

# Congregational Announcements: October 22, 2023



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
HOWARDS GROVE, WI

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<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, October 22</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship K-1st Sing Both Services</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
	<b>11:45 a.m. Voters' Meeting in Harvest Room</b>
<b>Monday, October 23</b>	<b>4:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 24</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. BIC</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. LCMS Study</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b><u>NO</u> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Staff gone)</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Elders</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Pickleball</b>
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study in Harvest Room</b>
<b>Friday, October 27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Adult Choir Sings</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>

## Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Sunday Bible Study** - in September we began a Bible study on the book of Revelation. The book is encouraging, challenging, picturesque, and at times it puts you on the edge of your seat. Best of all, it points us all to Jesus to trust him and see his guiding hand in this shaky world until we joyfully shake his hand on the last day. The study will take place in the gym and will begin once everyone has had a chance to grab food for

the Living Nativity breakfast. There is child care available for younger children while parents are in Bible study. *Today we will look at chapters 4-5.*

2. **Wednesday morning Bible** study is on *The Theology of the Cross*. Join us at 9:00 am in the Harvest Room! *Our next class is on November 1.*
3. **Sunday School** is held each weekend for children in grades PreK through 8. The Sunday School children sing in both services on November 12.
4. **Men's Bible Study** - When we think about Christmas we think about Jesus. But what about Joseph? His betrothal to Mary—whom he rather abruptly discovers is *pregnant*—is only the first challenge he faces as the foster-father of the Messiah of the world. Learn more about the life of this remarkable man in *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel*. This study is sure to make you think more deeply this coming Christmas. Join us in the Harvest Room Thursday evenings at 6:30 - October 26; November 2 & 16. Snacks will be provided. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org); 920.287.8575.
5. **Lutheran Churches Bible Study:** There are many different Lutheran churches in our area. Are they all pretty much the same? On several Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30, Pastor Bode will lead a class looking at the historical relationship between the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We will consider the blessings of the fellowship we once shared, differences that led to the synods splitting in 1961, as well as current relationships and teachings. Come and grow in your appreciation of how the Lord works through his Word and rules over time and history for the good of his Church. *Our next class is October 24.*

## In Other News

1. **The last of our regular yearly three voters'** meetings takes place today, Sunday, October 22, following the 10:30 am service. We will meet in the Harvest Room. Ministry reports for the past quarter will be emailed out this week and hard copies will be available through the church office.
2. **Thank you to those who installed the Outdoor Play Equipment last week!**
3. **Thank you to Wendi Eagan** for the beautiful painting/mural in the Garden Gym!
4. **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.
5. **Night To Shine:** Exciting News! Manitowoc Lutheran High School was recently selected to be one of the official host sites this school year for "Night To Shine" on Friday, February 9th, 2024. "Night To Shine" is a complimentary special needs prom event that occurs every year and is open to anyone living with disabilities, ages 14 and older. It's a night where those living with special needs get to be reminded of God's love for them, too! It's sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation & this year there are only 4 host sites in the entire state of Wisconsin! That being said, help is going to be needed to make this night a success. If you have a heart for individuals with special needs, are curious to know more, or would be interested in helping with this event—please contact Nathan Meitner at [nmeitner@mlhslancers.org](mailto:nmeitner@mlhslancers.org) or 920-428-2010.
6. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) 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.
7. **MLHS Fall Festival** is on Sunday, October 22nd. The Fall Concert will begin at 4:00pm in the MLHS gym.



Desserts and refreshments will be available starting at 2:00pm. The silent auction bidding will be starting at 2:00pm – only in-person bidding this year! Baskets will be showcased on social media prior to the Festival for all to see. Winners will be announced at the concert and winning baskets can then be picked up at MLHS on October 23rd – 25th. Proceeds will be put towards offsetting the cost of the Fine Arts trip to Nashville in April. Money raised will benefit MLHS STUDENTS in the MLHS Fine Arts Program! MLHS is also looking for donations of theme baskets for their silent auction. If you are interested in making a basket, more information can be found in the member room.

8. **Our secretary, Erin Radue**, is on vacation from October 21st-October 29th. If you need something from the office during that time, please contact one of our Pastors for church assistance or our Principal for school assistance. Thank you!
9. **Living Nativity Breakfast** - Today is the day for our Living Nativity Breakfast. Everyone is welcome to join us in the gym right after 1st service for a delicious breakfast. A collection box is also available in the narthex if you would like to share a gift for the Living Nativity expenses.
10. **Living Nativity Posters and Postcards** are available in the member room. Please take some postcards to pass on to your family and friends. If you signed up to deliver posters, they are labeled for you.
11. **Living Nativity Cookies**- Sign-up sheets are available in the member room. Please sign up if you are interested in baking 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies. (No bars or cakes please). Cookies may be dropped off beginning Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Living Nativity Needs Email** was sent this past week. Our cast is filling in nicely, but there still are various spots open for you to help us with. Please see Sue, Kerri or Marilyn in the gym to sign up or you can also do so on the ccb email. Looking for a Mary and Joseph on Sunday, a couple of prophets, and on Sunday, a couple of shepherds, a star carrier and a few adult angels. Women greeters and Roman guards all nights.
13. **Veteran's Day Dinner** - St. Paul's is hosting a Veteran's Day Dinner on Thursday, November 9th. Veteran's from our congregation and community are invited to attend as our special guests. Veteran's are also invited to bring a guest to attend with them. The schedule for the evening is as follows:
  - a. 5:00 - 5:30 Arrival
  - b. 5:30 - 5:50 Invite to Visit Memorabilia
  - c. 5:50 - 6:00 Live Music
  - d. 6:00 - 6:30 Dinner/Dessert
  - e. 6:30 - 7:15 Guest Speaker
  - f. 7:15 Closing



We would be honored to display service uniforms, pictures, medals, and other memorabilia. Please contact Mr. Wieting, [michael.wieting@sphg.org](mailto:michael.wieting@sphg.org) or 715-439-9193, if you would like to bring in items to display. Please register by scanning the QR Code above or call the office at 920-565-3780. Thank you for your service!

14. **Shortened Pews during Worship Services** - A reminder that the shortened pews are designed for those requiring movement assistance. Please reserve the shortened ends of the pews for those that need to sit in a wheelchair or store a walker and their families. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated.
15. **St. Paul's Veterans** - We are looking to update our records to have an accurate list of everyone who has served our country. Please scan the QR Code to fill out the form or contact the office - [secretary@sphg.org](mailto:secretary@sphg.org) or 920-565-3780. Thank you for your service!
16. **It may seem early but...the Pioneers** are taking orders during October for Christmas wreaths. We have switched to an after school meetings, concentrating on a single subject for 2 months. We do support the Pioneer national organization which provides us materials for working with the boys and girls. The wreaths are 24" natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price is \$25.00 and helps support the Pioneer activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday November 26th.
17. **Pastor Mueller leaves for WELS** Board for Ministerial Education meetings Sunday and returns Tuesday (meetings at MLS in Saginaw, MI). Wednesday through Friday the Pastoral Staff is at continuing education at



Fox Valley in Appleton (Pastor Mueller will return for evening meetings).

18. **Early Childhood Lunch Service:** What is a favorite part of most student's school day? LUNCH! We are looking for an individual to fill a lunch serving position in the Early Childhood wing at St. Paul's. When considering; your responsibilities would include: setting up the kitchens for lunch service of prepared food, serving two classrooms lunch, warming lunches brought from home, and cleaning kitchens and classrooms following service. Since coordination with the main school kitchen is essential; walking from one end of our campus to the other is expected. This fast-paced position is available from 10:45 AM-1:15 PM Monday - Friday. Please contact MeLissa Wieting for additional information on this paid position. Applications will be accepted until November 4<sup>th</sup>. After applications have been reviewed the position will be filled.
19. **The Ladies Aid has played** an integral role at St. Paul's for the past 100 years. Here's a summary of their history:

On January 25, 1923 twenty women of St. Paul's met to organize the Ladies Aid. Through the past 100 years the goal has remained the same: "The purpose shall be to build the kingdom of God by

- the study of the Word of God, and
- by assisting the congregation in charitable missionary and financial matters."

In early years, much attention was focused on immediate needs - caring and providing for the church, kitchen, and the old school.

The Ladies Aid has been attentive not only to material needs but also to spiritual needs. Thousands of dollars were given to mission endeavors of WELS and mission projects beyond the synod. God has also used the Ladies aid to promote Christian fellowship among its members and sister congregations.

The Ladies Aid meets once a month on the second Thursday. Come join us. We'd love to have you!

Some of their activities and donations past and present include:

- Gifts to Apache Missions
- Central Africa Medical Mission
- Gifts to St. Paul's School
- Manitowoc Lutheran High School fundraisers
- Purchased numerous kitchen supplies, dishes, high chairs
- Lutheran Women's Missionary Society and Christian Family Solutions gifts
- Postage for Military Boxes
- Provided Meditations devotion books from Northwestern Publishing House
- Served meals for funerals, Mission fests, pot lucks, and Lenten suppers