle guide. You take what's dead away and you prune what's running wild.

Refrain: So, be the gardener of my heart. Tend the soil of my soul. Break up the fallow ground. Cut back the overgrown. And I won't shy away. I will let the branches fall. So, what you want can stay, and what you love can grow.

Through the winter, I'm still alive. What you've planted in the dirt is ever reaching to the Light. You prepared me for darkened times. You'll sustain what you have started and you'll teach me to abide. *Refrain*

I'll remain in you. You'll remain in me. And I will trust your timing. I'll remain in you. You'll remain in me. From the start until the ending. *Refrain*

SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PRESIDING MINISTERS: Rev. Aaron Mueller & Rev. Adam Bode **PREACHER:** Rev. Rich Gurgel, President of Martin Luther College

ORGANIST: Gillian Curia

Musicians: Rev. Adam Bode, Tori Engel, Stan Grzonka, Greg Johnson, Nikki Leahy, Molly & Nathan Meitner,

Nick & Tanya Schmidt, Kayla Sprenger

ALTAR GUILD: Ione Prange, Maryann Hahn, Lori Wehrmann.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Tim Doro, Tom Damrow, Derrick Hermann, Scott Schomberg. 10:30 a.m. - Kevin Mueller, Larry Schomberg, Nathan Ledvina, Jeff Ledvina.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 a.m. Tim Klapperich, Steve Schueler. 10:30 a.m. Will Belitz, Michael Wieting.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.

OFFERINGS 8/6 & 8/7 - \$13,700 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$1,600 GROWING FORWARD. \$85 IN MEMORY OF KAREN LINDEKUGEL.

ATTENDANCE: 8/6 & 8/7 : 8:00 a.m. - 160.10:30 a.m. - 114.6:00 p.m. - 46.

In our prayers this week...

- 1. Harper Gabsch, born to Derek and Stephanie.
- 2. Sutter Miles Dolan, son of Joshua and Kelli, to be baptized Monday.
- 3. Students and staff of Manitowoc Lutheran High School, beginning a new school year on August 17.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, August 13	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:10 - 10:10 a.m Tours of Addition
	11:50 a.m. Installation Dinner
Monday, August 14	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, August 15	6:00 p.m. School Orientation
Wednesday, Aug. 16	6:30 p.m. Officers
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, August 17	6:00 p.m. School Orientation
Sunday, August 20	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study

Grow with Christ

- 1. **Family Bible Study -** Takes a pause today to have tours of the addition.
- 2. **Interested in our Bible Information Class**? If you or someone you know would like to research our teachings and whether to partner in membership with us, please reach out to the pastors or staff minister.
- 3. **Sunday School** begins on September 10 under the theme "The LORD is Our Strength"! Registration is live now on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org.

In Other News

- 1. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
- 2. **On Sunday, Aug. 13** we dedicate the new school wing in our services. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky 2nd Grade, Emily Panzer 4K, Rev. Norv Kock Principal Relief, and Michael & MeLissa Wieting Principal / 7th-8th Grade and Early Childhood Director / 3K]. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher.

- 3. **Installation Dinner:** We are beyond blessed to welcome five new faculty members to our St. Paul's Ministry team! They will be Installed during the late service this morning. All are welcome to join us for a meal following.
- 4. **An Open House is planned** in September. The Building Committee and Church Council decided to move it to make sure we have ample time for all equipment to arrive and be installed and all finishing touches to be completed.

The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. We are planning on **September 17** from **3:00 - 5:00 pm.** There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.

- 5. **Church Picnic**: Mark September 10 on your calendar as we will be holding our annual church picnic that day after the late service. It will be a fun, themed meal with delicious food and beverages, decor, and music. There will be many activities and a salsa competition with prizes! Look for more information to come soon. Let Luther Curia know if you have any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
- 6. **Now Hiring!** St. Paul's is looking to fill the following positions:
 - 1. **Preschool Aide(s):** By God's grace the classroom doors of St. Paul's will welcome students on August 23! During this very exciting time we are looking to hire aides to work with our youngest lambs: 3K, 4K and Kindergarten students. Shifts are available between 6:30 AM-5:30 PM, Monday-Friday when school is in session. Positions include: providing before/after school care, assisting with classroom routines, lunch prep and recess and nap time supervision. Please contact the office to request an application and to schedule an interview.
 - 2. **Janitorial**: We are looking to hire a custodian for the addition. Please speak to Trevor Wehrmann or the office for further information.
- 7. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule for July and beyond, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional July ushers will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
- 8. Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW) put out boxes in the narthex to help our four new teaching staff members. One box is for Scrip cards, gift cards, or money. The other box is for pantry type items: paper towels, cleaning supplies, canned foods, etc... If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schueler, 920-693-8666.
- 9. **2023 WELS Convention:** From July 31-August 3, the WELS Biennial Convention was held in Saginaw, MI. Pastor Mueller was a delegate. In the coming weeks, we plan to share some highlights of the convention and updates on our church body's work.
 - 1. The convention's opening service was held at St. Paul's in Saginaw. Pastor James Huebner, who serves at Grace in Milwaukee, as well as being the synod's 1st Vice President, preached on Revelation 1:4-8. "It's all about Jesus, and that's a message to celebrate and communicate." The Concert Choir from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, one of our two WELS ministerial education high schools, provided special music for the service.
 - 2. President Mark Schroeder was re-elected for another 4-year term; he has been serving our synod in this capacity since 2007. Pastor Joel Voss, who serves at Resurrection in Centerville,

- OH, was re-elected as the WELS Second Vice President, in which position he has been since 2009.
- 3. President Schroeder's message to the convention was filled with hope. Our World Mission focus has been to help strengthen the confessional stance of our partner churches and mission churches around the world, while also looking for new opportunities to expand the gospel's reach where we have not been. By God's grace, we are striving to plant 100 new home missions in the next 10 years. Established congregations are finding ways to connect with people in their communities to share the gospel one-on-one. Now is the time for us as a synod to ask the Lord for more workers, encourage more young people to train for the public ministry, and to support them in that effort. The convention's theme was "Embrace the Cross -- Anticipate the Crown." From the letters to the 7 churches in Revelation 2-3, we notice sin, suffering, and Satan's attacks even today; but in the end, Jesus is coming, and we share in his triumph.
- 10. **Church Photo Directory:** Please watch your emails for upcoming opportunities to have your Family's photo taken on one of the following dates:

August

Sunday, Aug. 20^{th} Noon -4:00 pm Wed., Aug. 23^{rd} 6:00 - 8:00 pm Thurs., Aug. 24^{th} 5:30 - 7:30 pm

We encourage all members to participate in this important congregational effort. Please sign up through the Church Needs Request (or call the Church Office at 920-565-3780) at your earliest convenience. Photo sessions will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Photos will not be for sale. They will only be used for Church Photo Directory purposes.

- **11. New Pastor Installation:** We rejoice with our WELS brothers and sisters at Trinity in Kiel, that the Lord has sent them a second pastor to serve their growing ministry. Pastor Isaiah Horn will be installed at Trinity (387 Cemetery Rd.) on September 10 at 1:00 p.m. Following the service, there will be a light reception.
- 12. The MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest" is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime August 27th. So we know how much corn to pick, there is a sign-up sheet in the member room to place your order. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1867 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 15 years and much of the money raised has been through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program. We will need 4 to 6 of our St. Paul's members to help with the picking the day before on Saturday the 26th. If you can help, please contact Jim Van Alstine at 920-889-1225.