



# THE LORD CALLS SINNERS INTO HIS SERVICE





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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.

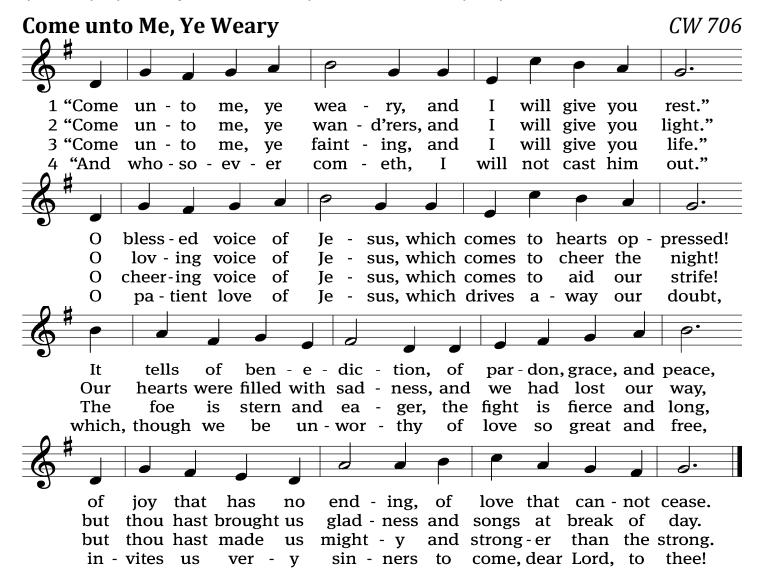
#### FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

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:** We had many call meetings at St. Paul's this past year since we were looking for 4 new teachers. We looked over the names of many candidates. We noticed their ratings with different subjects and duties, their strengths and preferences. We typically look for the best. Yet when the Lord called people, he made some unlikely choices: a murderer, a fugitive, a violent persecutor, a traitor, a corrupt tax collector. The Lord has used and still uses people like this to accomplish his saving purposes. The Lord Calls Sinners into His Service.

**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

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in

eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



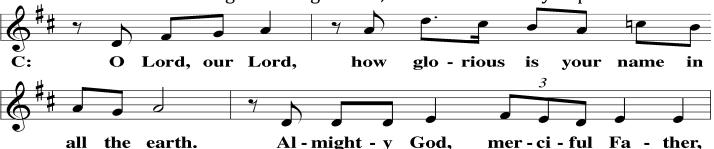
For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





#### **Prayer**

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1–15

The LORD called Moses, a murderer and a timid man, to rescue his people from their misery in Egypt.

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup>"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

<sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,

the name you shall call me

from generation to generation.

[8:00 Anthem]

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will, and if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell bound race, indifferent to the cost, you looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed. You suffered in my place; you bore the wrath reserved for me. Now all I know is grace!

Refrain: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose, and let my song forever be my only boast is you. *Refrain* 

#### [10:30 Anthem]

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

Your labor is not in vain though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained. Your planting and reaping are never the same, but your labor is not in vain.

Refrain: For I am with you. I have called you by name. Your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your labor is not unknown. *Refrain* 

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit; the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth, for all that is old will at last be made new; the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. *Refrain* 

The houses you labored to build will finally with laughter and joy be filled. The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed, and all that is broken be healed. *Refrain* 

#### **SECOND LESSON**

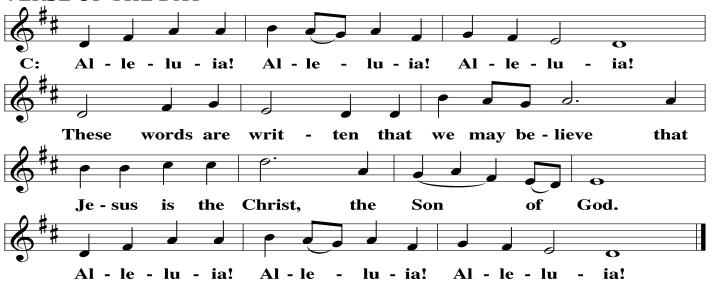
1 Timothy 1:12–17

Jesus called Paul, a violent blasphemer, to ministry as an example of God's immense patience for those who would receive eternal life.

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup>Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**



Stand

GOSPEL Matthew 9:9–13

Jesus called Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him and taught the Pharisees about his mercy.

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

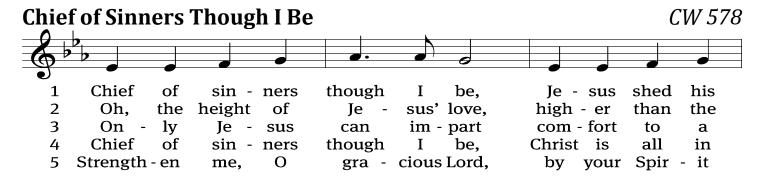
<sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

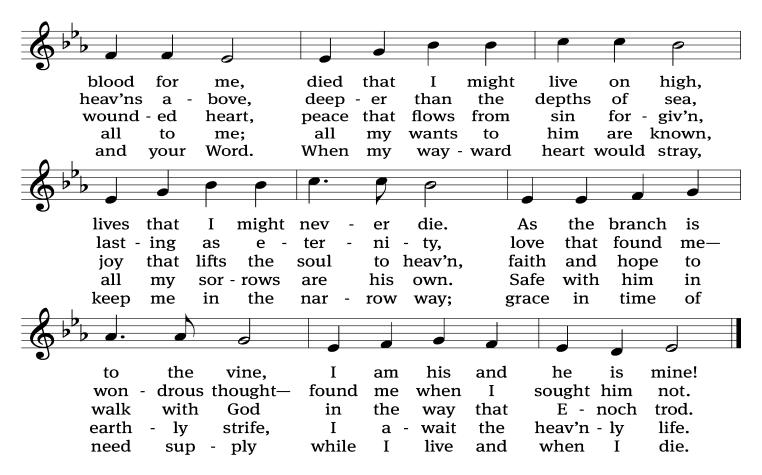
<sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Be Seated





**SERMON** *Matthew 9* 

Jesus Calls Sinners To follow him – To learn mercy

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.

#### 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."

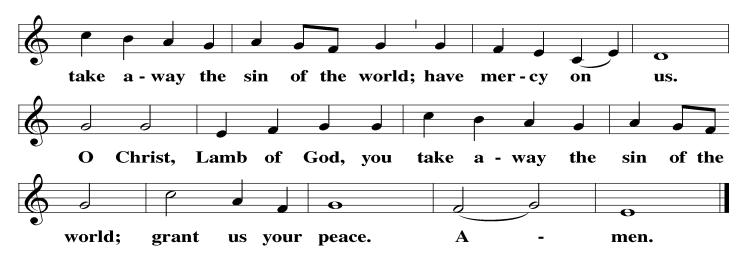
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

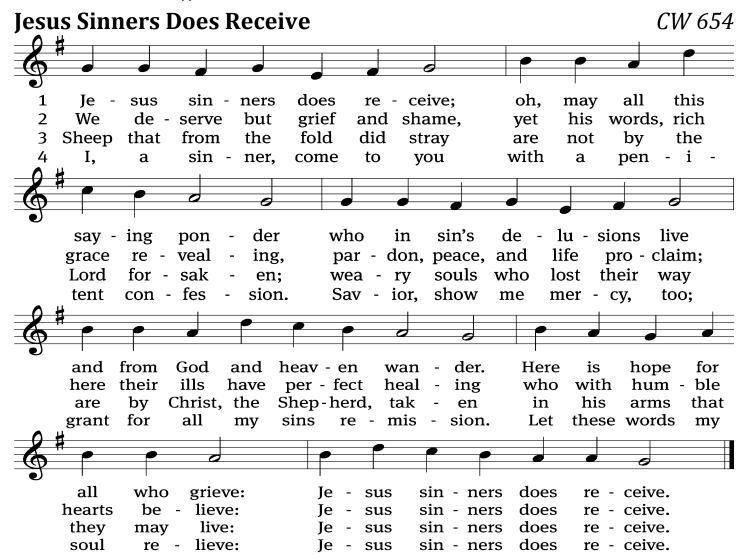




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#### DISTRIBUTION

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 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression, it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion, for these words I do believe: lesus sinners does receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted. Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: lesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven. And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

#### Stand

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

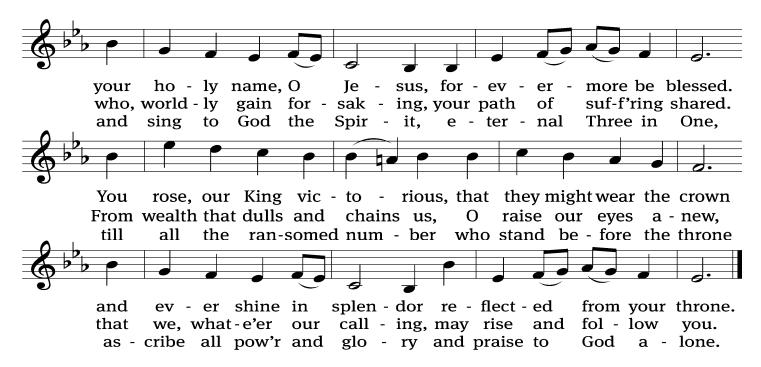
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



Be Seated

# [8:00] By All Your Saints Still Striving CW 892 sts. 1, 24, 3

- all your saints still striv ing, for all 1 your saints at rest.
- Praise, Lord, for him whose Gos pel your hu man life de - clared,
- let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son Then



#### [10:30] Anthem

Until We Meet Again

The congregation is invited to sing when directed.

Choir: Go in peace until we meet again. God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

ALL: God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Choir: Amen.

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#### SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

**PASTOR:** Rev. Adam Bode **PIANIST:** Kayla Sprenger

Musicians: Ann Doro, Bev Gumm, and Nathan Meitner

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sheryl Nehls, Debbie Van Alstine, Rachel Rehbein.

**USHERS**: 8:00a.m.- Chuck Schelk, Richard Nack, Ethan Schelk, Darin Reinemann, Tim Klapperich.

10:30a.m.-Nathan Kracht, Derek Pantel, Jim Van Alstine, Trevor Wehrmann, Kris Sturm.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 a.m. - Dave Wehrmann & Eric Eickhoff 10:30 a.m. Will Belitz & Steve Schueler

#### 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: 6/4 & 6/5 - \$17,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,800 Growing Forward (\$1,300 included in Matching funds).

ATTENDANCE: 6/4 & 6/5 : 8:00 a.m. - n/a. 10:30 a.m. - 118.6:30 p.m. - 33.

#### In our prayers this week...

1. The Marohn family, thanking the Lord for their service at St. Paul's.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, June 11	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study
	11:30 a.m. Marohn Farewell
Monday, June 12	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, June 13	11:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. Office Open
Wednesday, June 14	6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee
Thursday, June 15	9:30 a.m 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, June 18	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study

#### **Grow with Christ**

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Family Bible Study -** We gear summer Sunday morning studies for everyone from adults down to children in about 3rd grade. There is child care available for younger children while parents and older children are in Bible study. Today, we continue our life of David study focusing on "David on the Run" in 1 Samuel 18-22. Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
- 2. **LWMS National Convention** will be June 22-25, 2023 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The theme for the 60th annual convention is "Peace Like a River." Registration forms are available online. Information on the mission speakers and workshops will be found on the LWMS website at <a href="https://www.lwms.org">www.lwms.org</a> For more information, contact Marilyn Toepel.
- 3. **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.

#### In Other News

1. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 28 for a Timber Rattlers game! There is a limit of 50 people, so get your tickets before they're gone!

Cost: \$55 (covers bus ride, ticket, buffet, and 2 drinks)

**Details:** Located directly behind home plate with a great view of the field, we will be in the new Diamond Seats section. It features comfortable elevated bar top seats, an all-you-can-eat buffet (BBQ pulled pork, grilled Cher-Make jumbo hot dogs, a build your own burrito bowl bar, creamy mac & cheese, potato chips, and assorted desserts), and two beverages (hard seltzer, beer, water, or soda). Diamond Seats give the convenience of being able to sit back and watch the game or stand up and mingle with friends.

#### Schedule:

5:15: meet at St. Paul's and head to the game together on bus

6:40: game

Post-game: fireworks at the ballpark, kids can run the bases, return to St. Paul's *Please register using this form by July 14:* <a href="https://forms.gle/ka7jDrbkdB2d9QqB7">https://forms.gle/ka7jDrbkdB2d9QqB7</a>. Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;

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- 2. **Marohn Farewell Dinner:** Join us after today's late service for a brat fry to bid farewell to the Marohn family and show our appreciation for their partnership in St. Paul's Ministry.
- 3. **June Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 6/19 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the garage.
  - \*Family Friendly
  - \*Yard Games
  - \*Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores Feel free to bring something else along!)
  - \*Bring Your Own Chair
  - \*Bring Your Own Beverage
- 4. **Update from Corey Schroeder:** The Lord continues to shower St. Paul's with blessings. Since the matching gift was announced in December, an additional \$125,100 (as of 5/30) has been given or pledged, which has a total impact to the campaign of \$187,650! As a reminder, the matching gift remains open until construction is completed, or until a total of \$130,000 is given or pledged against it. Please be sure to indicate "matching gift" with any new gifts or pledges. We have much to be thankful for indeed. With the Lord's continued blessings, these and other on-going activities will help to reduce the upcoming mortgage. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!
- 5. **WELS Night at The Brewers is on for 2023!** Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 7 to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. **NEW FOR 2023** Each church that purchases a group of 20 or more tickets will enter a drawing to qualify for the opportunity to have a member from their congregation represent WELS Night by throwing out a first pitch prior to the game! Please contact our office to purchase the group tickets so we can qualify for the drawing, to be seated

- together, and save on service fees. There is a flier with more information on the bulletin board in the commons.
- 6. **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.
- 7. **Save the Dates!** The building expansion is scheduled for completion on August 4. With that date we have planned a dedication date for the facility in our services on **August 13**. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky, Emily Panzer, and Michael & MeLissa Wieting] that day. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher that day. We are also planning an Open House on **August 19**.
  - a. The **Dedication/Installation** day will have no Bible study. Tours of the expansion will take place during the Bible study hour.
  - b. The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.
- 8. **Summer Office Hours** The office will be open on Tuesdays, 11am 3pm, and Thursdays, 9:30am 2pm for the summer. If you have any questions outside of office hours, please email Erin Radue at <a href="mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org">secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org</a>.
- 9. **St. John-St. Peter Anniversary** The members of St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Wisconsin will be celebrating the centennial of our church on June 25. Worship will begin at 10:00 followed by a catered meal. We welcome visitors to come and celebrate with us. Go to <a href="https://www.stjohnstpeter.com">www.stjohnstpeter.com</a> for more info. Those who plan to attend the meal are asked to sign up in advance at our website or by calling 920-693-8612.
- 10. **St. Paul's Volleyball Camp** Join us for volleyball camp Monday, June 19 Thursday, June 22 to bump up your volleyball skills! This camp is CO-ED and for those entering grades 4-8 in the fall. We will be drilling the core skills, striving for 3 hits on a side, and working on teamwork and hustle all while having fun! Reach out to Mr. Dais or Mrs. Bode for any questions. Scan the QR Code to register!



11. **Is your car dirty from the road construction??** Well, you are in luck, scrip has Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash gift cards on hand! When you purchase a card for \$36 you get 5 Ultimate Car Washes and St. Paul's School earns \$16. We also have Kwik Trip gas cards, Festival Foods, Meijer, Pick n' Save, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart, and Culver's on hand. We can also special order cards from thousands of retailers nationwide. Stop by the scrip table in the narthex and get your cards today! You can also stop at the school office during business hours.