

Congregational Announcements: August 21, 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, August 21	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Gym
Monday, August 22	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Bonfire Night
Tuesday, August 23	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, August 24	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
Thursday, August 25	5:30 p.m. Activities Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Sunday, August 28	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony

- ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** - St. Paul's will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have invited Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. Dick Stoelb will also give a brief presentation on the history of St. Paul's. After the late service, we will enjoy a pig roast catered by Three Guys and a Grill. There is no cost for the meal, but a free-will offering will be collected to defray the costs. We hope that everyone will be able to attend!
- 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 1976 St. Paul's joined the MLHS Federation. MLHS is governed and operated by this Federation. The purpose of the MLHS Federation is to operate the Lutheran High School and to promote the course of Christian secondary education. This organization is made up of 23 WELS congregations along with some advisory congregations. St. Paul's is able to be represented by up to 9 delegates at federation meetings, held quarterly. Speak to one of the pastors if you're interested in representing St. Paul's in this way. We ask God to bless the faculty, staff and students as they began their school year this past Thursday, August 18.

3. **Sunday Bible Study:** Earlier this month we began a unit on Anniversary Reflections...which we'll resume in September. Today we'll have a second session on Gender Dysphoria. The study takes place in the sanctuary.
4. **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.
5. **Next Sunday we have our groundbreaking** ceremony in between the services at the end of the school building. Events begin at 9:15am. Come and praise God for this incredible grace! [There will be no Bible study.]
6. **Financial Peace** - According to a recent survey, 77% of Americans are anxious about their financial situation. Chances are that includes you or someone you know. Our Father in heaven will always provide for his children's needs. After all, he did give us what we needed most -- his Son! But he also asks us to manage our money and possessions to his glory. On Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm, starting September 6, we will hold a "Financial Peace University". This class offers a disciplined and intentional program for tracking and planning our spending so that we can be wise with what God provides. The cost of the program will quickly pay for itself. For more information and to sign up, go to fpu.com/1152309 or speak with Pastor Bode.
7. **World Religions Study** - Join Staff Minister Luther Curia Tuesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 6 as we examine the basic teachings of Christianity and compare them to the teachings of other world religions. This course will establish basic patterns that flow through all non-Christian religions. With this basic understanding as a foundation, class members will focus on four non-Christian religions: Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. These four were chosen because of the greater likelihood of class members meeting and having the opportunity to witness to people of these religions. Application exercises are weighted with questions about the Jewish and Muslim religions as most North American Christians have the most contact with non-Christians from these religions.
8. **Sunday School** - The theme for Sunday School this year is "Built on the Rock". Classes begin on September 11 between services. For planning this wonderful ministry, we appreciate parents registering their children by using the link on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org. An informational pamphlet is printed in the member room and available on our website as well.
9. **Adult Choir Coming Soon!** Do you have a love of singing and a love for your Savior? If so, consider joining our St. Paul's Adult Choir! It is open to all high school age students and up. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 12. You don't have to have a solo voice or be able to read notes like a pro! We'd love to have you! Childcare is available if needed (provided by the Curia children). In order to help with music selections, please indicate [ON THIS FORM](https://tinypurl.com/5n8cvc9j) (<https://tinypurl.com/5n8cvc9j>) which voice part(s) you generally sing. If you don't know, just think: Soprano (higher female voice), Alto (lower female voice), Tenor (higher male voice), Bass (lower male voice). If you're still on the fence about joining, don't worry about filling this out. Just show up! Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: 287-8575 or luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
10. **Youth Confirmation Classes** will begin this next week for the 7th & 8th graders in our day school. They will begin September 7 for members entering 6th, 7th, & 8th grades who attend public school. These classes are designed to help young people grow in Christ, prepare for communion, share their faith, and remain faithful even to the point of death. We have almost 30 young people in these classes this year. Please pray for them! Any questions may be directed to Pastor Bode.
11. **Wednesday Morning Bible Class begins** September 7th. People usually arrive around 8:45am and we start just prior to 9:00. The study takes place in the commons. We are studying the book of Acts this year.
12. **Pastors Helping Plymouth** - Pastor Bode will be preaching at Good Shepherd this weekend.

13. **St Paul's After School Care** - We are looking for after school care help for the 2022-2023 school year. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30pm. Please contact Mr. Marohn if you are interested or would like more information. Job sharing is a possibility if you prefer not to commit to five days.
14. **Youth Night** - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.
15. **August Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 8/22 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the playground.
 - *Family Friendly
 - *Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores - Feel free to bring something else along!)
 - *Bring Your Own Chair
 - *Bring Your Own Beverage
16. **The MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest"** The date for picking up the Sweet Corn at St. Paul's will be Sunday the 28th. The corn will be in the shed after services that Sunday. So we know how much corn to pick, there is a signup sheet in the member room where you can list how much corn you would be willing use. We will be picking the corn the morning before on the 27th and could use a few helpers. If you can spare a few hours Saturday morning to pick some corn please let Jim Van Alstine [(920)-889-1225] know if you can help.
17. **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
18. **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. There are also *golden tickets* available to hand to someone and personally invite them to this class! We have around ten people signed up so far!