

Congregational Announcements: November 5, 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 5	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 3K-4K Sings at 10:30 a.m. Service
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, November 6	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, November 7	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. LCMS Study
Wednesday, November 8	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
Thursday, November 9	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study CANCELED
	5:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Dinner
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, November 11	8:00 a.m. CCCW Meeting
Sunday, November 12	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School Sings in both services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Living Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 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 chapters 12 & 13.*

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** is held each weekend for children in grades PreK through 8. The Sunday School children sing in both services on November 12.
4. **Men's Bible Study** - Due to low attendance and scheduling conflicts, the men's Bible study *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel* has been canceled moving forward. 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.*
6. **Women's Advent Tea** Join us on Saturday, November 18th, for our Women's Advent Tea from 9:30-11:00am in the Harvest Room. Guests are welcome! Come and spend the morning growing with other women in God's Word and preparing our hearts for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to pass using the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the member room.



In Other News

1. **Printed Photo Directory** - They're here! Those members that requested a printed photo directory may pick it up in the narthex after each worship service Sunday, November 5, and Monday, November 6. There is no charge for the printed photo directory. Donations to offset the cost of printing can be placed in the designated donation box located in the narthex. Reach out to Lynn Litt, chairman of the Evangelism Committee, with any questions.
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. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Living Nativity Posters and Postcards** are available in the member room. Please take some postcards to pass on to your family and friends. If you signed up to deliver posters, they are labeled for you.
6. **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.

7. **Living Nativity Rehearsal and Costume Assignments** will be held next week, November 12th, right after second service. A light lunch will be served and our ONLY rehearsal will be held around 12 noon. We will go through the script and head out cues and plan to be done quickly. We will have moved the stable again this year, so it is helpful if you are able to attend. If you can't be there for costume assignment or rehearsal, please let Gale Litt (costumes) or Marilyn Eirich know. We still are looking for a few adult angels on Friday and Sunday, a few kid angels on Friday, women greeters all nights, especially Sunday, a couple of Roman Guards any night, cast room food set up and clean up (food provided) Saturday and Sunday, make up all nights.
8. **Veteran's Day Dinner** - St. Paul's is hosting a Veteran's Day Dinner on Thursday, November 9th. Veterans from our congregation and community are invited to attend as our special guests. Veterans 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!

9. **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.
 10. **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!
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11. **It may seem early but...the Pioneers** are taking orders during October for Christmas wreaths. We have switched to after school meetings, concentrating on a single subject for 2 months. We do support the Pioneer national organization which provides us materials for working with the boys and girls. The wreaths are 24" natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price is \$25.00 and helps support the Pioneer activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday November 26th.
 12. **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).
 13. **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.

14. **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.
15. **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
16. **Youth Group Bible Study** - High School Students, we will be starting 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