



Our Dues for God and for Government





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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 (I 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.

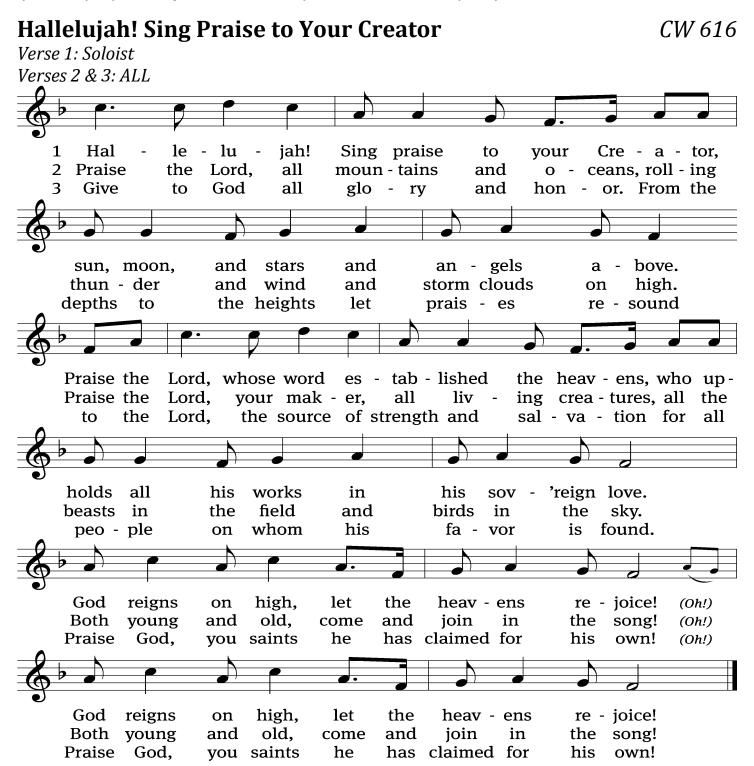
FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

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 (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: How much should people have to pay in taxes? This is a heated issue in almost every election. Some applaud tax cuts. Others look for tax hikes on everyone but themselves. There are property taxes, sales taxes, income taxes, and taxes on just almost anything. But we owe more than that, and not just to local, state, and federal entities! Jesus talks to us today about "Our Dues for God and for Government."

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.



Stand

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

Confession CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, 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.**

Gloria



THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Baptism [10:30]

Harper Lorraine Gabsch

First Reading Daniel 1:3–21

The LORD blessed Daniel and his companions as they submitted to their new king yet honored God above all.

3Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— 4young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. 5The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

¹¹Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Kindergarten & 1st Grade

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Second Reading *Romans 13:1–7*

All should submit to the governing authorities, for they have been established by God for our good and for punishing the wrongdoer.

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus endorsed paying taxes to the government and giving God glory over all.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹"Caesar's," they replied.

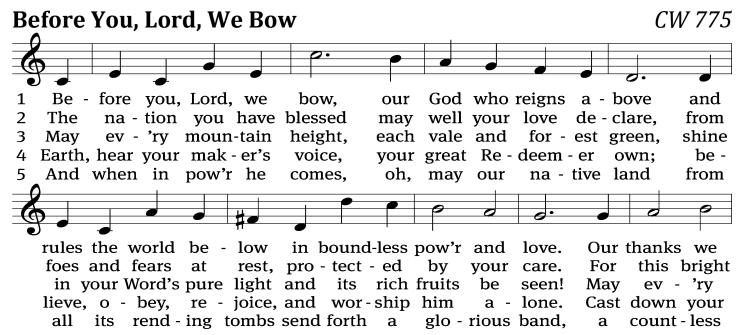
Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated





joy and praise, our hearts we you, bring in raise our King! day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay. tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song. pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied. jov to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song! throng, with sing

Sermon Daniel 1

God Doesn't Set Us Up to Fail With his institutions * With his teachings

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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

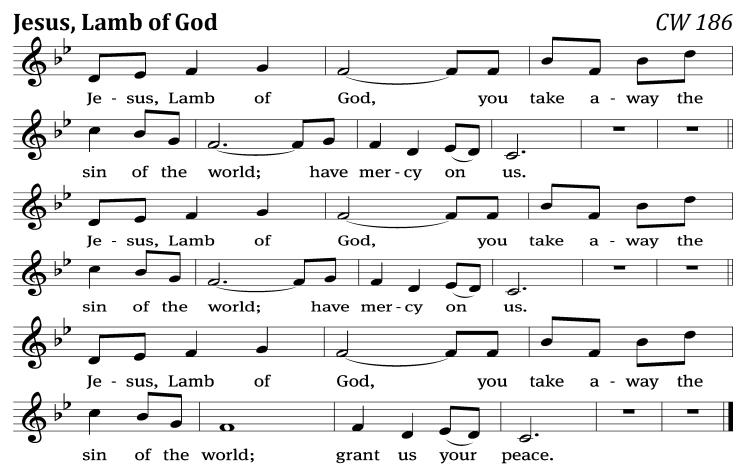
Words of Institution

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."

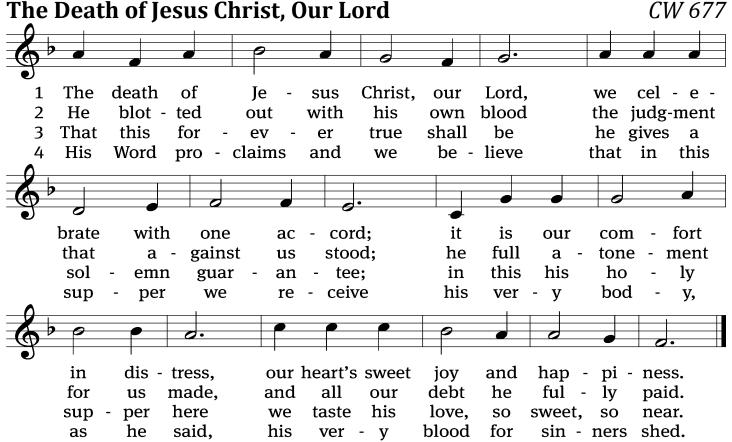
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



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 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need, a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.
- 6 How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest, for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!
- 7 They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive, salvation here will never find—may we this warning keep in mind!
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

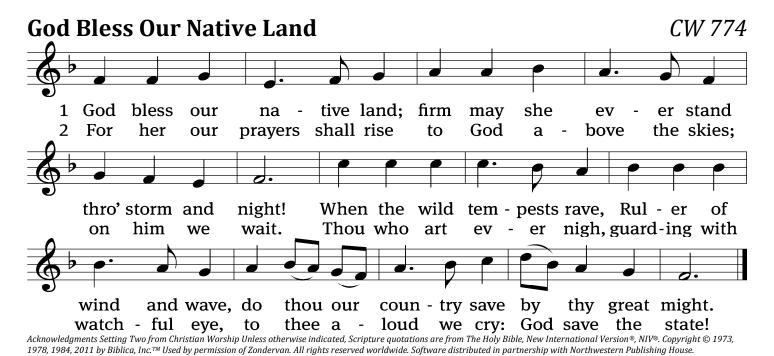
Blessing

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.



If you are visiting us today or would like to update your information, please scan the QR code to fill out our form.

SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PREACHER: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Deb Doletzky **MUSICIAN:** Sue Vant Hul

ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Baumann, Jean Porter, Maryann Hahn.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Randy Wehrmann, Jim Eick, Craig Thiel, Neil Pahl, Zach/Matthew Prem. 10:30a.m. – Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald. 6:00p.m. – Dennis Sprenger. **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**: 8:00 a.m. Dave Wehrmann, Ed Strauss. 10:30 a.m. Eric Vant Hul, 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 10/15 & 10/16 - \$13,600 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$3,000 GROWING FORWARD. \$354 LADIES AIDE. \$250 SCHOOL FUND. \$100 CHOIR. \$100 YOUTH GROUP.

ATTENDANCE: 10/15 & 10/16: 8:00 A.M. - 159. 10:30 A.M. - 117. 6:00 P.M. - 32.

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

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **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; 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 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 30th.
- 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 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 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 4th. 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