

# Congregational Announcements: November 26, 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 26	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, November 27	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 29	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Friday, December 1	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Living Nativity
Saturday, December 2	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Living Nativity
Sunday, December 3	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Living Nativity

## Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Sunday Bible Study** - in September we began a Bible study on the book of Revelation. *Today we will look at chapter 15. Come and grow!*
- 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](mailto:kellywalljuneau@gmail.com), with any questions. Also, please RSVP to Kelly by November 19th.
- 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. St. Peter's is located at 2501 Collins Road, Chilton, WI 53014. For more information, please contact Pastor Marcus Bode at [bodemarcusprof@gmail.com](mailto:bodemarcusprof@gmail.com) or (989) 274-4668.

4. **Lancer Singers** -- On Sunday, December 10, the Manitowoc Lutheran High School (MLHS) Lancer Singers, under the direction of Joel Ungemach, will be singing several songs in our worship services. They make their way around to each of the federation churches every 3 years or so. Pastor Kock, who serves part-time at MLHS (and part-time in our 7th-8th grade room), will be the preacher that day. MLHS Director of Mission Advancement, Kevin Buch, will give a presentation on ministry at our high school, including the building project that broke ground in September. Between services in the Harvest Room, there will be refreshments and opportunities to interact with our guests from MLHS.
5. **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](mailto:mleahy@live.com)
6. **Advent Devotions** -- Martin Luther College, our WELS college of ministry, occasionally produces devotional series for use in homes and congregations. They have developed a series for this December called Mysteries of Christmas. You can access these devotions to read online or print for home use at [mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/](http://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/).

### 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 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 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Living Nativity Weekend** is this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You are invited to join us on Dec. 1 & 2 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 4 - 7 p.m. at our Living Nativity. The shows run every 20 minutes and you can warm up in the gym with warm drinks, delicious cookies and beautiful musical entertainment. We also have a beautiful display of our own members' nativities in the commons. This is truly an event that has become a highlight for many families. We hope to see many of our fellow church members there too.
5. **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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or evening or on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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).
6. **Lutheran Pioneers Christmas Cards** are ready for pickup! They can be picked up in the shed across the parking lot after services. The cost is \$25 each. If you forgot to order one, there are a few extras on hand. Please contact Jim Van Alstine with any questions.

7. **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.