

Congregational Announcements: April 10, 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, April 10	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. <u>Link to Online Weekend Worship Services</u> Sunday School Sings Both Services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, April 11	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, April 12	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym *ages 12+*
Wednesday, April 13	8:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	5:30 p.m. Evangelism
Thursday, April 14	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
	NO Sinai to Calvary Bible Study
Friday, April 15	1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship 4K-8 Sing
	6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship
Saturday, April 16	9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday, April 17	Worship Services: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. NO Family Bible Hour Donuts and Coffee Social Hour 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

- Did You Know?** 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. Pastor Sprengling was the first pastor of St. Paul's,

serving from 1862-1866. Pictures and service dates for all St. Paul's pastors can be found in the member room.

2. **Sunday Bible Study** - Today's Bible study is led by Pastor Mueller on the subject of the biblical roles of women and men. Can you explain them? Why do only men do ushering at our church? Can we have a female PTF president/chair? Why do we have a Ladies Aid and not a Men's Aid? We look to Scripture for God's wisdom! Today's lesson looks at the roles in the congregational setting. .
3. **New Bible Information Class** has started for those new to the faith or renewing the Christian faith. We meet on Tuesdays starting at 6:30pm in the commons/lunchroom. For those who were interested but couldn't attend this one, the church staff is planning the next class to start April 19th, exact time yet TBD.
4. **Ukraine Support** - If you would like to make a monetary donation to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine during this time, you can place an envelope in one of the offering boxes, or drop it off in the church office. Please write 'Ukraine' on your envelope, and we will make sure your donation will be sent to the Synod. We will be collecting donations through at least the end of the month. You can also go to this website and do a direct online donation. <https://community.wels.net/page.aspx?pid=365> If you do this, make sure to designate "Ukraine" in the drop down box near the bottom of the page. Most importantly, please keep the country of Ukraine in your prayers, asking our Heavenly Father to keep them safe during this time of war, and bring this conflict to a quick resolution.
5. **Easter Egg Hunt:** The Stewardship committee is planning a fun activity for your kids this Easter! **Date:** Saturday, April 16 **Schedule:** 9:30 arrival & Easter Egg Hunt (ages 1-8); 10:00 Activities/Scavenger Hunt (ages 9-13)/Pictures. The younger children will search for Easter eggs around St. Paul's property. The older children will answer some trivia questions and follow a map to hidden "treasure" on our church/school campus. There will also be snacks, coloring pages, activities, a short movie, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. If the weather is bad, the younger kids will do their hunt in the gym. Register ONLINE (<https://forms.gle/NuRqPcRjgehyaDWy7>) or IN THE MEMBER ROOM to help the committee plan for the event. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org; 920.287.857.
6. **Holy Week Devotions:** Our WELS College of ministry, Martin Luther College, has published a devotion booklet for Holy Week. There are some copies in the member room free for the taking until they're gone.
7. **Office Hours Over Easter Break** - The office will be open on Wednesday, April 20th from noon - 4:00 p.m. and Friday morning from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m..
8. **Mr. Andy Dais** on Thursday received a divine call to teach 7th grade at Crown of Life Lutheran School in West St. Paul, MN. He would be departmentalized in the area of science. Please keep the Dais family in your prayers.
9. **Constitution Considerations** - At our April 24 Voters meeting, the agenda will include the approval of two different Constitution and Bylaws. One of them is for St. Paul's. Over the past two years, a committee combed through our current documents and suggested updates. These have been through the Elders and Council and approval is now being sought by the voters. The other one is for Manitowoc Lutheran High School. The delegates approved it in their February meeting, and now it has been sent to federation congregations for the final step in the approval process. Copies of these documents can be obtained in the member room or the office. Changes are highlighted in side-by-side format. A summary of proposed changes for our St. Paul's Constitution & Bylaws is found on the final page of that packet. A summary for the MLHS Constitution changes is now available as well.
10. **Phone System Changes** - We will be doing some maintenance on our phone system on the morning of Tuesday April 19th. Please be advised that the main office number may be unreachable during this time. If you need to contact anyone at School / Church at that time, please try cell phones listed in the bulletin.

- 11. April Voters' Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 24th following the late service. The budget for 2022-2023 will be presented to the voters for approval. In addition, as has been mentioned in the announcements the last few weeks, the Constitutions and Bylaws for St. Paul's and Manitowoc Lutheran High School will be presented to the voters for approval as well. Also, any updates or new information regarding the Growing Forward building project will be shared.
- 12. Youth Rally Update** – This year we have a great group of over 20 people signed up for the WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN. This is a tremendous opportunity for our teens to learn and grow in the Word, and share that experience with thousands of other teens from all around the world! This trip does come at a cost. For a group this size, our expenses will be over \$10,000. Most of the expense will be the responsibility of the families attending, but if you would be interested in supporting the Youth Group financially there are a couple of ways coming up. First we will be hosting a Lent Dinner on Wednesday April 6th. Second we will be hosting a light breakfast between services on Easter Sunday. At both of those events we will be collecting donations, with 100% of the proceeds going to help offset the costs of the Youth Rally. Lastly if you would like to drop off a gift at the office, please just label it “Youth Group”. For any questions, please contact Mike Leahy.
- 13. SAVE THE DATE** - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. More details to come!
- 14. WELS Handbell Festivals** will be presenting its 2022 Southeastern Region Handbell Festival on Sunday, April 24, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church and School in Hartford, WI. Handbell choirs from Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin will gather for an afternoon of praising God through music. This year's selections will follow the theme, Great is Thy Faithfulness. Past concerts have included additional accompaniment by keyboard, brass, woodwind, and percussion ensembles. Details can be found at https://www.welsbells.com/default.asp?sec_id=140002121.
- 15. Holy Week Services:** Please mark your calendar for these worship opportunities in mid-April:
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| Palm Sunday 4/10 & 4/11 | Good Friday 4/15 |
| 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. | 1:00 p.m. 4K-8th Sings |
| Sunday School sings both services. | 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Sings |
| Monday Night Worship @ 6:00 p.m. | Easter Sunday 4/17 Adult Choir Sings |
| Maundy Thursday 4/14 @ 6:30 p.m. | 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. |
| | No Monday Night Worship |