

# Congregational Announcements: September 3, 2023



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

Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Michael Wieting - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, September 3	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - Family Bible Hour
Monday, September 4	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Wednesday, September 5	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Church Council
Friday, September 6	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, September 10	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Church Picnic

## Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Family Bible Study** - starting September 3 we begin a new 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 in time will be in the Harvest Room, but on Sept. 3 we may still need to be in the sanctuary. Stay tuned! 9:20 am is our start time. There is child care available for younger children while parents and older children are in Bible study.
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. The new course begins on September 12th at 6:00 pm.
3. **Wednesday morning Bible** study this year is on *The Theology of the Cross*. What is that? It is a critical component of Christian discipleship. Come find out more at 9:00 am in the Harvest Room on September 6.
4. **Sunday School** begins on September 10 under the theme "The LORD is Our Strength"! Registration is live now on our website, [stpaulshowardsgrove.org](http://stpaulshowardsgrove.org). If you would like to invite a friend, there are fliers in the member room.

5. **Parents Bible Study-** As parents, it can often be difficult to find the time to be in the Word of God for personal study. Join Staff Minister Luther Curia for **Families of the Bible**. The study explores familiar Biblical family relationships and the challenges those families faced. Each lesson examines Scriptural truths from a biblical family circumstance and applies them to modern family life. The topics covered in the Families of the Bible study are applicable to every family at some point in time. Join us in the new Harvest Room Thursday evenings at 6:30 - September 14, 21 & October 5, 12. Each Bible class session will have its own focus, so no worries if you can't make each class. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare can be available. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org); 920.287.8575.
6. **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, starting September 12, 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.

## 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. **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.

3. **Church Picnic:** Come on out and enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun with your St. Paul's family Sunday, September 10 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. There will be a Mexican themed meal, complete with a taco/nacho bar. You'll also receive 2 beverages per person (margaritas, Coronas, sangria, lemonade, water). Join in the fun: traditional yard games, BINGO with prizes (cost: \$1/card), and bounce house for the kids!



We're looking for the best desserts out there, people. Our St. Paul's bakers never disappoint! Signup if you'd like to bring something.

**SALSA COMPETITION:** Do you have a salsa recipe that you think is on point? Sign up for our Salsa Competition! Your salsa can be any variety/type you like (stewed, fresh, fruit, etc.). Bring a half-gallon of your salsa to the picnic and you could win a \$50 gift card to Pacifico! More details will be shared later for those who sign up.


Cost: Free-will offering basket. Additional beverages can be purchased (cash only).

Please register using the qr code or by calling the office by Monday, September 4 so that we have enough food for you. :)

Let Luther Curia know if you have any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).

4. **Now Hiring!** St. Paul's is looking to fill the following position:
  - a. **Preschool Aide(s):** We are still 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.

5. **Adult Choir Coming Soon!** Do you have a love of singing and a love for your Savior? If so, consider joining our St. Paul's Adult Choir! It is open to all high school age students and up. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 11. You don't have to have a solo voice or be able to read notes like a pro! We'd love to have you! Childcare is available if needed (provided by the Curia children). In order to help with music selections, please indicate [ON THIS FORM \(https://tinyurl.com/5n8cvc9j\)](https://tinyurl.com/5n8cvc9j) or QR code) which voice part(s) you generally sing. If you don't know, just think: Soprano (higher female voice), Alto (lower female voice), Tenor (higher male voice), Bass (lower male voice). If you're still on the fence about joining, don't worry about filling this out. Just show up! Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: 287-8575 or [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
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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 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.
  7. **2023 WELS Convention:** From July 31-August 3, the WELS Biennial Convention was held in Saginaw, MI. Pastor Mueller was a delegate. Each week, we are sharing some highlights of the convention and updates on our church body's work:
    - a. In our Ministerial Education system, we are blessed to have 4 schools: 2 preparatory high schools, 1 college, and 1 seminary. This area of ministry emphasized the need to pray for more workers. The schools have been focusing on student aid, recruitment and retention of students, and updating and enhancing their campuses.
    - b. WELS Congregational Services helps to equip congregations for faithful and fruitful ministry. Areas include Congregational Counseling, Lutheran Schools, Evangelism, Worship, Discipleship, and Special Ministries. These areas of ministry have developed evangelism training, elder training, child abuse awareness training, prison ministry programs, Bible studies and ministry programs for teens and millennials, worship planning, stewardship programs, resources for women's ministries, and marriage resources for congregations.
    - c. WELS schools around the country have had upward trending enrollments post-COVID. More non-WELS families have been utilizing our schools. Resources have been developed to help maximize opportunities to share God's Word with children and families.
  8. **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.
  9. **Some have been asking** if we are making the Garden Gym or other [non classroom] rooms in the addition available for member use. We hope to down the road, but for the time being we want to grow to understand the rooms ourselves, figure out proper care and cleaning, and then create policies and procedures for use.