

Congregational Announcements: January 16, 2022



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
Sunday, January 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. <u>Link to Online Weekend Worship Services</u>
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, January 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 18	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, January 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	8:45 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement Playdate
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Board of Ed
Thursday, January 20	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	5:00 p.m. 4K/K Open House
Friday, January 21	9:00 a.m. - noon 4K/K Open House
	Lancer for a Day @ MLHS

- 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!
- New Bible Information Class** starting in January! The class is for new to the faith or renewing the Christian faith. We will meet on Tuesdays starting January 25. The time is 6:30pm. Please contact Pastor Mueller if interested. So far the class is inching towards 15 people. [Likely we'll need to meet in the commons/lunchroom.]

3. **Parenting/Family Workshop** - St. Paul's is offering the second of two unique workshops for families Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 9:00-noon. Didn't make it to the first one in October? No problem. Mr. Curia will lead the parents through NEW sessions of the time-honored Active Parenting method: Responsibility, Discipline, and Building Courage & Self-Esteem. These sessions will combine video, discussion, and activities for a fast-paced, practical approach to Christian parenting. At the same time, the faculty of St. Paul's will be leading the children (ages 3-8th grade) through some of these same principles in order to create a more peaceful home life founded on God and his many gifts, including the blessing of family. The Active Parenting workshop usually comes at a cost of \$130 per couple, but we are offering it for free. For more information about Active Parenting, [CLICK HERE](#). To register for the workshop, [CLICK HERE](#) or contact the office. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
4. **Marriage Enrichment Retreat:** St. Paul's will be hosting a marriage enrichment retreat at the Osthoff Resort Friday-Saturday, March 18-19. Jesus designed marriage and can make your marriage richer than you imagined. Spend a weekend finding out how. Prior to the weekend, you will each complete a confidential online survey and receive a customized report on ten areas of your married life. Then you'll spend the weekend applying the riches of God's grace to the areas of your marriage in which you're strong...and in which you have room to grow. The result? A richer marriage. The retreat will be led by Luther Curia, Staff Minister at St. Paul's. Flyers with event details and registration forms can be found in the office. You can also register online [HERE](#). Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
5. **Sunday School** - Sunday School has resumed. This semester the children will sing in both services on April 10 for Palm Sunday as well as for the evening Ascension service on May 26. Please speak with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode if you have questions about Sunday School.
6. **Did You Know?** The Forward in Christ magazine that you enjoy reading was originally named The Northwestern Lutheran. The first WELS news magazine was called Gemeindeblatt and was published in German for about a century beginning in 1865. Families with children received The Junior Northwestern from 1918-1981. Some past synod publications can be found in the church library.
7. **Ice Skating/Sledding for ALL** - Join the Activities Committee (formerly the Stewardship Committee) for ice skating at Rochester Park Friday, February 25 from 6:00-8:00! The rink is located on the outfield of the Rochester Park baseball diamond and is a full 84'x144' rink! The park has limited hockey equipment and skates available for use - these items are being offered on the "honor system" so please take care of them and put them back when you're finished. We encourage everyone to bring their own skates if they have them. We also hope to have some snow to do some sledding at the park, so bring along your sleds. We'll have plenty of hot cocoa and apple cider to warm you up throughout the evening! Hope to see you there! Rochester Park is located at 710 Hickory Street, Sheboygan Falls.
8. **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.
9. **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 Kate Schuenemann.
10. **Mindful Moms Bible Study** - Now every Wednesday at 8:30am, there is a 45 minute women's Bible study. We've begun a book on Philippians - Living in the Joy of Christ. All participants will receive a study book. Come to be enriched in God's Word together with fellowship and encouragement!
11. **Mindful Moms NEW Playdate** Mindful Moms is excited to have NEW playdate activities at a NEW time! Join us EVERY Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 in the school gym for a Music and Movement playdate. Each

week there will be a segment including fingerplays, singing, music, and/or movement songs where moms and kids can play and work together. There will also be free play time for the kids to run and explore and moms can enjoy chatting together. Hope to see you there!

- 12. Shape the World** - Come and join us for our Early Childhood events on January 15th, February 12th, and March 12, 2022! These are Saturday events, starting at 10:00 am with activities, a book and a Bible Story. Then we will play. Lots of hands-on learning activities, snacks, play dough and so much more - all about shapes. All events will be Bible based and geared for children ages 0-5 along with a caregiver or two and All Are Welcome.
- 13. Important Upcoming Dates!** An open forum will be held on Sunday, January 23rd to provide an update on our financial situation regarding the Growing Forward Project. We want to provide this information in advance of the Annual Voters' meeting, and allow everyone to ask questions regarding the project and the information that is presented. The open forum will start at 9:15, and will be held in the gym in place of Bible study.
Our Annual Voters' meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided starting at 8:00 for those who wish to come. An abbreviated open forum will be held from 8:30-9:00 for those who may have missed the open forum on the 23rd. Elections, reports, and other business will take place as normal at the Voters' meeting, as well as the vote on how to proceed with the Growing Forward Project. Everyone is welcome, and encouraged to attend both of these important meetings.
- 14. Mailboxes in the Member Room** - There are a few things to pick up from your mailbox if you haven't already. Please pick up:
 - **Giving Envelopes for 2022**
 - **Ushers Schedule** (We are still looking for ushers!)
 - **January Church Newsletter** (For those who have requested a printed copy. If you would like one, please contact the office.)
- 15. 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.
- 16. If you have interest in helping the people affected by tornados** and extreme weather recently, these people need three things. They need our prayers. They need help financially. They also need blood donations to help them medically. You can donate to WELS Christian Aid and Relief directly (<https://wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/>) or you can donate to St. Paul's with this noted and we will send it in (up to January 31).
- 17. Silent Auction Tickets** - Our St. Paul's Silent Auction is coming up on Saturday, March 5. Watch for more details! Tickets are now available for purchase between services as well as during the week at the office up until February 20th. Early Bird pricing available. Please contact Beth Heilman with any questions about the event.
- 18. On Sunday January 9th** Pastor Mueller received a divine call from St. John's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN to serve as their pastor. It also includes serving as college campus ministry pastor for students at the myriad of colleges/universities in the Twin Cities in a ministry called True North. Your prayers and input are welcome.

MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **MLHS Call Update** -The MLHS Federation will have a special call meeting on Saturday, January 22nd at 9AM in the MLHS Choir Room.
2. **MLHS Federation Special Campaign Drive!** During the Epiphany season the members of the MLHS federation congregations are encouraged to give support to the campaign with pledges or donations. Information about this drive is being sent to the leadership of the congregations with the request that it then be shared with all members. It's important that as many as possible know about this drive and participate in it as we approach the initial stages of the project itself. Epiphany is a reminder to us of what our mission is...as individual congregations and schools, and as a federation. We want all people to know the light of the gospel that is found in the Baby born in Bethlehem. This project will help our school carry out that mission, which is the heart and core of all we do at MLHS! Thanks for your generous support!
3. **Pizza Fundraising for Mission Trip-** The National Honor Students are fundraising for a mission trip to Immanuel in Taylor, AZ, and Immanuel in Springerville, AZ. The trip will take place from March 24-28, 2022. Students will help with an "Easter for Kids" activity at the local parks and hand out flyers in the nearby neighborhoods. In addition, the students will get to sing and play music at both churches for their worship services. Show your support for the Manitowoc Lutheran High School National Honor Society (NHS) Students with prayers and pizza orders! From now until **Monday, January 17th**, the NHS students will be taking orders for freshly made 12" pizzas! Visit www.mlhslancers.org/post/pizza to place your online order today and share the news! This is the final push! Thank you for your support!
4. **Freshman Information Night-** Do you have an 8th grader in your family? MLHS invites all 8th graders and their parents to come to MLHS either Monday, January 24 or Wednesday, January 26th at 6:30PM to see the MLHS campus, meet our faculty, and hear more about keeping Christ in higher education. This event is NOT a binding commitment, and no fees are involved. If you are undecided about high school for next year, please come and get a taste for MLHS. To help us plan for those nights, please provide us with some basic information about your child by going to www.mlhslancers.org/application. MLHS offers need-based tuition assistance to our families. In addition, aid is provided through the SCRIP program, from your home congregation, and you can apply for the Wisconsin Choice Voucher Program. Inquiries regarding tuition assistance will also be explained these nights. See you then! If you have any questions contact, Ryan Holper our Admissions Director at rholper@mlhslancers.org.
5. **MLHS OPEN HOUSE! - Tuesday, February 15th from 4-7PM** You are invited to come check out Manitowoc Lutheran High School as they have their 2nd annual open house. See what MLHS has to offer for the mind, body and soul. Take a guided tour. Tell your friends and neighbors young and old to come too! Thanks for spreading the word!
6. **Junior Lancer Open Registrations-Wrestling & Baseball** Please register today! Go to: www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers
7. **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.
8. **Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale** invites any confirmed member from our area WELS congregations on the Lakeshore. We rehearse on the scheduled Sunday evenings at 6:00pm in the Choir Room at Manitowoc Lutheran. Rehearsals are normally 90 minutes or less and you do not have to be at every practice to sing! This is a great opportunity to sing in a concert alongside the MLHS choirs! Please consider joining us, if you would like more information, please contact our director Matt Manthe at am5thof8@comcast.net. For a

schedule of practices go to: www.mlhslancers.org/volunteer and scroll down to The Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale section.

- 9. 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