

Congregational Announcements: October 15, 2023



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

Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Michael Wieting - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 15	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	K-4th Sing @ St. John-St. Peter, Cleveland
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	12:30 p.m. Playground Installation
Monday, October 16	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 17	6:00 p.m. BIC
Wednesday, October 18	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	10:30 a.m. Seasoned Saints in Harvest Room
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Pickleball
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 19	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study in Harvest Room
	7:00 p.m. Mom's Night Out
Sunday, October 22	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship K-1st Sing Both Services
	9:15 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Voters' Meeting in Harvest Room

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Sunday Bible Study** - on September 3 we began a new Bible study on the book of Revelation. The book is encouraging, challenging, picturesque, and at times it puts you on the edge of your seat. Best of all, it points

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us all to Jesus to trust him and see his guiding hand in this shaky world until we joyfully shake his hand on the last day. The study is in the Harvest Room with a 9:20 am start time. There is child care available for younger children while parents are in Bible study. *Today we continue to look at chapter 3.*

2. **Wednesday morning Bible** study is on *The Theology of the Cross*. Join us at 9:00 am in the Harvest Room!
3. **Sunday School** began on September 10 under the theme “The LORD is Our Strength”! A QR code labeled “Sunday School Registration” will be in the hallways again this weekend to direct your device to our registration form. If you would like to invite a friend, there are fliers in the member room.
4. **Men’s Bible Study** - When we think about Christmas we think about Jesus. But what about Joseph? His betrothal to Mary—whom he rather abruptly discovers is *pregnant*—is only the first challenge he faces as the foster-father of the Messiah of the world. Learn more about the life of this remarkable man in *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel*. This study is sure to make you think more deeply this coming Christmas. Join us in the Harvest Room Thursday evenings at 6:30 - October 19 & 26; November 2 & 16. Snacks will be provided. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org; 920.287.8575.
5. **Lutheran Churches Bible Study:** There are many different Lutheran churches in our area. Are they all pretty much the same? On several Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30, Pastor Bode will lead a class looking at the historical relationship between the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We will consider the blessings of the fellowship we once shared, differences that led to the synods splitting in 1961, as well as current relationships and teachings. Come and grow in your appreciation of how the Lord works through his Word and rules over time and history for the good of his Church. *Our next class is October 24.*

In Other News

1. **The last of our regular yearly three voters’** meetings takes place next Sunday, October 22 following the 10:30 am service. We will meet in the Harvest Room. Ministry reports for the past quarter will be emailed out this week and hard copies will be available through the church office.
2. **Outdoor Play Equipment Installation TODAY** - The children of our school haven’t had any outdoor play equipment since the construction began on the new addition. We are waiting to reinstall the playground equipment until we have a good idea for how our building is best used now and in the future. We are planning to install a temporary outdoor play area. It will be a 10’x10’ area featuring monkey bars, chin up bars, and a balance beam. It will help with outdoor play time as well as muscle development for the children of St. Paul’s School. If you are able to assist with installation, we’d love your help!
When: Sunday 10/15 at 12:30pm; Where: Meet at St. Paul’s by the garage
Contacts: Brandon Lis - 920-226-0483; Zack Theobald - 920-698-1585
3. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
4. **Divine Call** - Last week Pastor Bode decided to return his call to Omaha, NE. He is grateful and blessed to continue serving at St. Paul’s. Thank you for your prayers as he deliberated over the past few weeks.
5. **Night To Shine:** Exciting News! Manitowoc Lutheran High School was recently selected to be one of the official host sites this school year for “Night To Shine” on Friday, February 9th, 2024. “Night To Shine” is a complimentary special needs prom event that occurs every year and is open to anyone living with disabilities, ages 14 and older. It’s a night where those living with special needs get to be reminded of God’s love for them, too! It’s sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation & this year there are only 4 host sites in the entire state of Wisconsin! That being said, help is going to be needed to make this night a success. If you have a heart for individuals with special needs, are curious to know more, or would be interested in helping with this event—please contact Nathan Meitner at nmeitner@mlhslancers.org or 920-428-2010.
6. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A

request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.

7. **The Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG)** is holding a retreat for veterans and their spouses at Camp Shiloh (east of Dallas, Texas) from October 26 through 29. All the details are at <https://lutheranmilitary.org/what-we-do/spiritual-retreats>. Questions can be directed to LMSG leader Brad Price (bprice@lutheranmilitary.org).
8. **MLHS Fall Festival** is on Sunday, October 22nd. The Fall Concert will begin at 4:00pm in the MLHS gym. Desserts and refreshments will be available starting at 2:00pm. The silent auction bidding will be starting at 2:00pm – only in-person bidding this year! Baskets will be showcased on social media prior to the Festival for all to see. Winners will be announced at the concert and winning baskets can then be picked up at MLHS on October 23rd – 25th. Proceeds will be put towards offsetting the cost of the Fine Arts trip to Nashville in April. Money raised will benefit MLHS STUDENTS in the MLHS Fine Arts Program! MLHS is also looking for donations of theme baskets for their silent auction. If you are interested in making a basket, more information can be found in the member room.
9. **Living Nativity** - We are inviting everyone to join us on October 22nd just before family Bible Hour for the Living Nativity breakfast. The menu will include egg bakes, fruit, coffee cakes and more. A free will offering will be collected. This is our only fund-raising effort for the Living Nativity. Committee leaders will be on hand to answer any questions and sign you up for the cast or crew. Don't forget to sign up for your favorite spot! We still have many spots to fill in the cast and crew areas. If you can give us a night or two or three, please sign up. It is a fun event, and you are sharing the good news of Jesus' birth. What a wonderful way to serve.
10. **Veteran's Day Dinner** - St. Paul's is hosting a Veteran's Day Dinner on Thursday, November 9th. Veteran's from our congregation and community are invited to attend as our special guests. Veteran's are also invited to bring a guest to attend with them. The schedule for the evening is as follows:
 - a. 5:00 - 5:30 Arrival
 - b. 5:30 - 5:50 Invite to Visit Memorabilia
 - c. 5:50 - 6:00 Live Music
 - d. 6:00 - 6:30 Dinner/Dessert
 - e. 6:30 - 7:15 Guest Speaker
 - f. 7:15 Closing



We would be honored to display service uniforms, pictures, medals, and other memorabilia. Please contact Mr. Wieting, michael.wieting@sphg.org or 715-439-9193, if you would like to bring in items to display. Please register by scanning the QR Code above or call the office at 920-565-3780. Thank you for your service!

11. **Shortened Pews during Worship Services** - A reminder that the shortened pews are designed for those requiring movement assistance. Please reserve the shortened ends of the pews for those that need to sit in a wheelchair or store a walker and their families. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated.
12. **Seasoned Saints** are meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m.. If you are planning to attend, please bring a canned good/paper product item for Bingo prizes. Feel free to bring a snack or a sweet treat to share if desired, it is not required.
13. **Mom's Night Out** - Mindful Moms will be hosting a Choctoberfest Moms' Night Out on Thursday, October 19th. Bring your favorite chocolate dessert (homemade or store bought) and we will vote for everyone's favorite. The winner will receive a Starbucks gift card! Wine, apple cider and various snacks will be provided. We also will be making a simple home decor project for everyone to take home. Join us in the Courtyard in St. Pauls' new addition at 7pm for an evening of fellowship and fun! Email mindful.moms@stpaulshowardsgrove.org with any questions.

14. **St. Paul's Veterans** - We are looking to update our records to have an accurate list of everyone who has served our country. Please scan the QR Code to fill out the form or contact the office - secretary@sphg.org or 920-565-3780. Thank you for your service!



15. **The Ladies Aid has played** an integral role at St. Paul's for the past 100 years (we celebrate their anniversary next Sunday). Here's a summary of their history:

On January 25, 1923 twenty women of St. Paul's met to organize the Ladies Aid. Through the past 100 years the goal has remained the same: "The purpose shall be to build the kingdom of God by

- the study of the Word of God, and
- by assisting the congregation in charitable missionary and financial matters."

In early years, much attention was focused on immediate needs - caring and providing for the church, kitchen, and the old school.

The Ladies Aid has been attentive not only to material needs but also to spiritual needs. Thousands of dollars were given to mission endeavors of WELS and mission projects beyond the synod.

God has also used the Ladies aid to promote Christian fellowship among its members and sister congregations.

The Ladies Aid meets once a month on the second Thursday. Come join us. We'd love to have you!

Some of their activities and donations past and present include:

- Gifts to Apache Missions
- Central Africa Medical Mission
- Gifts to St. Paul's School
- Manitowoc Lutheran High School fundraisers
- Purchased numerous kitchen supplies, dishes, high chairs
- Lutheran Women's Missionary Society and Christian Family Solutions gifts
- Postage for Military Boxes
- Provided Meditations devotion books from Northwestern Publishing House
- Served meals for funerals, Mission fests, pot lucks, and Lenten suppers