

Congregational Announcements: September 4, 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, September 4	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Click here for livestream link!
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, September 5	Labor Day No School - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, September 6	6:00 p.m. Financial Peace Class
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, September 7	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Church Council
Thursday, September 8	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Sunday, September 11	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour (First Day of Sunday School!)

- 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. There is a sign-up in

the member room (and online: <https://forms.gle/GsSnWjG7c1fpXWgaA>) to estimate attendance and to bring a dessert (if interested). We hope that everyone will be able to attend!

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 1993 St. Paul's adopted the red *Christian Worship* hymnal. Before this, St. Paul's used *The Lutheran Hymnal*, published in 1941. This year we began using the newest edition of *Christian Worship* which includes all the best, time-tested hymns cherished by Lutheran worshippers. It also includes the best of new favorites in hymnody. Wholesome change brings God's continued gifts into our lives of worship, while familiar continuity connects us to generations past.
3. **Sunday Bible Study:** Today we resume our unit on Anniversary Reflections, reflecting on the history of the early Christian Church, the Wisconsin Synod, and St. Paul's, as we prepare to celebrate our congregation's 160th anniversary. Last time, we looked at the birth of the church. Today we will gather in the church sanctuary to consider what builds and strengthens our congregation.
4. **Child Care** - We offer child care in the PreK room during Bible class today for children about 2nd grade and under. We invite 3rd graders and up to come with parents to the adult Bible study in the sanctuary.
5. **This Sunday** is the last Sunday we include a livestream option. After this we will no longer live stream the 8:00am service. Please note the 8:00am service is still recorded and uploaded to our website by 11:00am! That allows us to prioritize in person worship where possible, as well as allow for video/podcast options very quickly thereafter. [This is also a major improvement from pre-Covid. People used to have to wait until Tuesday to view this on cable TV.] If you have questions or comments, please speak with Head Elder Eric Eickhoff or the pastors.
6. **Office Hours** - Now that school is back in session, the office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Arrival, 8:00 a.m., and dismissal, 3:30 p.m., are the busiest times during the day. Please try your best to avoid those times. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Radue: 565-3780 or secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
7. **Mass Choir for Anniversary Service:** We are hoping to have a large mass choir sing for the church anniversary services on 9/18. You don't need to be part of the adult choir to participate! We will have one practice 9/11 after late service in the sanctuary. We will also rehearse it at adult choir practice 9/12. Sheet music can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/3KBhPkJ>. There are also printed copies in the member room. Contact Luther Curia with any questions.
8. **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.
9. **Men's Crafts-Men Bible Study** - Thursday, September 8 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll continue our study on the life of David—a boy who by faith, courage, and divine appointment was thrust into the kingship of Israel. He was king, warrior, psalmist, prophet, and one who foreshadowed the coming of Christ. And he was flawed. But the Book of Acts describes David as “a man after [God's] own heart” (Acts 13:22). We'll discuss how David lived a passionate life of trusting, seeking, and worshiping God. Snacks will be provided. Bring along a beverage of choice.

- 10. 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.
- 11. Contented Parenting Bible Study** - As a parent, do you ever wish you could just stop worrying and fixating on things you can't control? Jesus gave us the key, and it all has to do with our focus. When our focus is on the world, worry is usually the result, but when we focus on Christ . . . well, that changes everything. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus called us to seek his kingdom and his righteousness first. After that, everything else falls into place. Join us as we learn of Contentment in Christ Thursday evenings at 6:30 September 22-October 20. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org; 920.287.8575.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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://tinyurl.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
- 14. Youth Confirmation Classes** began last month 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 about this ministry may be directed to Pastor Bode.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. WELS Campus Ministry** - This ministry exists to connect college students across North America with spiritual comfort, community, and encouragement. If you or a family member is in college this year, please help us get them connected. You can click [on this link](#) in the announcements on our website to fill out the

form, watch for an email with the link, or ask Mrs. Radue. Our office will enter their information into our synod's database so that the college students can receive devotions, articles and communication from a local pastor where available. Thank you!

- 18. Hot Lunch Helpers:** We are looking for volunteers to assist Kelly Wall in preparing, serving, and cleaning up for hot lunch. The start time is 10:30 a.m. and ends around 1:30 p.m.. Feel free to sign-up as little or as much as you would like! Did I mention you get to eat for free? A CCB need was sent out to sign-up or you can contact Mrs. Radue in the office. Thank you!
- 19. 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
- 20. The next information class/member class** will start on Tuesday September 13th. We are also teaching it now on Thursdays starting September 15th. The times are from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.
- 21. Are you a Thrivent Member?** We are compiling a list of those who are. Thrivent members are able to do a type of grant called an 'Action Team.' When it is approved, Thrivent sends a \$250 card for an event. We have used these for the Car Show, Living Nativity, Marriage Retreats, and now we found out they can also be used for our school sporting events. We would like to strategize and maximize these for events at St. Paul's. Please speak with the pastors, Luther Curia or Andy Dais. [This is not a plug for this company, simply a request for those who already use it.]
- 22. LWMS Fall Rally** will be held October 8 at First German Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Pastor Daniel Lor and his son Semson, a student in the Pastoral Studies Institute, will speak about the Hmong ministry at First German. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program will be presented from 9-12. Lunch will follow the rally.
- 23. History committee volunteers** will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, to set up displays for the 150th anniversary celebration.