## Congregational Announcements: March 26, 2023



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This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, March 26	Grades 5-8 Sing @ St. John's-St. Peter in Cleveland Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, March 27	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, March 28	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, March 29	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	5:00-6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper
	6:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship
	7:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, March 30	6:30 p.m. St. Paul's Forensics
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Sunday School Sings in Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

## **Grow with Christ**

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- **1. Sunday Bible Study:** We continue our study of roles and look at how they function for the good of the church. Join us in the gym at 9:25.
- 2. Tuesday Evening Bible Study: We continue a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30pm The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!
- 3. Lent Our Wednesday Lenten series this year is His Final Steps. We consider the significance of various people and places along Jesus' path to the cross. Before each of these 6:30 Wednesday evening worship services, there will be a dinner served from 5:00-6:00 pm by various volunteer groups. A freewill offering will be gathered to defray the cost of the food and supplement various areas of our

ministry. The following are the meals planned for each Wednesday:

3/29 - Tacos (Adult Choir)

A special thank you to these groups for volunteering to prepare a delicious meal!

- 4. **April Communion Schedule** Due to scheduling issues related to the Easter services, Holy Communion will be offered at services on April 6 (Maundy Thursday), April 16-17 (third weekend), and April 30-May 1 (fifth weekend).
- 5. **LWMS National Convention** will be held June 22-25 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The theme for the 60<sup>th</sup> annual convention is "Peace Like a River." Information on the mission speakers and workshops will be found on the LWMS website at <a href="www.lwms.org">www.lwms.org</a> Registration forms are available online. Early bird discount is offered through April 1, 2023.

## **Call Updates**

- **1. Principal & Early Childhood Director Calls-** On March 15 we extended a call to Michael Wieting to be our principal and 7-8th grades teacher. We also called his wife Melissa Wieting to be our 3K teacher and ECE director. *They are pictured at right.*
- **2. 4K Teacher -** On March 8, Mrs. Emily Panzer *accepted* our call to teach 4K starting next year. She is an MLC graduate and currently teaches in the Kiel public school. Her husband, Noah, teaches at Trinity Lutheran School in Kiel. We look forward to having Emily serving among us with God's

Word next year! *Emily is pictured on the left*.

## In Other News

1. **Special Voters Meeting** – On Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>, we held a special voters meeting after late service to review a proposed cost addition to the building project. This proposal, which was reviewed by the building committee and Church Council, laid out a complete technology plan for the audio / visual needs of the new building, as well as some important improvements to the existing building. *The* 

voters approved this proposal. For further information regarding this please speak with Mike Leahy, Dan Rehbein, or Nathan Kracht.

- 2. Capital Campaign Update from Corey Schroeder: The Lord continues to bless St. Paul's. Since the matching gift was announced in December, an additional \$70,520 has been given or pledged, which has a total impact to the campaign of \$105,780. Additionally, we have received the Antioch Foundation (Kwik Trip) grant for \$25,000 which has also been applied towards the matching fund. As a reminder, please be sure to indicate "matching gift" with any new gifts or pledges. We have much to be thankful for indeed. With the Lord's continued blessings, these and other on-going activities will help to reduce the potential mortgage from \$3.1M to the planned \$2.6M. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! [3/15]
- 3. **Window Washers Needed -** We have a few openings for window washing this year. Please contact the office if you are willing to sign-up. Please direct all other questions to John Marten, 920-360-2375.
- **4. WELS Night at The Brewers is on for 2023!** Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 7 to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. **NEW FOR 2023** Each church that purchases a group of 20 or more tickets will enter a drawing to qualify for the opportunity to have a member from their congregation represent WELS Night by throwing out a first pitch prior to the game! Please contact our office to purchase the group tickets so we can qualify for the drawing, to be seated together, and save on service fees. There is a flier with more information on the bulletin board in the commons.
- 5. Take a trip to Greece in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul! The trip is right after Easter next year, from April 1-10, 2024. We will see Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, and a three day Mediterranean cruise that will visit Patmos (where John wrote Revelation), Ephesus, and more. Contact Pastor Mueller for info!
- 6. **Easter Egg Hunt:** The Activities committee is hosting another Easter Egg Hunt this year! **Date:** Saturday, April 8 **Schedule:** 9:30 arrival & Easter Egg Hunt (ages 1-8); 10:00 Activities/Scavenger Hunt (ages 9-13)/Pictures. The younger children will search for Easter eggs around St. Paul's property. The older children will answer trivia questions in order to earn a prize. There will also be snacks, coloring pages, activities, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. If the weather is bad, the younger kids will do their hunt in the gym. Register by March 29 to help the committee plan for the event: <a href="https://forms.gle/PdYVyQoQgVyqUmKz8">https://forms.gle/PdYVyQoQgVyqUmKz8</a>. There is also a paper signup in the coatroom. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: <a href="https://forms.gle/PdYVyQoQgVyqUmKz8">luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org</a>; 920.287.8575
- 7. Help Name Some Rooms! We have two rooms in the new facility we would like to name (other than the generic names on the blueprints). The two rooms are the entryway (also currently called the gathering area) and the new meeting room/multi-purpose room. The reason for naming this is that we can't have *two* commons areas or *three* entryways into the building (narthex, current school entry and new school entry). It's also for clarity for announcements and print materials to let someone know where to meet. Some suggestions might be for the meeting space: *the garden, the shepherd room, the grove*. A suggestion for the entry is: *Eden or* ...? We will sift your suggestions down to the top five for each and have the congregation vote on the best one. Please send your suggestions to secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org. *No last names please!*
- 8. **St. Paul's History Committee** will meet on Sunday, April 30th at <u>9:10 a. m.</u> in the library. We will discuss the collecting of items for the cornerstone in the new building. Also, a possible display for St. Paul's Ladies Aid 100th Anniversary.
- 9. **Grant Update:** We have known for some time that Bitter Neumann was willing to donate all the appliances for the building project. Now that those appliances have been selected, that amount comes to \$15,000! That alone was very generous! What we didn't know is that Bitter Neumann was also willing to donate the furniture for the entryway/gathering area. Those pieces have also been recently selected. That cost comes to \$10,000! We praise God for blessing the project and thank Bitter Neumann for the donation(s)!