



ST. PAUL'S
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EVERYTHING FOR THE LORD

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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: *How much does it cost to follow Jesus? Some think it's an hour or two a week. Others feel it's an offering every now and then. Some maintain that it is merely dropping off and picking up their children. Still others insist that it is simply having their name on a list. Today, Jesus shocks the large crowds that followed him. He insists that there is no such thing as a mere curious or casual disciple. Following Jesus means expending "Everything for the Lord."*

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Lord | 633



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
 true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our
 of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.
 dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic
 And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll



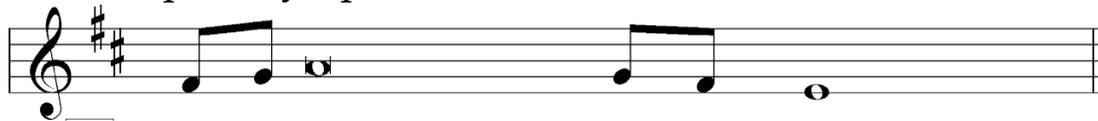
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

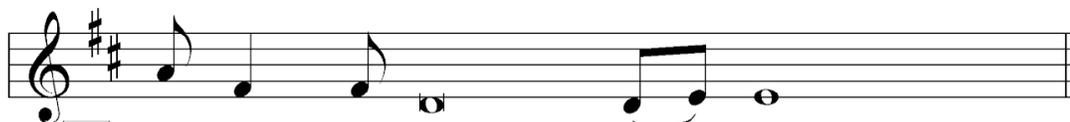
Please stand.

O Lord, open my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

VENITE: COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Join the cantor in singing the refrains and verses.

Refrain



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our



sav - ing Rock; come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verse 1



You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the

depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun-tains high,

Repeat to Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.

Verse 2

Come, let us wor - ship and, bow-ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has

made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,

Repeat to Refrain
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Everything was on the line for the LORD's people -- life and death, blessings and curses. So walk in obedience to him.

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1A

Refrain

Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone

Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked

or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,

but whose delight is in the law / of the Lord,

and who meditates on his law / day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season

and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the Lord watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1, 7-21

Paul appealed in love to Philemon -- who owed everything to Paul -- to welcome back an escaped slave as a brother in Christ.

¹To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

⁷Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but

would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me.

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult | 711:1,5



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his voice in -
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -



vites us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

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Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35

Whoever wants to be a disciple of Jesus must be willing to give up everything, carry their cross, and follow him.

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person

cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
 not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to

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SERMON

Philemon 1, 7-21

Do Even More Than You're Asked

Loving appeal - Brotherly welcome - Personal debt

Please stand.

TE DEUM: YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Soloist: First Refrain & Verses

ALL: Repeated Refrain, Refrains Following Verses & Sections in Bold Print

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Verses

1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **People: We praise you, we praise you!**
3. O — Christ, King of glo - ry,

With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 O — Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We praise you, we praise you!**
 You be - came a man to set us free;

With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O — Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We praise you, we praise you!**
 You have ris - en to free us;

With the mar - tyrs and your ho - ly Church,
 To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed,
 And with all your saints in glo - ry,

We sing in end - less praise!

(v. 1 & 2) to Refrain
(v. 3) to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac -

claim you. To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers

praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Be seated.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).

Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer

Creator God, we give thanks for all the work you give us to do: for work that sustains and work that fulfills, for work which, however tiring, also satisfies and resonates with your work in creation.

Lord, we give you thanks.

As we give thanks to you we also pray for those who have no work, who have too much or too little work, who work at jobs that demean or destroy, work that profits the few at the expense of the many.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Extend your guidance and grace in the many and varied places of our work: in factory or field, in sheltered office or under open sky, using technical knowledge or physical strength, working with machines or with people or with the earth itself.

Lord, direct us with your love.

Lead us, O Lord, to bring the full weight of our intelligence and strength to our work and to make our place of work a place of safety and respect for all with whom we labor.

Lord, make us faithful and helpful in all we do.

Keep us from engaging in work that harms others, that promotes injustice or violence, that damages the earth or otherwise betrays the common good.

Lord, forgive us when we fall into sin.

Protect us from greed that elevates our work above that of others, from discontent when we see the successes of others, and from pride when we view the disappointment of others.

Lord, give hearts that are pure and alive in your love.

Give us faith to use the wages we gain as gifts of your grace, for supporting our families, for helping those less fortunate, for sustaining good government, and for promoting the ministry of the gospel in our city and world.

Lord, make us faithful stewards of all your gifts.

Provide healing and health to those who have been injured at work, those who have been hurt by the negligence of others, those who have been harmed by unfair practices, and all who are enduring pain in body or mind. Protect all people at work or at play.

Lord, fill us with compassion for all your people.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

In our labor and in our laughter, O Lord, in our work and in our rest, pour out on us the blessings of your Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

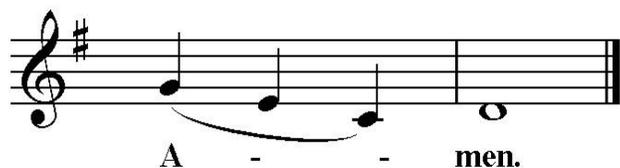
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

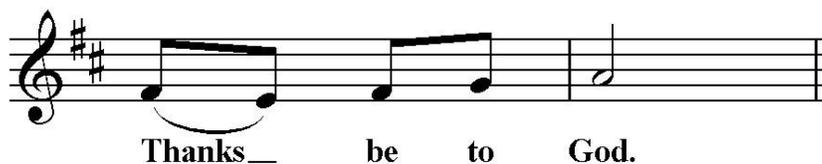
PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger;

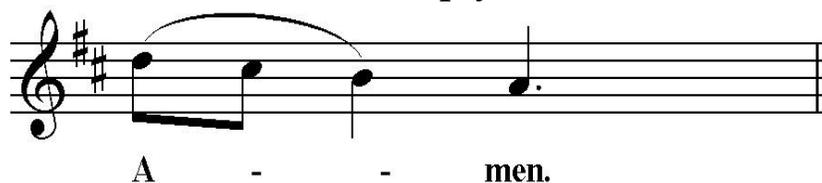
and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



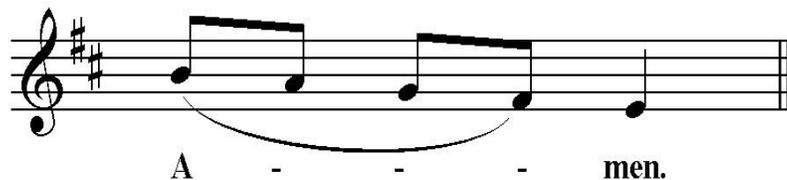
Let us praise the Lord.



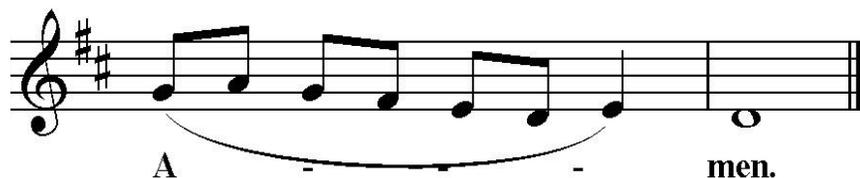
The Lord bless and keep you.



The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

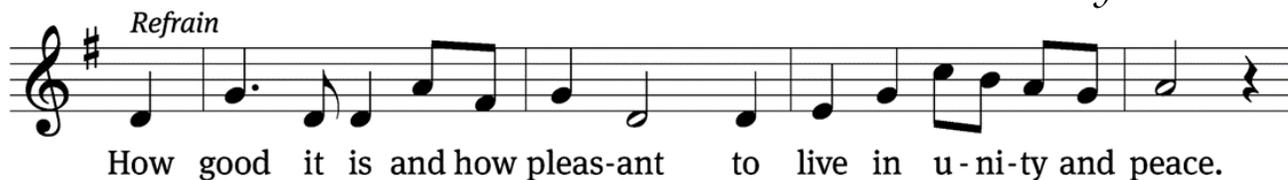


The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



CLOSING HYMN

In Unity and Peace | 732





How good it is and how pleas-ant to live to-geth-er in one Lord.

(Last time only)



to live to - geth - er in one Lord.



1 In the name of our Lord__ Je - sus Christ, a -
2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call, be
3 Share the love that has joined_ us as one, u -



gree in ev - 'ry-thing you say.____ May there__ be no di-
hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa-tient. Bear with each oth - er in
nite in spir - it and i - deals.____ Nev - er be ri - vals, do



vi - sions a - mong you, but be u - nit - ed in one mind.
ways that are lov - ing, pre - serve the u - ni - ty of faith.
not be con - ceit - ed, but look to oth - ers in their need.



For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.
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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

Pastor: Rev. Adam Bode

Organist: Gillian Curia

Musicians: Rev. Adam & Aurora Bode, Paschal Curia, Stan Grzonka, and Nick & Tanya Schmidt

Altar Guild: Sandy Bolz, Stefani Leverenz, Jenny Walleser.

Ushers: 8:00 a.m. - Greg Johnson, Chad Marohn, David Wehrmann, Richard Steolb.

10:30 a.m. - Kevin Reinemann, Tim Reinemann, Jim Truttschel, Tyler Truttschel.

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: 8/28-8/29 - \$12,900 (needed each week \$16,300). \$11,660

Growing Forward. \$50 Faith for the Future. \$575 to MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest".

Attendance 8/28 & 8/29 8:00 a.m. – 204. 10:30 a.m. - 142. 6:30 p.m. – 42.



This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, September 4	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, September 5	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!)

1. **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 worshipers. 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.
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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 these and maximize them 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.

MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **MLHS Capital Campaign:** Yes, the Capital Campaign is still ongoing, there has been a great deal of work done behind the scenes. Right now the Steering Committee is hard at work to get the most accurate information to all of our supporters in a timely manner. For the most up-to-date information regarding the campaign check: <https://www.mlhslancers.org/campaign>
2. **Yearbooks at MLHS:** Any graduates from the class of 2022 if you have not yet picked up your yearbook from MLHS it can be picked up in the main office during regular school hours, if you would like to make other arrangements, please email Mrs. Kock at kkock@mlhslancers.org.
3. **SCRIP (School Cash Rebate Incentive Program) NEWS:** Attention MLHS Families! As you are aware, SCRIP was originally set up to reduce your child's tuition balance. What you may not know is that you can use it for MORE! That is right! You can use it to put towards your child's hot lunch, or dance tickets, or t-shirt purchases, or yearbook purchases, or field trips, and much more! Contact your MLHS SCRIP office today to set up your account or make some purchases and SAVE!!! Find out all your SCRIP information by visiting www.mlhslancers.org/scrip! During the summer, the SCRIP office will be open to the public Monday through Thursday from 9AM-1PM, with additional time Thursday evenings from 4-6PM. Thank you for planning accordingly. (the latest Scrip newsletter 'The SCRIP Scoop' as well as the September order form are attached as PDFs.
4. **JR. LANCER REGISTRATIONS are OPEN** If you would like your student to be involved with Jr. Lancer football, cross country, or band, be sure to go to www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers to learn more about all of the great opportunities offered. You can also register them on that webpage. Contact Ryan Holper with any Jr. Athletic questions you may have Rholper@mlhslancers.org. Contact Joel Ungemach with any Jr. Lancer Band questions you may have jungemach@mlhslancers.org.