

Congregational Announcements: November 19, 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, November 19	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, November 20	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 22	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
	<u>NO</u> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Adult Choir Sings
Thursday, November 23	Happy Thanksgiving! NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
	9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Adult Choir Sings
Friday, November 24	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, November 26	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Thanksgiving Offering Collection** - As Thanksgiving approaches, we joyfully gather to express gratitude and celebrate the many blessings in our lives, chiefly the gift of free and full salvation found only through Jesus' sacrifice for all people. As an integral part of our worship, we come together to collect offerings, giving of the abundance that the Lord showers upon us. During our Thanksgiving Worship services (11/22 @ 6:30 p.m. & 11/23 @ 9:00 a.m.), we will be collecting offerings as we have done in the past, passing the collection plates.

2. **Sunday Bible Study** - in September we began a 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 will take place in the Harvest Room. There is child care available for younger children while parents are in Bible study. *Today we will look at chapter 14.*
3. **Wednesday morning Bible** resumes Nov. 29.
4. **Sunday School** is held each weekend for children in grades PreK through 8.
5. **Thanksgiving Worship** - Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 23, at 9:00 am as worship opportunities to bring great thanks to our God for his gifts of life, forgiveness, and all other blessings.
6. **Women's Advent by Candlelight** - St. John's-St. Peter in Cleveland is hosting Women's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December, 3rd at 3:00 p.m.. Please contact Kelly Wall, 920-782-0821 or kellywalljuneau@gmail.com, with any questions. Also, please RSVP to Kelly by November 19th.
7. **German Christmas Service** -- Everyone is welcome to attend the German Christmas Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Collins on Saturday, December 9th at 2pm. The service will include familiar hymns sung in their original German, with Gemütlichkeit and Christmas goodies to follow. Knowledge of German is not required. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior like the area German Lutherans did over 100 years ago...with a Christmas message that still brings us peace and joy today. St. Peter's is located at 2501 Collins Road, Chilton, WI 53014. For more information, please contact Pastor Marcus Bode at bodemarcusprof@gmail.com or (989) 274-4668.
8. **Youth Group Bible Study** - High School Students, we started up a new Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday 11/12 during Family Bible Hour. The 4-week study entitled Gone Fishing will look at our callings in life and how we can serve as fishers of men! We will also start some planning for the 2024 WELS Youth Rally. We will meet in Room 113 – the classroom that has all the cubicles setup in it now. If you have any questions, contact Mike Leahy – mleahy@live.com

In Other News

1. **Divine Calls Received** - Noah Panzer, husband of our 4K teacher, Emily Panzer, has received a call to Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI, to teach Phy Ed, coach, and recruit. Andy Dais, our 5-6 grade teacher and athletic director, has received a call to Bethlehem in Hortonville, WI, to teach 7-8 grades and be their athletic director. Please keep these called workers in your prayers and encourage them in the coming weeks.
2. **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.
3. **Living Nativity Posters and Postcards** are available in the member room. Please take some postcards to pass on to your family and friends.
4. **Living Nativity Cookies-** Sign-up sheets are available in the member room. Please sign up if you are interested in baking 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies. (No bars or cakes please). Cookies may be dropped off beginning Thursday, November 30th.
5. **Living Nativity Needs:** The list is getting much smaller! Thank you to all who have volunteered this year. We are so blessed by each of you. We still are in need of a few **women outside greeters on Friday and Sunday**, make up all nights (you don't need to be there all night). Also remember that on Sunday, we are done at 7 p.m..
6. **Nativity Sets** - We would love to display any and all Nativity sets during our Living Nativity weekend for visitors to enjoy. If you have displayed one before, please bring it again. There are always new people who come and others that love to see favorites from years past. If you would like to bring a nativity set(s), please sign-up in the member room and **indicate if you are bringing more than one and what message you want**

displayed with your set(s). Your message can be emailed to hamannlinda70@gmail.com or placed in her mailbox (C20) **no later than Monday, November 20th.** New this year, please take a 4x6 picture of your set(s) for identification purposes. Please bring Nativity sets and photos to the commons area on Thursday, November 30th in the afternoon or evening or on Friday, December 1st in the morning or afternoon. You may set it up yourself or help will be available to you. Nativity sets will be monitored during Living Nativity weekend. Sets may be taken home Sunday evening after the final performance or Monday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hamann (920-565-2749).

7. **Forward in Christ Subscription Renewal** - If you are interested in renewing or to start receiving the Forward in Christ magazine, please fill out the half sheet in the member room. Submit your sheet and the \$15.00 payment, exact cash or check made out to St. Paul's Church with FIC in the memo line, in an envelope and place it in the marked drawer in the member room by Sunday, November 19h. If you have any questions, please contact the office.
8. **St. Paul's History Committee** - Over 50 items were placed in the 2023 cornerstone container. You may see the list of items on the library counter under the cross.
9. **“Dear Members of St. Paul's,** We have arrived at the end of the first quarter of the school year, which for me is a fitting time to let you know my thoughts on serving here. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful school ministry. I look forward to coming to school each day. The students and my colleagues are awesome. I also want to express my thanks for the cards and gifts that were given to me at the beginning of the year. Whether it was gas cards, cash, or cheese...it was all very welcome. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on our St. Paul's ministry...from pre-K and beyond. I also ask for prayers on the other ministry I serve at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. I'll be the preacher when you observe MLHS Sunday in December! God bless you richly! In Christ, Pastor Kock”
10. **Photo Directory donations:** If you would like to donate to offset the cost of the printing of the photo directories, please place monies or checks into an envelope (available in the Member Room). Write the following on the front of the envelope: Photo Directory Donations, C/O Jim Van Alstine. Place the envelope in the Offering Box located in the Narthex. Thank you, The Evangelism Committee
11. **Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarships** - The following listed students have received the Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarship at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Ellie Baldwin - Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Michigan
 - b. Amanda Rehberger - St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Appleton
 - c. Kayla Sprenger - St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Howards Grove
 - d. Hope Sulzle - St. John's Lutheran Church Redwood Falls, Minnesota
 - e. Emily Wittig - Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford
12. **Lutheran Pioneers Christmas Cards** will be for sale starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Prices are listed on the boxes. There are also greeting cards for all occasions in the library that are available throughout the year.
13. **Service Opportunities:** Currently, two paid positions are available in the St. Paul's Early Childhood wing. We are looking for assistance in serving prepared lunch from 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.. We are also seeking someone to provide wrap around care for children (up to 10 students) following our 3K day from 12-3:30 p.m.. Both positions are Monday-Friday. Please see Mrs. Wieting for detailed information.