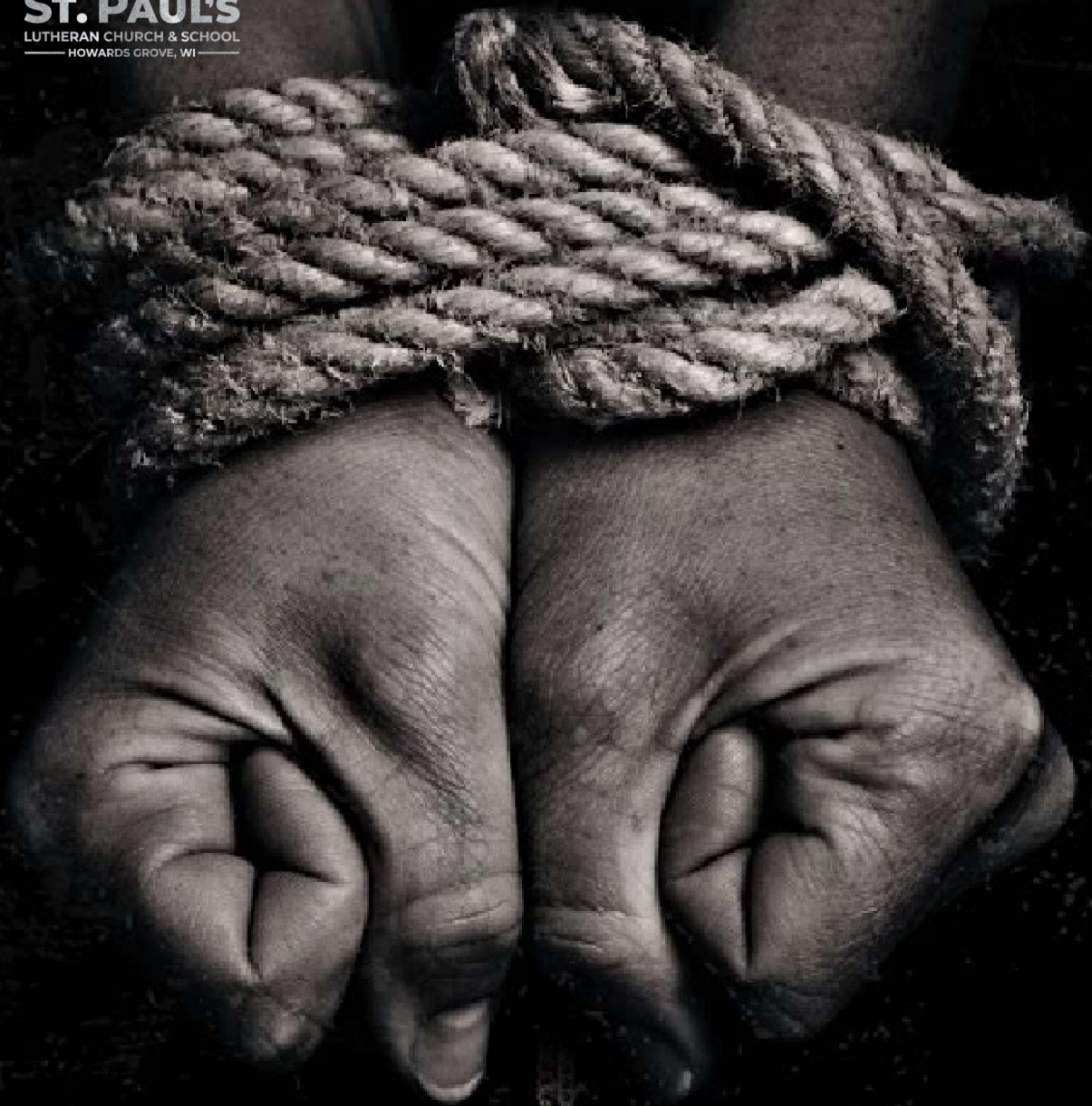




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Welcome to St. Paul's!

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!



COMMUNION

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: *It is easy to stay silent when something is wrong. Someone will blame me. It's not my business anyway. I'm not sure what I should say. People wouldn't believe me if I did speak up. Jesus impresses on us today the importance of speaking his Word even and especially when it seems dangerous. Don't be Afraid in Persecution.*

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.*

Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

Stand

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



C: A - men.

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.



C: A - men.

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



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Like a mighty warrior, the LORD was with Jeremiah to speak his Word, though it brought insult and reproach.

⁷You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;
you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out
proclaiming violence and destruction.

So the word of the LORD has brought me
insult and reproach all day long.

⁹But if I say, "I will not mention his word
or speak anymore in his name,"

his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.

¹⁰I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!

Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"

All my friends

are waiting for me to slip, saying,
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.
They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous
and probe the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD!
Give praise to the LORD!
He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:1–8

Paul fearlessly preached the Word when people were fascinated with false teaching and imprisoned him.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:
²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.
⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Solo

He's Always Been Faithful

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine. Season by season I watch him, amazed, in awe of the mystery of his perfect ways.

Refrain: All I have need of his hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me. I can't remember a trial or a pain he did not recycle to bring me gain. I can't remember one single regret in serving God only, and trusting his hand. *Refrain* "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." - 2 Corinthians 12:9

This is my anthem. This is my song. The theme of the stories I've heard for so long. God has been faithful. He will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end. *Refrain*

Stand

The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 10.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 10:5a,21-33

Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body; you are valued by your Father in heaven.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

²¹"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴"The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two

sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³²"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

The Will of God Is Always Best

CW 838

Sermon

Matthew 10

*Unafraid to Speak for Jesus
 Hated like Jesus – Valued by Jesus*

Stand

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Special Prayers & 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.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

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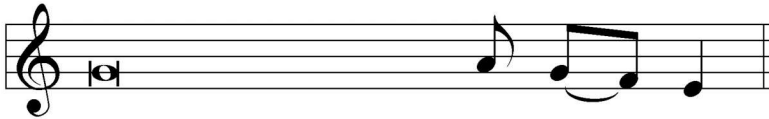
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW 927

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Adam Bode

PIANIST: Luke Bramstedt

ALTAR GUILD: Sheryl Nehls, Dabbie 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. – Mike Austreng & Ed Strauss 10:30 a.m. Eric Vant Hul & Jim Van Alstine.

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: 6/18 & 6/19 - \$13,700 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$4,200 GROWING FORWARD (\$250 INCLUDED IN MATCHING FUNDS). \$250 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE: 6/18 & 6/19 : 8:00 A.M. – 186. 10:30 A.M. – 100. 6:00 P.M. – N/A.



In our prayers this week...

1. Dale and Kathy Bramstedt celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.
2. Our congregation’s ministry plans, that the Lord would bless our efforts to build our members up in faith and bring the gospel to our community.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, June 25	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study
	11:45 a.m. Voters Meeting
Monday, June 26	4:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, June 27	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Office Open
Wednesday, June 28	6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
Thursday, June 29	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 2	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 1 Samuel 24-27. 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 www.lwms.org 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. **Voters Meeting** - On June 25, there will be a voters meeting after late service. The agenda includes updates from different areas of ministry, approving the ministry support plan for '23-'24, and placing a couple part-time calls for the upcoming school year.
2. **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: <https://forms.gle/ka7jDrbkdB2d9QqB7>.

Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;

luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

3. **Growing Forward Update** (Corey Schroeder) – I'm filled with joy to announce that, as of 6-11-23, the matching gift announced in December has now been fully met! The \$130,000 given or pledged toward the match has had a total impact to the campaign of \$195,000! We are truly blessed and thankful to the donor and to those whose hearts have been moved to give to this exciting project! Although the matching gift is now closed, any additional gifts will still help lower the upcoming mortgage. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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. **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. 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.
6. **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 secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
7. **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 www.stjohnstpeter.com 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.
8. **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.
9. **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 the 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.
10. **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.

11. **CCCW Anniversary Recognition** - On Sunday, June 18th, we recognized the anniversaries of the following staff members:

Dawn Johnson - 35 years- Mrs. Dawn Johnson graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1988, and has been blessed to serve several congregations in a variety of capacities. She began teaching grades 3-5 at St. Paul's, St. James. After Mr. Johnson was assigned in 1990, she began teaching some departmentalized classes, piano, substitute teaching, and covering long-term leaves of absence. She served in this way at Our Savior's, Bylas, AZ; Peridot Mission School, Peridot, AZ; St. John's Dowagiac, MI; Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids, MN; Immanuel (Crown of Life), West St. Paul, MN; Pilgrim Lutheran, Minneapolis, MN; and Timothy Lutheran, St. Louis Park, MN. Mrs. Johnson then resumed full-time ministry in 2000, continuing at Timothy Lutheran, teaching grades 1-2 and departmentalized music. She took a call to Pilgrim Lutheran, Minneapolis, MN, in 2006, to teach Kindergarten, departmentalized art and music. Dawn accepted the call to teach grades 1-2 at St. Paul's, Howards Grove, in 2016, and her husband Greg was called to join the staff in 2017. They both love working with the families at St. Paul's school and being a part of the congregation here in Howards Grove.

Luther Curia - 20 years - Mr. C was called out of Martin Luther College to teach grades 1-4 at St. Paul's School in the fall of 2003, the first year in the new school building. In 2004 St. Paul's added a 1-2 grade teacher to the staff, and Luther taught grades 3-5 for the next several years. When a 5-6 grade teacher was called to serve our growing school, Luther taught grades 3-4. He and his wife, Gillian attended the WELS Worship Conference in 2014 and came back with a strong desire to add musical variety to our worship services. In 2018 Luther was given release time in the afternoons to devote to coordinating special music, adult choir, and worship planning. He was installed as a full-time staff minister in 2020 and serves in the areas of Worship, Bible study, and church activities. While he has served at St. Paul's for all 20 years of his ministry, his role has constantly changed, keeping things fresh. Luther and his family love serving in Howards Grove and are blessed to be part of the St. Paul's family.

Pastor Mueller - 20 years - Pastor Mueller has been an Instructor of Ancient/Medieval History and Government/Current Events at Luther Prep in Watertown. He was a Tutor: dorm supervisor of boys and taught religion to 10th graders at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw. In addition to current service at St. Paul's, he also served St. Mark in Eau Claire, and Shepherd of the Hills in Tucson, AZ as pastor.

Each received a \$50 Chambers Cash to use as they wish. Thank you for your years of service!