



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

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a traditional prayer position, resting on an open book. The lighting is warm and soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the pages of the book. The background is blurred, showing more of the book and the person's arms.

**LORD,
TEACH US
TO PRAY**

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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *It is possible for a little child to do, yet impossible for a mature theologian to master. We always have more growing to do with prayer. What should we ask for? How much should we say? Does it really make a difference? Our Lord has so much to impart as we join his disciples to ask, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

In Holy Conversation

CW 722

Verse 1: Soloist

Verses 2 & 3: All



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,
and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.
We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears
and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Stand

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Anthem

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Sung by Small Group

Lord, hear our humble prayer. O Lord, turn your gracious ear to us on this holy day. Lord, be merciful to us and grant us Thy peace.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



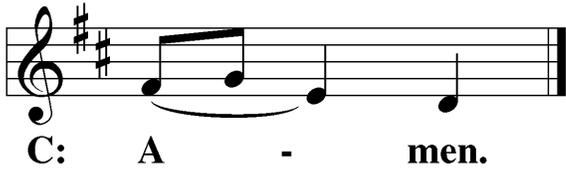
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20–32

Abraham prayed persistently on behalf of the wicked for the sake of the righteous.

²⁰Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³²Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1–7

The Lord urges prayer for all, especially those in authority, that we may live peaceful, godly lives, and that all may know the saving truth.

¹I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

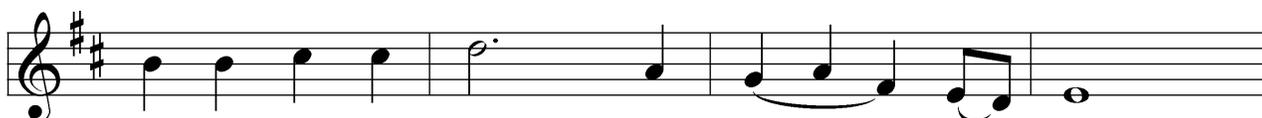
VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

Jesus taught his disciples to pray the Lord's Prayer and to pray persistently, trusting the Father's gifts.

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' "

⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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SERMON

Genesis 18

*Prayer is a Pressing Matter
Pressing for Others – Pressing the Lord*

Stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us. First, we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

Thy kingdom come.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

Give us this day our daily bread.

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

We pray that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

And lead us not into temptation.

And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

But deliver us from evil.

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Stand

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

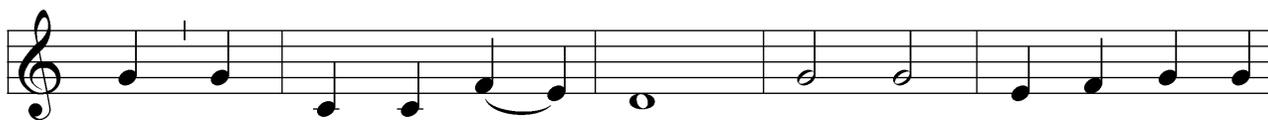


C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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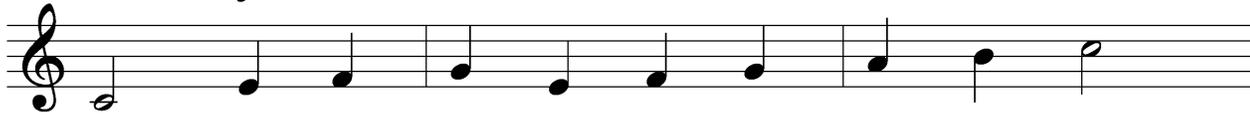


world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 660



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
an - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
the brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
my strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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THANKSGIVING

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Adam Bode

PIANIST: Gillian Curia

MUSICIANS: Alycia & Thomas Cameron, Ann Doro, Bev Gumm, and Brylee Schuenemann

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Chad Marohn, Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 7/17 & 7/18 - \$15,700 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$975 GROWING

FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. MEMORIAL DONATIONS: \$2,588 IN MEMORY OF ARLINE HOPPE. \$5,000 FOR OFFICE REMODELING.

ATTENDANCE 7/17 & 7/18 8:00 A.M. – 163. 10:30 A.M. - 115. 6:30 P.M. – 48.

In our prayers this week...

1. Good Shepherd in Plymouth and Barb Heup, as Pastor Charlie Heup was taken to heaven late Thursday night after lengthy health struggles.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Gym
Monday, July 25	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 26	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 27	Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	5:30 p.m. Activities Meeting
Friday, July 29	Office Open
Sunday, July 31	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

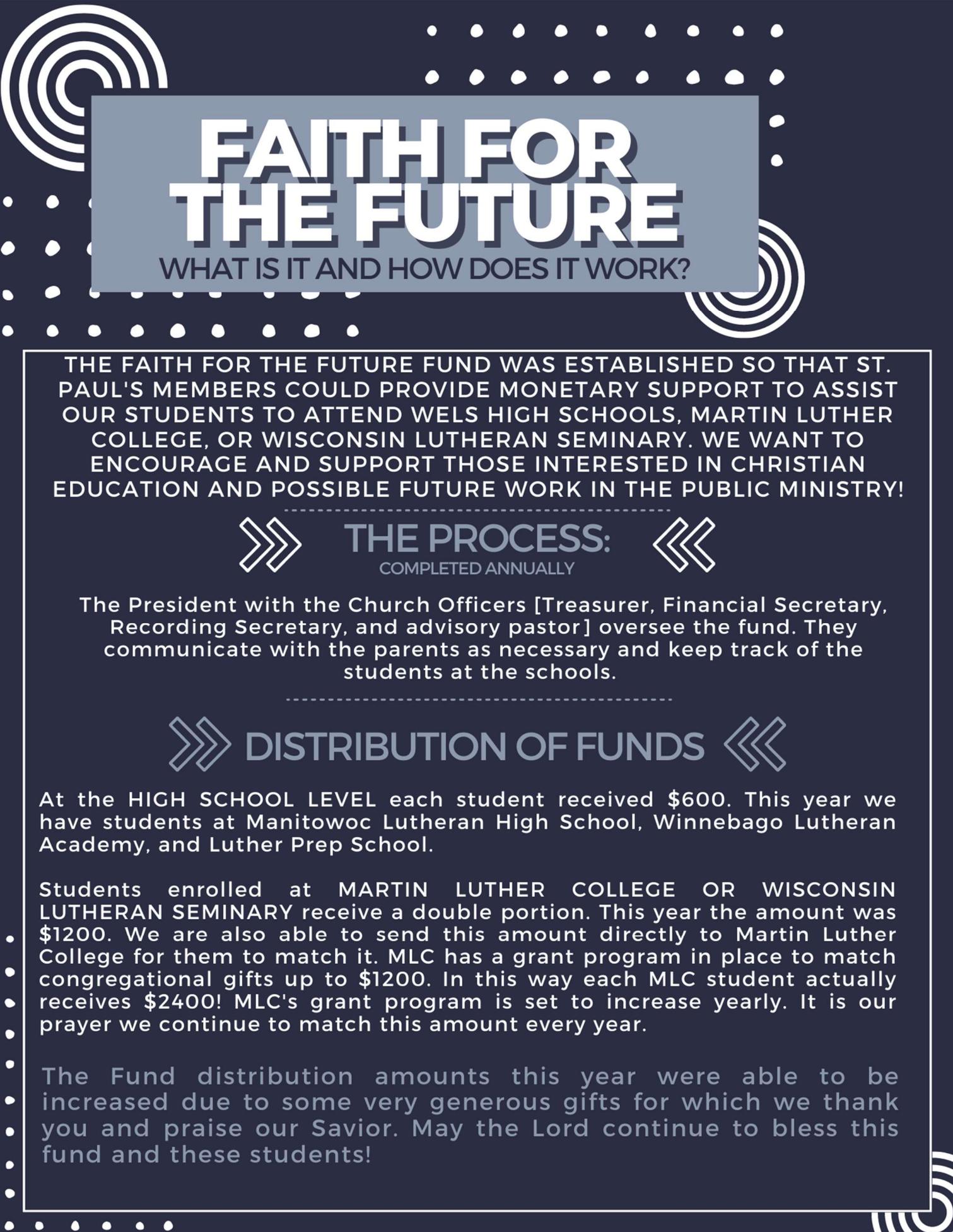
1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul's will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. 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. In 1966 the old education building was sold and removed from the property to make room for a larger, more modern building. The current school building, found at the corner of Playbird and Hwy 32, was built in 1967. St. Paul's Lutheran School opened in 1974 for Kindergarten - 5th grade students.

3. **Sunday Bible Study** - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled “The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches”. In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church’s context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul’s. *This study is for the whole family.*
4. **New Sunday Bible Study:** Beginning August 7, we will look at portions of Acts to reflect on the beginnings, struggles, purpose, and confidence Christian churches have under their ascended Lord Jesus. We will consider the history of our synod and our congregation as we prepare to celebrate St. Paul's 160th anniversary in September.
5. **The office** will be closed from August 1st-5th.
6. **Sunday Morning Child Care** is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.
7. **A Joint Handbell Choir** is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.
8. **St. Paul’s Church and School received** information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.
9. **July 22 Summer Party:** The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie “Encanto” will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.
10. **The MLHS “Sweet Corn Fest”** is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime from August 6th through August 14th. Please watch the bulletin and/or newsletter for the exact timing. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1689 vouchers to

students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 14 years and much of the money raised has been through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program.

11. **Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland:** Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am
12. **Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon]** are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
13. **The St. Paul's Car Show:** will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!
14. **Pastor Mueller** is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.
15. **Pastor Bode** will be on vacation July 26-31.
16. **The next information class/member class** will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.
17. **Tuesday night open gym basketball:** We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED SO THAT ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS COULD PROVIDE MONETARY SUPPORT TO ASSIST OUR STUDENTS TO ATTEND WELS HIGH SCHOOLS, MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE, OR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THOSE INTERESTED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK IN THE PUBLIC MINISTRY!



THE PROCESS:

COMPLETED ANNUALLY



The President with the Church Officers [Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and advisory pastor] oversee the fund. They communicate with the parents as necessary and keep track of the students at the schools.



DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS



At the HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL each student received \$600. This year we have students at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Winnebago Lutheran Academy, and Luther Prep School.

Students enrolled at MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE OR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY receive a double portion. This year the amount was \$1200. We are also able to send this amount directly to Martin Luther College for them to match it. MLC has a grant program in place to match congregational gifts up to \$1200. In this way each MLC student actually receives \$2400! MLC's grant program is set to increase yearly. It is our prayer we continue to match this amount every year.

The Fund distribution amounts this year were able to be increased due to some very generous gifts for which we thank you and praise our Savior. May the Lord continue to bless this fund and these students!

HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS



Dear members at St. Paul's,

I am grateful to receive this generous donation from the Faith for the Future committee. This fund will be very helpful as I go into my final year at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. It is encouraging to see how invested God's people are in bringing up young people in the faith and ensuring that they have a quality Christian education, and I am truly blessed to be a part of it. I am thankful for your continued prayers and wish you God's richest blessings as you continue to share the good news of the Gospel with the world.

In Christ,
Luke Marohn

Dear St. Paul's Congregation,

Thank you for the gift of \$600 towards my education at WLA. I really appreciate it! I am glad I am able to attend a Christian high school and have made some great friends there. I know the extra cost my education is to my parents so this gift will help out a lot.

Thank you,
Caleb Olson



Dear St Paul's Congregation,

I want to thank you for the generous gift you have furnished me to continue my education at Manitowoc High School. I will begin my Junior year at Manitowoc Lutheran and will graduate in 2024. Manitowoc Lutheran High School is an amazing place to receive a Christian education.

It means so much to me that this congregation treats its members like family. The time flies by so fast and it is so nice that my church is willing to help support me at Manitowoc Lutheran. God has truly blessed me and I am so appreciative of my congregation for the continued support.

May God bless you as He has continued to bless me.

Yours in Christ.
Mariah Austreng



Dear St. Paul's congregation,

Thank you so much for the donation which is helping me to receive a Christian education. Manitowoc Lutheran is a wonderful school. I can't wait to spend the rest of my high school career there. I really appreciate this because I can grow closer with Christ there rather than at a public school. I realize not everyone can get this education and I'm extremely grateful.

In Christ,
Callie Sawall



HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS



Dear members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for the gift of \$600 for my high school education. I will be using it towards my sophomore year at WLA. I am really glad I get to attend a Christian high school. It is another great school, just like St. Paul's. I'm hoping to be a teach in a WELS school someday so I really appreciate your support.

Thanks again!
Chelseigh Olson

Dear members of St. Paul's,

Thank you very much for the generous check from the Faith for the Future Fund. I am very thankful for the highschool financial assistance, which goes towards a good, Christian education. Thank you for supporting me and other friends and classmates in highschool and college.

Sincerely,
Elise Mueller



Dear members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for helping me pay for my tuition to MLHS. I've wanted to go there since the 1st grade! Finally, I get to go there. They money helped out a lot. Thank you so much.

Kyle Heilman

Dear members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for your assistance in my tuition for Manitowoc LUtheran through the Faith for the Future fund. I appreciate your sonstant support for my continuting Christian Educaiton.

God's blessings,
Trinity Curia



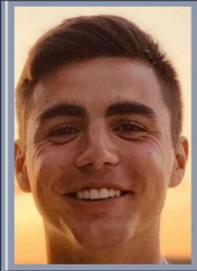
Dear members of St. Pauls,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to help with the cost of high school tuition. I am grateful to be part of a congregation that cares so much about christian education and knows the importance of it. Christian education is a great blessing and it makes an impact on our lives every day and for years to come. Your support is such a blessing!

With thanks and appreciation,
Caitlin Marohn



COLLEGE RECIPIENTS



Dear members of St. Paul's,

I would like to thank all of you for the assistance you have given me for my education at MLC through the Faith for the Future program at St. Paul's. I will be going into my senior year next year at MLC and will be graduating in May of 2023. I am in the pre-seminary program.

Throughout my life, St. Paul's has been a constant source of support for me. Whether it has been teachers, pastors, classmates, or fellow church members, I have been constantly encouraged in my pursuit of full-time ministry. I greatly appreciate all of you and all of the support I have received from St. Paul's.

In Christ,
Samuel Eickhoff

Dear members of St. Paul's,

I would like to thank you for the continued and renewed support you have shown me and other students as a part of the Faith for the Future fund. I greatly appreciate the funds that have been provided to me as this greatly helps me to cover expenses that come with being in college. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers as I work towards becoming a called worker!

Sincerely, Marissa Marten



Dear St. Pauls,

I want to thank you for the generous grant. The Faith For the Future Committee has been such a blessing to me and other MLC students at St. Pauls pursuing ministry. The donation given this year will be a tremendous help as I finish up my last semester at school. I am thankful to be part of a congregation that offers so much support to their students continuing on in Christian education. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

In Christ,
Megan Marohn



Dear St. Paul's,

I would like to thank the Faith to the Future Committee for supporting me financially as I attend MLC. I am very grateful for your generous contributions which will certainly help me with tuition costs. This fund has been a huge help for me over the last several years.

I would also like to thank the congregation for their prayers as I train and study to enter the teaching ministry in the coming years. It is encouraging to know that there are people at my home congregation who are invested in the future of WELS churches and schools.

In Christ,
Bryce Marohn



COLLEGE RECIPIENTS



Dear St. Pauls,

I am very grateful to have received the Faith for the Future Committee donation this year. This donation is always appreciated, and this year is no different. I was shocked when I saw how much the fund increased from the previous years. It just shows how much God has blessed his people. It's nice to have financial support from your home congregation because it shows that they care about what you are doing and that they want to help you out in any way that they can. With all of this in mind, I am encouraged to carry on my work into the future ministry.

In Christ,
Ty Marohn

Dear St. Paul's Family

Thank you so much for the money that will help me pay tuition costs at Martin Luther College. I appreciate your prayers and support.

Kayla Sprenger



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT FAITH FOR
THE FUTURE, THERE ARE DESIGNATED
ENVELOPES FOR GIVING THAT CAN BE FOUND
IN THE MEMBER ROOM.**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE
ALREADY CONTRIBUTED!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MUELLER.