

Congregational Announcements: October 8, 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 8	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 2nd-4th Sing Both Services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, October 9	9:30 a.m. Pastor Circuit Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 10	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. LCMS Study in Harvest Room
Wednesday, October 11	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. Evangelism Room 113
Thursday, October 12	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	6:30 p.m. Families of the Bible Bible Study in Harvest Room
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Friday, October 13	6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night
Saturday, October 14	11:00 a.m. Kitchen, Commons Reserved
	Bekcer/Orr Weddings
	6:00 p.m. WELS Youth Night
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

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Family 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 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 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. **Parents Bible Study**- As parents, it can often be difficult to find the time to be in the Word of God for personal study. Join Staff Minister Luther Curia for **Families of the Bible**. The study explores familiar Biblical family relationships and the challenges those families faced. Each lesson examines Scriptural truths from a biblical family circumstance and applies them to modern family life. The topics covered in the Families of the Bible study are applicable to every family at some point in time. Join us in the new Harvest Room Thursday evenings at 6:30 - October 5 & 12. Each Bible class session will have its own focus, so no worries if you can't make each class. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare is available. 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 10.*

In Other News

1. **Christmas at St. Paul's Student Registration** - We are excited to once again present "Christmas at St. Paul's" this year on Sunday, December 17. Service times will be at 8:00 (1st-8th grade) & 10:30 (3K-8th grade) with activities and snacks between services in the Sunday School rooms. The services will be in our gymnasium again to provide more seating and a larger-scale Christmas Worship event that you can invite your friends and loved ones to attend. It will be a multi-generational service, incorporating our children, St. Paul's adult choir, small groups of singers, and many instrumentalists -- all presenting the most amazing and beautiful piece of our world's history: the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We truly hope that your child(ren) will be able to participate in our St. Paul's Christmas service this year!

It is very important for all child participants to submit the participation form by Monday, October 9. This allows us to have finalized service materials in time for adequate preparation. Late registration unfortunately won't be allowed. Registration can be found using the QR code.



Please forward any questions regarding the service to Luther Curia:

luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

2. **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.
3. **Divine Call** - This 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.
4. **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.

5. **Fall Family Movie Night:** The Activities committee is planning a fun activity for your family Friday, October 13!

Schedule: 6:00: Doors open; pizza is served

6:15: Movie begins (Hotel Transylvania 3, rated PG)

COST: freewill offering collection

We'll have the gym set up for the occasion, with a huge movie screen. Besides pizza, we will have a "Build Your Own Movie Snackbox Bar". For the adults, we will have Old Fashioneds and Moscow Mules.

BRING ALONG: blankets, chairs, pjs, pillows, stuffed animals



Please register by OCTOBER 9 to help the committee plan for the event. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

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. **October WELS Youth Night** - St. Paul's will be hosting another WELS Youth Night event on Saturday October 14th. This will be a fun evening for teens from all around the area to get together for an evening of fun, food, games and study in God's Word. Signup is open now for this event, please register if you plan to attend. We'd love for you to bring some friends along! This is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/cjG5QjGAWqVBqSaw9> or scan the QR code on the posters around the building.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **Missing tablecloths** — Two lace tablecloths used by Ladies Aid and History Committee were stored in the

Commons cabinets. Does someone know where they were moved? Please contact Pat Loersch or Carl Toepel if you have any information about the tablecloths.

12. **Fall LWMS Rally** — The fall rally of Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 3607 45th Street (HwyVV), Two Rivers. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the rally begins at 9 a.m. Lunch and fellowship will follow the rally. Speaker will be Pastor Mark Zondag, member of the WELS Asia One Team. For more information, see the poster on the Commons bulletin board. Offerings will be collected until Oct. 8 in the box for cash or checks located in the narthex. Checks should be made out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.
13. **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.
14. **Open Gym Volleyball** - Come check out our two new, side by side courts on October 8th from 6-8pm! Open to high school age and above, ALL skill levels, and both men and women. One court will be designated for fun, B league level play. The other will be designated for competitive, A league level play. Please contact Amanda Bode, mrsabode@gmail.com or 920-750-8437, if you are interested and/or have any questions. See you on the court!
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:

- a. 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
 - i. the study of the Word of God, and
 - ii. 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