

Congregational Announcements: December 12, 2021



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

Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Chad Marohn - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Friday, December 10	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday, December 11	9:00 a.m. Christmas Service Practice
Sunday, December 12	<p>Christmas at St. Paul's 8:00 a.m. Livestream Link 10:30 a.m. Livestream Link 9:15-10:15 NO Bible Class or Sunday School* *Christmas Service participants will stay for snacks/activities between services. The doors to the gym will be opened 30 minutes before each service begins. There are no reserved seats, except for service volunteers.</p>
Monday, December 13	NO MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, December 15	8:45 a.m. Bible Study
	10:00 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Board of Ed
Thursday, December 16	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Zach Unke Concert
Friday, December 17	6:00 a.m. Men's Early Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra
Saturday, December 18	Pioneers Baskets for Shut-ins

- Office hours:** The office will be open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed Friday, December 10th.
- Sunday Morning Bible Study** - After Thanksgiving, we dedicated our new hymnals to the glory of our saving God. As with anything new, it will take a little time to adjust. During Family Bible Hour on December 19, we will continue exploring the new hymnal, especially the service settings, and all it has to offer for public

worship and home use. Come and learn more about this great blessing for God's people. There will be no Bible class or Sunday School on December 26 and January 2.

3. **2022 Sunday Bible Study** - Starting January 9, our Sunday morning Bible study will take us through the book of James. James warns against a dead faith that does nothing. He encourages us to be active in faith, whether going through sufferings or speaking with love, whether in praying boldly or planning humbly, helping the poor or practicing good works. Come and receive guidance in living your faith!
4. **Men's Early & Craftsmen's Bible Studies:** The next men's early study is December 17.
5. **Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 78 students in Sunday School this year! We still welcome having more. If they haven't yet registered, that may be done through this link, or by speaking with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode.
6. **Shut-in & Harvest Home Gifts:** St. Paul's shut-ins as well as the residents of Harvest Home will be receiving a small Christmas gift from our St. Paul's family. The gifts for Harvest Home residents will be delivered by our St. Paul's students as they go Christmas caroling Dec. 21. If you'd like to make a donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office or put it in an envelope in member mailbox B1. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
7. **Christmas Service Notes for Participants:** Christmas at St. Paul's is fast approaching!
 - Sunday, December 12
 - 1st-8th grade service @ 8:00 a.m.
 - 1st-8th grade arrive by 7:40 and go into Sunday School classrooms
 - PK-8th grade service @ 10:30 a.m.
 - PK & K arrive by 10:10 and go into Sunday School classroom
 - 1st-8th grade will stay between services for snacks and activities
8. **Christmas at St. Paul's Reserved Seating:** The doors to the gym will be opened 30 minutes before each service begins. There are no reserved seats, except for service volunteers.
9. **Christmas Eve Worship:** On Christmas Eve this year we will have four opportunities to go with the shepherds and find the Savior lying in a manger. The 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 services will involve several musicians. The 7:00 service will be a candlelight lessons & carols service.
10. **December Communion Schedule Changes** - Since Christmas at St. Paul's occurs in the gym on what would normally be a communion weekend this year, the Elders have decided to offer communion in worship services on the 1st and 3rd weekends of December, that is December 5th-6th and December 19th-20th, as well as the normal New Years Eve Communion service, which will be held at 6:30 pm on December 31st.
11. **The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry** is pleased to announce that beginning on December 11, 2021, the pantry will be open on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. This is in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Patrons are welcome to visit the pantry once each month. We look forward to continuing to serve the communities of: Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags, Face masks (required to enter the pantry).
12. **MLHS Campaign-Building Our Future On Christ:** Thank you to all who helped us achieve and exceed our goal to raise \$75,000 during the month of November! We have a final design and are moving forward with our plans. Find more information and updates about the campaign at www.mlhslancers.org/campaign, or call our mission advancement office at 920-682-0215. Thank you for your ongoing support! There are additional envelopes and info / donation forms available in the St. Paul's Member Room as well.

- 13. Called Worker Gift Box** - If you would like to remember our Called Workers with a monetary gift for Christmas, a box is located in the narthex for you to do so. This box will remain out for the month of December.
- 14. Poinsettias for Christmas:** A CCB request went out on Friday to sign-up for a poinsettia for Christmas. The cost is \$10.50 and EXACT CASH or a check can be made out to St. Paul's. There is a designated drawer in the member room marked POINSETTIA PAYMENT. Please place your payment in an envelope and then into the marked drawer by December 10th. Poinsettias can be picked up after the last Christmas Day service. There is also a sign-up sheet in the member room if you do not have access to a computer.
- 15. Kitchen Clean-up and Maintenance:** We are looking to improve things in the kitchen and we need your help! There are pans in the kitchen, on the back counter, that do not have names on them. Please take a look and claim your pan by 12/12 otherwise they will be donated to the kitchen. Also, all things that are brought into the kitchen MUST BE LABELED! Examples could be items for Bible study, a church or school event, hot lunch, etc... Pastor Mueller will go through the kitchen once a week and anything that isn't labeled will be given away or thrown out. One more thing, if there is extra food from an event, please make sure to take it home, divide it with volunteer helpers, or contact Erin Radue in the office if you would like to share it with staff, give it to a family who needs it, etc...We hate to see anything go to waste! Any questions, please contact the office at 920-565-3780 or secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
- 16. Free Hymnals** - Now that we have the new blue hymnals in place, we are giving away our old red hymnals. Hymnals are a wonderful resource for home devotions, singing around the piano or playing with brass and woodwind instruments. If you'd like to take any with you, the red hymnals are located in the balcony behind the organ in medium-sized boxes.
- 17. A change to our typical schedule**, please note the January voters' meeting is on Saturday, January 29th at 9:00 am. There will be a breakfast served at 8:00am. We are planning an open forum during the Bible study hour on January 23.
- 18. Tuesday night basketball** will be running again starting on January 11, 2022. It will run every Tuesday night from 7-8:30. Everyone ages 12 and up are welcome to join us.
- 19. Living Nativity-** Thank you to everyone that helped in some way during our recent Living Nativity. If you were cast member, crew member, cookie baker, poster deliverer or help support our endeavor with prayer, we thank you. We had approximately 1700 people visit us. We hope you will volunteer again next year...our 20th year of presenting the good news.

MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **MLHS Call Update** -The MLHS Federation called Pastor Aaron Dolan for the theology department. Aaron is brother to MLHS teacher Jeff Dolan. Aaron is married with 3 children. This call is to replace Pastor Jon Meyer who took a one-year call to serve this year. In addition, Nathan King who has a one-year call to MLHS received another one-year call to MLHS. Nathan has accepted another one-year call! Thank you for keeping Aaron and Nathan and your high school in your prayers.
2. **MLHS Christmas Concert:** The music department of Manitowoc Lutheran High School will be holding its annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 22nd at the Capitol Civic Centre in downtown Manitowoc. The concert, entitled “Joy Has Dawned!” will feature the three high school choirs and the MLHS Symphonic Band. Also featured will be the Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale, an adult ensemble made up of members from the WELS Lutheran Churches along the Lakeshore. The concert’s closing anthem, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”, will feature a special Christmas orchestra and the combined voices of the MLHS choirs and the Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale. All students from the area WELS Lutheran Elementary Schools and Churches are invited to join in singing this anthem that they learned for the recent choral festival at MLHS. Concert times at the CCC are 4:30 and 7:30. The concert is free and open to the public; however, a free will offering will be gathered.
3. **MLHS Newsletters and More:** Stay in touch with your high school and subscribe to various newsletters by going to www.mlhslancers.org/subscription. After subscribing you will receive the newsletter(s) you signed up for. Be sure to check your junk mail as the first one may go there instead. The alumni newsletter is one of the options listed. You will not want to miss reading what a recent alumni shared in the December Alumni newsletter. ENJOY! For any questions contact mlhs@mlhslancers.org.
4. **Jr. Lancer Band & MLHS Jazz Ensemble Concert**-Sunday, December 12th at 3PM in the MLHS Gymnasium- Join the Jr. Lancer Beginner Band, Concert Winds, Jazz Kids and the MLHS Jazz Ensemble for some Holiday Fun!
5. **SCRIP** – Christmas Order Deadline The last guaranteed date to place special orders so they are received by Christmas is Tuesday, December 14th. Please have your orders in by 9 AM. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/scrip today!
6. **Junior Lancer Basketball -Registration** is OPEN for Jr. Lancer Basketball. Please register today! Go to: www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers. Then click on Junior Lancer Basketball!
7. **Charitable Giving Through Estate Planning** - Estate planning (also called a will or trust) is a collection of documents that specify how you want your money and other assets distributed after your death, making it easier for your loved ones to handle your affairs during a time of grief. This one-on-one coaching is sponsored by MLHS and is confidential. Due to a generous donation, when you complete the one-on-one coaching through SFC and you will be reimbursed up to \$500 for the attorney fees! Individuals will be responsible for paying other attorney fees if applicable. This is simply a gift from the MLHS Foundation to you and your family for your love and support of Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Coaching can be done one on one or via zoom call. More information can be found on the MLHS website or contact Ryan Hulse – rhulse@mlhslancers.org
8. **Grandpa G’s Christmas Trees to Benefit Tuition Assistance Funds** - Grandpa G’s Christmas Tree Farm will donate all designated monies collected from the sale of their u-cut Christmas trees to benefit Fox Valley Lutheran and Manitowoc Lutheran High School’s tuition assistance funds. Grandpa G’s has Fraser Firs (up to 13’), Blue Spruce (up to 9’) and Canaan Fir (up to 14’). The farm is located on Hwy 96 between Wrightstown

and Denmark at 3159 Lark Rd Greenleaf, WI 54126. Hours are Friday, Nov. 26 (9am to dusk). Every Saturday and Sunday until Dec.12 (11am to dusk). After Dec. 12, you may call for an appointment and we will be happy to accommodate you right up until Dec 23. All trees are \$40 any size. Saws and twine for securing your tree are available for use. When you arrive to cut your tree, please let us know which tuition assistance fund you want to support or to be split between both. We will make a note of it and send the proceeds to the respective schools just in time for Christmas. Questions or to cut a tree by appointment, please call Paul Griepentrog at (920)428-4303.