## Congregational Announcements: February 18, 2024



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

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, February 18	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 3K & 4K Sing 10:30 a.m. Service
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, February 19	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, February 21	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Dinner before Worship
	6:30 p.m. Lent Worship
	7:30 p.m. Officers
	7:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, February 22	6:00 p.m. PTF Meeting (Meal @ 5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, February 24	8:00 a.m. Pizza Assembly Day!
Sunday, February 25	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, February 26	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

## **Grow with Christ**

## Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Sunday Bible Study** In light of recent events and questions that have come up from individuals, the congregational leadership is planning to have adult Bible study in the church today. We will address several things from God's Word, including the qualifications for a called worker, the peace we have through forgiveness, and ways our members can walk together under God's grace moving forward. Our leaders will also announce the plans that are being developed for ministry staffing in the short-term and longer-term.
- 2. **Bible Information Class -** Our current Bible Information Class is on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. We are very blessed to have 19 enrolled this time around!
- 3. **Wednesday Bible Study** resumed last week. Our study is on *predestination* and *election*. It is still a great time to jump in. Class begins at 9:00 am.
- 4. **Lent -** Our Wednesday evening worship series is entitled "God on Trial". As our society becomes increasingly secular, we Christians become more aware of the many ways that God and his people are judged. We will look at scenes from Jesus' trial during Holy Week and find forgiveness for ourselves, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth. Once again our area WELS pastors will rotate around to the different churches.
- 5. **Marriage Retreat -** Staff Minister Luther Curia is hosting another marriage enrichment retreat March 15-16. This year's retreat will be held on campus to make use of our new facilities and to accommodate those who aren't able to get away for a weekend. Flyers with event details and registration forms are available in the member room! Register by Wednesday, February 28 either by dropping off your form in the office or online using the QR code. Feel free to contact Luther Curia with any questions: <a href="mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org">luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org</a>

## In Other News

- 1. Call Updates: Emily Panzer has accepted our call to be our permanent 4K teacher. Andy Dais returned his call to Oshkosh and will continue serving as our 5-6 grade teacher and athletic director. On February 5, our 1st grade teacher, Dawn Johnson, received a call to teach Kindergarten at Salem Lutheran in Milwaukee. On February 11, our member Nathan Meitner, who teaches at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, received a call to teach at Sola Fide Academy in Lawrenceville, GA. Nathan's wife Molly teaches Kindergarten at St. Paul's. Please pray for our teachers and encourage them as they consider opportunities for service in God's kingdom!
- 2. 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.
- 3. **Lenten Meals** Thank you to the following groups that have signed up for a Lenten meal! Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. each week before worship. The following meals will be served:

February 21st - Bushman Family - PULLED PORK & HOT BEEF February 28th - Pioneers: FRENCH BREAD PIZZAS March 6th - Teachers: BUILD YOUR OWN SUB March 13th - Ladies Aid - SLOPPY JOES March 20th - Youth Group - CHILI

4. **ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS!** St. Paul's will be holding a special event for both our school families and congregation members called a Night of the Arts on Friday, March 1st! We are excited to be able to showcase a variety of student artwork, but we'd also love to display some art from the many talented artists in our congregation (watercolors, oil pastels, pyrography, glasswork, etc.) Grab something from the past or create something new! We know you're out there and we're excited to share your work! Please sign up by scanning the QR code or



contact Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org to learn more!

5. **Pi Night:** The Activities Committee invites you to Pie Night Thursday, March 14 (3.14) from 5:30-7:30 pm! Do you have a tried and true pie recipe? Enter the pie baking contest! Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Don't know how to make pie but like to eat it? Come and enjoy some delicious pies and pizza for the whole family. There will also be plenty of activities for all ages (pin the toppings on the pizza, uno, trivia, etc.). For those of you who get a little mad for March, we will be projecting the game on the big screen. **Sign up online using the QR code or in the member room by Sunday night, 3.10.** 



- 6. **Urgent Housing Request for MLHS:** Weekend host families are still needed! We are excited to host the East Regional WELS Band Festival on March 14-17, 2023. **Seventy-one** students from 11 WELS high schools around the country will be coming for the event. Would you have space and are you willing to host 2 or more students for 2-3 nights? (Please note that the dates are at the end of the MLHS spring break.) If you can help or have questions, please scan the QR code or go to <a href="https://www.mlhslancers.org/finearts">www.mlhslancers.org/finearts</a> to sign up as a host or learn more information. Hosting students is very rewarding and helps make the event possible for these talented musicians! Thank you for considering!
- 7. Easter Egg Hunt: The Activities committee is hosting another Easter Egg Hunt this year!

  Date: Saturday, March 30 Schedule: 9:30 arrival (head into our new gathering space through the school entrance) & Easter Egg Hunt (ages 0-12) 10:00 Activities (crafts and coloring pages galore). This year as a way to try and make the hunt equally fun for all, children will exchange 10 empty eggs they find for a treat bag full of yummy snacks and candy. There will also be donuts, juice, milk, and coffee. If the weather is bad, the children will do their hunt throughout our building. Register by March 18 using the QR code to help the committee plan for the event. There will also soon be a paper signup in the coatroom. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: <a href="mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org">luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org</a>; 920.287.8575
- 8. **Howards Grove Fire Department Brat fry** is on Sunday, February 25th and they are looking for donations of cakes or tortes! Please have your UNCUT cake or torte in the kitchen by 9am that morning. Please mark your cake pans with your name or use disposable ones. Sign up sheet can be found in the member room. If you have any questions, please contact Trevor Wehrmann, <a href="wehrmannt@gmail.com">wehrmannt@gmail.com</a> or 920-980-1871.
- 9. **Double Kwik Trip** Earn funds for our school twice as fast because Kwik Trip is doubling the discount given to us through the month of February. (Now 10%). You can buy your Scrip between services or by calling or visiting the office.
- 10. We had a RECORD PTF Pizza Sale this year, selling 4,748 pizzas! WAY TO GO! We still need LOTS of volunteers for Assembly Day on Saturday, February 24th! We have about 50 people signed up...BUT we need at least 100 to make things go as smoothly and quickly as last year! Sign up in the member room or scan the QR code. Members who ordered through a student will have their pizzas delivered. If you placed your own order, you should pick up your pizzas on Feb. 24. We will call you when they are ready! We could also use some donations of paper grocery bags for pizza packaging (please bring it to the office). Contact Katie Meyer with any questions!



11. **Easter Flowers** - It's that time again to order plants to decorate the church for Easter. There will be a list of available blooming plants in the Narthex. Please make out your check to the St. Paul's Altar Guild or exact cash and place your payment in an envelope. Payments can be placed in the marked drawer in the member room. If you have any questions, please call Eileen Perronne at 920-838-4307.