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A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

# COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

# FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

**This Week's Focus:** United States Presidents travel all over – to foreign countries, to states affected by disasters, and to cities important for their policies. But if the President himself were to come to our Sheboygan County, that would be a historic event. It hasn't happened before. There would be reporters and crowds. Some would cheer, others would grumble. The King that God had promised for thousands of years had finally arrived among his people. This was all for us too. Today, we celebrate because "Your King Comes to You!"

#### CW 413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna St. Paul's Sunday School will sing verse 2. Please stand for verse 3. 1 Ho - san - na, loud ho san the lit - tle chil-dren sang; 1 na, lowed mid From Ol - i - vet they fol ex - ult - ant crowd, 2 an est!" that 3 "Ho - san - na in the high an-cient song we sing, tem - ple the thro' pil-lared court and love - lv an - them rang. the vic - tor palm branch way - ing and chant-ing clear and loud. Re - deem-er, the for Christ is our Lord of heav'n, our King. blessed them, close fold - ed То Je - sus, who had to his breast. The Lord of earth and heav en rode in low-ly on state with heart and life and voice may we him Oh. ev - er praise chil - dren sang their sim-plest and the best. the prais - es, the chil - dren should on nor scorned that lit - tle his bid-ding wait. roy - al pres - ence and in his ter - nal - lv re - joice. e -Stand

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

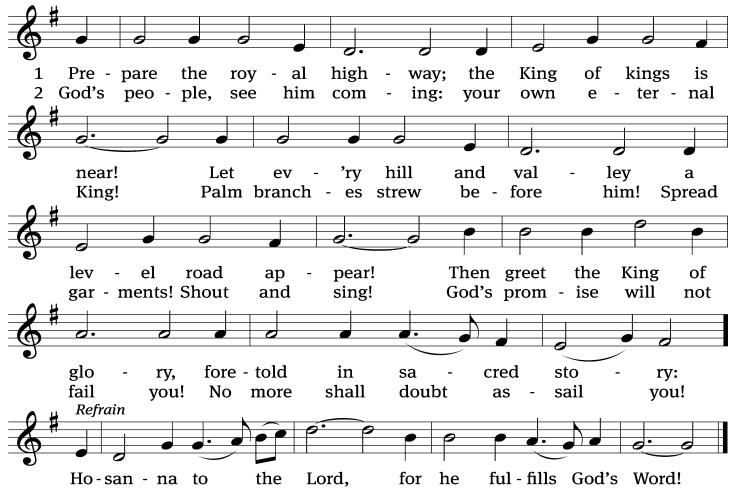
We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy. **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child.** 

# But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.** 

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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#### **FIRST LESSON**

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice! Your King comes humbly and bringing peace for the nations.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

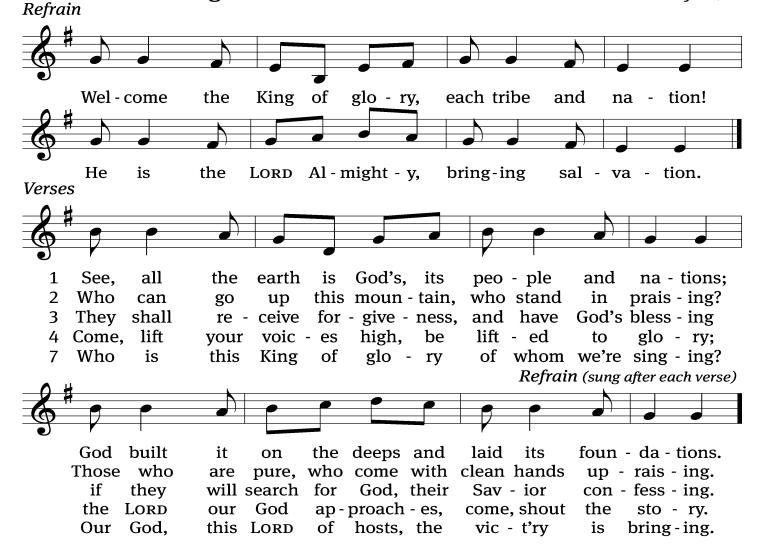
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

#### Welcome the King

Psalm 24B sts. Ref-4, 7



#### SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5–11

Show humble love to each other just as Jesus did for us, humbling himself to death on a cross though he was truly God. <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ

#### Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### ANTHEM

Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me

Sung by Men's Choir

Here comes the Lord riding on a donkey with people waving branches and calling him "King." Here comes the Lord riding through Jerusalem. If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

*Refrain:* Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free. Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me.

Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him. Children stand on tiptoe to see the King. Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air. If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! *Refrain* 

Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air. The people bow and worship the promised King! Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!" If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! *Refrain* 

Stand

#### Matthew 21:1–11

#### GOSPEL

The crowds spread cloaks and branches for Jesus and praised him, their humble King, as he entered Jerusalem.

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>"Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

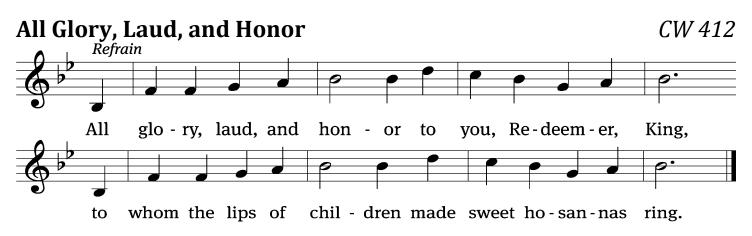
<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

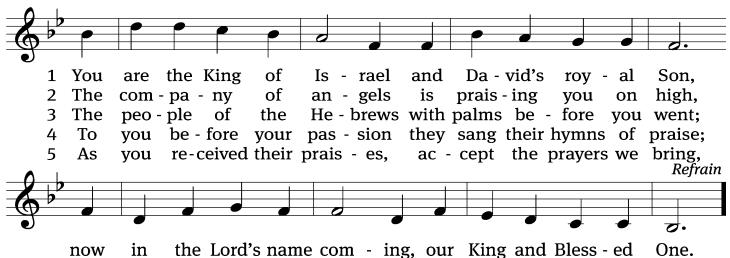
<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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#### **SERMON**

Matthew 21

Jesus, Create a Stir Among Us! Stirring us to Faith – Stirring us to Service – Stirring us to Praise

#### Stand

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified. died. and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.

# We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.

Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.

#### We thank you for living a holy life under God's law in our place and for humbling yourself to death on a cross to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.

#### Move us to dedicate all that we have to your glory.

Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and lead all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and with those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

#### Lord Jesus, you are the King over all the earth.

#### Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

### Silent prayer

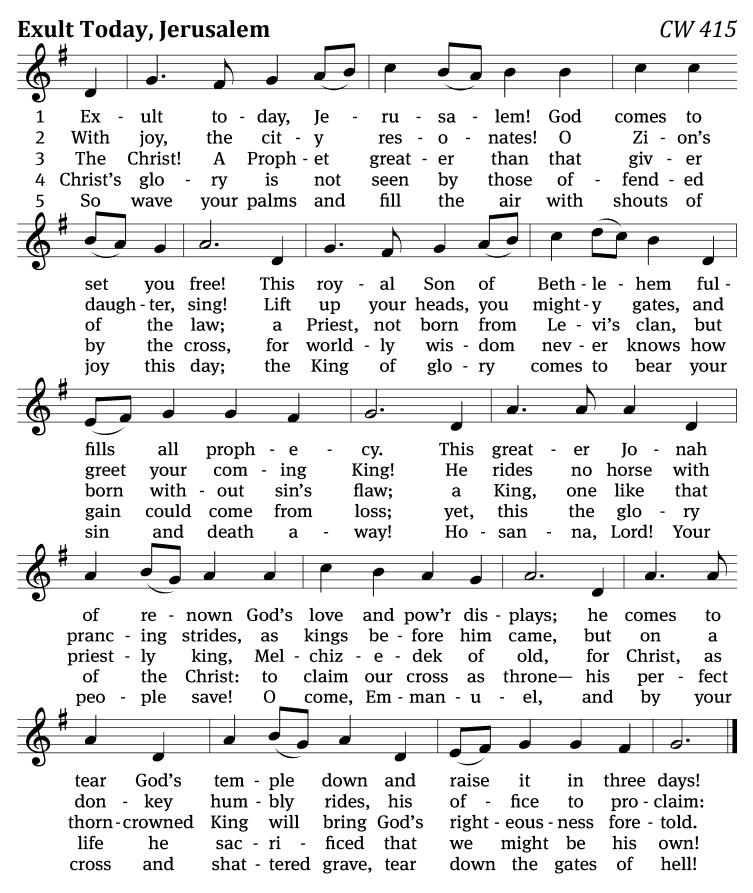
Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

#### Hear us for the sake of your mercy. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

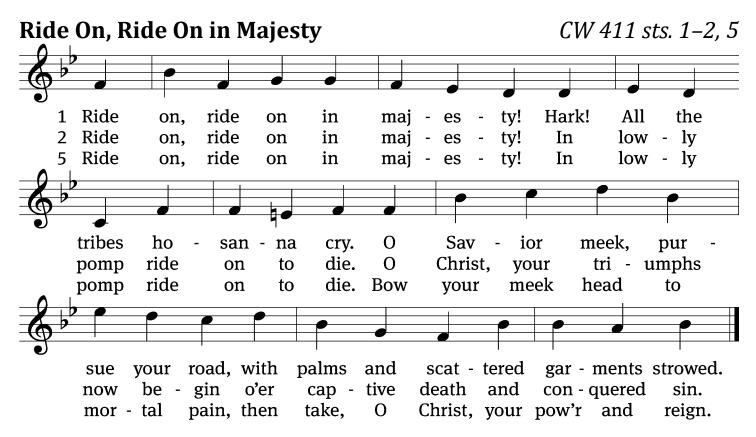
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Adam Bode

PIANIST: Kasandra Midthun

**MUSICIANS:** Rev. Adam Bode, Luke Bramstedt, Stan Grzonka, Greg Johnson, Karl Leverenz, Nick Schmidt, and Sue Vant Hul

ALTAR GUILD: Ione Prange, Lisa Specht, Christina Sprenger.

**USHERS**: 8:00a.m.- Dan Radue, Austin Radue, Nick Binsfeld, Chad Pennings. 10:30a.m.-Tom Ehrenberg, Logan Schroeder, Joe Grzonka, Jamie Hass. 6:00 p.m.–Bill Reichardt.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.

OFFERINGS: 3/26 & 3/27 - \$16,360 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,990 GROWING FORWARD (\$350 INCLUDED IN MATCHING FUNDS). \$250 TO SCHOOL FUND. ATTENDANCE: 3/26 & 3/27 - 8:00 A.M. – 162. 10:30 A.M. – 138. 6:30 P.M. – 34. MIDWEEK

Service 3/29–159.





This Week at a Glance:			
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times		
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.		
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour		
	2:00-4:00 p.m. Pre-K & K Open House		
Monday, April 3	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship		
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice		
Tuesday, April 4	6:00 p.m. BIC		
Wednesday, April 5	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		
	6:30 p.m. Church Council		
	7:00 p.m. MLHS Easter Concert		
Thursday, April 6	6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship		
Friday, April 7	Grades 1-8 Sing 1:00 p.m. School Worship Service		
	6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship		
Saturday, April 8	9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt		
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday Worship Services:		
	6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Worship	8:00 a.m. Festival Easter Worship Choir and Instrumentalists	9:30 a.m. Festival Easter Worship Choir and Instrumentalists
	NO Family Bible Hour Donuts and Coffee Served between Services		
Monday, April 10	NO Monday Night Worship NO Adult Choir Practice		

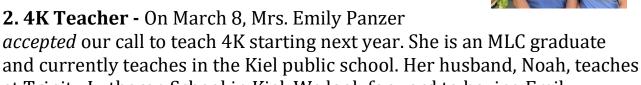
# Grow with Christ Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Sunday Bible Study: We continue our study of roles and look at how they function for the good of the church. This morning we consider grandparents and also children. Join us in the gym at 9:20.
- 2. 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).

3. 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 <u>www.lwms.org</u> Registration forms are available online. Early bird discount is offered through April 1, 2023. LWMS mission offerings will be collected until April 24. The box will be in the narthex. Please make checks out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.

# **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.* 



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. **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]

- 2. **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.
- **3.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.
- 4. **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!
- **5. 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 <u>secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.</u> *No last names please!*
- 6. **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.
- 7. **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)!

- 8. **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.
- 9. **Mindful Moms is hosting a Mom's Night Out** on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 at St. Paul's. Moms, come join us for charcuterie, games, and friends! If you're able, please bring one or two ingredients to add to our group charcuterie boards. We will be making two boards-a meat and cheese board and a dessert board. Please RSVP to Amanda Bode at <u>mrsabode@gmail.com</u> or on our Facebook Group.
- 10. **The Evangelism Committee** is currently working on the development of a new Church Directory (most current directory was last printed in 2017). Before we can move forward with sign-up slots & dates to have your photo taken, we need to determine the number of photographers that we will have available to help with this project. If you have experience taking high quality photos (something more technical than a cell phone) and you would like to volunteer, please contact Lyndon (Lynn) Litt at 920-917-2948 or at the3onvalley@yahoo.com.