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**THE LORD POURS OUT
HIS SPIRIT**



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

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.

Worship Focus: *On warm sunny weekends it is so refreshing to pour a huge glass of lemonade, ice tea, or water. Drink it in and enjoy! Jesus says in today's Gospel that if anyone is thirsty, they should come to him and drink, and streams of living water will flow from within whoever believes in him. Pentecost was that day that this happened. And it still happens among God's people today. There is nothing more refreshing to share than when The Lord Pours Out His Spirit.*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.*

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. *(Romans 12:2)*

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689 st. 1

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my
heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the
light of grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. *(1 Peter 2:11)*

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. *(Romans 8:6)*

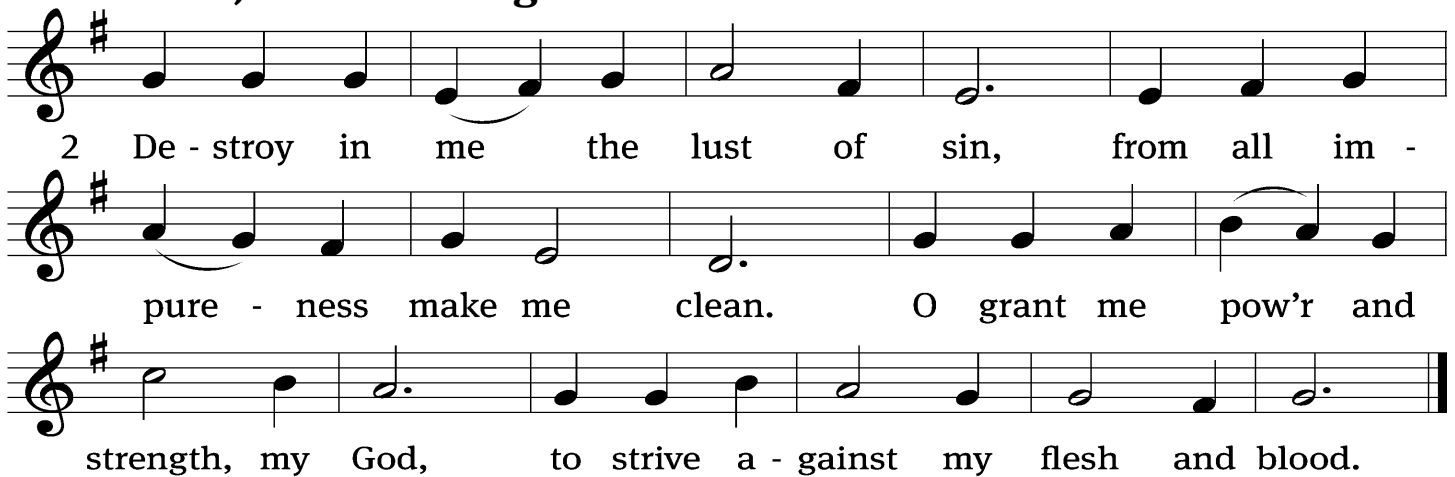
Let us make confession of our sins.

Merciful Father, Jesus died for my sins and I stand before you justified. Yet I continue to sin. I harbor evil thoughts. My words go unchecked. I am frequently discontent and I covet that which is not mine to have. I am selfish. I lack compassion for my neighbor. And daily I resist the will of the Holy Spirit. God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinful being.

We are powerless to obey God's law. But God sent his Son to be a sin offering, and the requirements of the law have been met through him. There is now no condemnation. Because of Christ, God has forgiven all your sins.

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689 st. 2



2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin, from all im -
pure - ness make me clean. O grant me pow'r and
strength, my God, to strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory,
are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17, 18)


But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22, 23)

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689 st. 3



3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly
I o - bey your Word. O let your will be
my de - sire and with new life my soul in - spire.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble,

whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,

whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:8, 9*)

Amen.

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689 st. 4

4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those
things which are a - bove till I be - hold you
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those things which are a - bove till I be - hold you face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace." The music ends with a double bar line.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

The Lord poured out the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, making believers bold to declare the wonders of God.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ ‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God, thou Light and Fire Divine, descend upon thy Church once more and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal*.

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save. So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness which makes thy children whole, till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

**Commonweal refers to God's commission to love and serve others for their good, especially their eternal good.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

The Holy Spirit, who leads us to call on Jesus in faith, gives different gifts for service to our one God.

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

John 7:37–39

Rivers of living water will flow from believers by the Holy Spirit so that many more would receive life in Jesus.

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
 and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
 keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

1 Corinthians 12

God Breathes Life

Our speech * Our abilities * Our goal

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Special Prayers and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



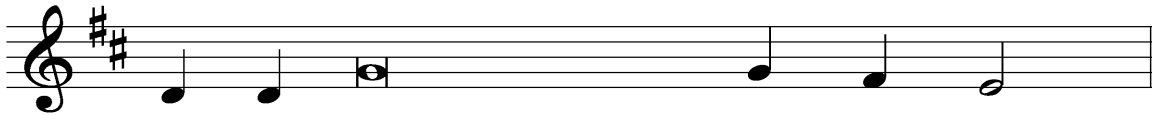
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

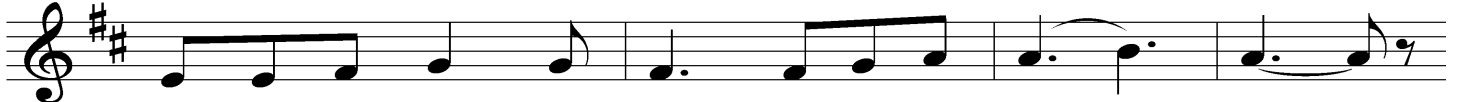
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.*

O Day Full of Grace

CW 477



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all
that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

CW 593



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'ry part;



chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.
fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.
cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
your own tem - ple I would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Kayla Sprenger

SOLOIST: Emma Sprenger

ALTAR GUILD: Dawn Marten, Jean Porter, Konni Harbach.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Karl Leverenz, Dan Rehbein, Justin Radue, Steve Schueler, Joe Goedeke.

10:30a.m.-Gary Fields, Jason Yancy, Matt Schueler.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 a.m. – Mike Austreng & Steve Schueler 10:30 a.m. Eric Eickhoff & Tim Klapperich

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: 5/21 & 5/22 - \$17,100 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$855 GROWING FORWARD (\$100 INCLUDED IN MATCHING FUNDS). \$1,000 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$525 BOB KOBER MEMORIAL. \$260 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE: 5/21& 5/22 : 8:00 A.M. – 162. 10:30 A.M. – 260. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.



This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, May 28	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Study
Monday, May 29	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Wednesday, May 31	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, June 1	7:00 p.m. Mom's Night Out Bonfire
Friday, June 2	4:00 p.m. Eickhoff Rehearsal
Saturday, June 3	2:30 p.m. Eickhoff Wedding
Sunday, June 4	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Study

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. Summer Sunday Morning Family Bible Study** - With Sunday School done for the summer, we try to gear Sunday morning studies for everyone from adults down to children in about 3rd grade. There is child care available for younger children while parents and older children are in Bible study. Today, we begin our life of David study, which will be the topic through the summer, with our focus on 1 Samuel 15-16. Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
- 2. Interested in our Bible Information Class?** If you or someone you know would like to research our teachings and whether to partner in membership with us, please reach out to the pastors or staff minister.

Call Updates

- 1. Calling Season** - The Lord has blessed St. Paul's this call season to fill all four of our full-time teaching/administration needs. Staffing additions for 2023-2024 include:
 - Miss Deb Doletzky - 2nd Grade Teacher
 - Mrs. Emily Panzer - 4K Teacher
 - Mr. Michael Wieting - 7th-8th half-time Teacher / Principal
 - Mrs. MeLissa Wieting - 3K half-time Teacher / Early Childhood Director
- 2. Michael and MeLissa Wieting** have made an offer (and had it accepted) on a home in New Holstein. They thank you for all the home suggestions! **Deb Doletzky** plans to rent within a few minutes of church/school. **The Panzers** currently rent in Kiel.

In Other News

- 1. St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 28 for a Timber Rattlers game! There is a limit of 50 people, so get your tickets before they're gone!
Cost: \$55 (covers bus ride, ticket, buffet, and 2 drinks)
Details: Located directly behind home plate with a great view of the field, we will be in the new Diamond Seats section. It features comfortable elevated bar top seats, an all-you-can-eat buffet (BBQ pulled pork, grilled Cher-Make jumbo hot dogs, a build your own burrito bowl bar, creamy mac & cheese, potato chips, and assorted desserts), and two beverages (hard seltzer, beer, water, or soda). Diamond Seats give the convenience of being able to sit back and watch the game or stand up and mingle with friends.
Schedule:
5:15: meet at St. Paul's and head to the game together on bus
6:40: game
Post-game: fireworks at the ballpark, kids can run the bases, return to St. Paul's
Please register using this form by July 14: <https://forms.gle/ka7jDrbkdB2d9QqB7>.
Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;
luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
- 2. Marohn Farewell Dinner:** On June 11, we will have a brat fry to bid farewell to the Marohn family and show our appreciation for their partnership in St. Paul's Ministry. This meal will take place following the second service. Please sign up (online: <https://forms.gle/auaTvJ1acpT7majn6> or in the member room) to help coordinate how much food to prepare. We're also asking people to sign up to bring their favorite side and/or dessert to share.
Cost: freewill offering collection
Please register by Wednesday, June 7.
Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;
luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
- 3. June Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 6/19 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the garage.
*Family Friendly
*Yard Games
*Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores - Feel free to bring something else along!)
*Bring Your Own Chair
*Bring Your Own Beverage
- 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. **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.
6. **Save the Dates!** The building expansion is scheduled for completion on August 4. With that date we have planned a dedication date for the facility in our services on **August 13**. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky, Emily Panzer, and Michael & MeLissa Wieting] that day. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher that day. We are also planning an Open House on **August 19**.
 - a. The **Dedication/Installation** day will have no Bible study. Tours of the expansion will take place during the Bible study hour.
 - b. The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.
7. **Meditation Subscription** - Please complete the form in the member room and submit it to the marked drawer with your payment by May 28th.
8. **The Office** will be closed Thursday - Friday, May 25th - 26th.
9. **Summer Office Hours** - The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.. If you have any questions outside of office hours, please email Erin Radue at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
10. **New Church Furniture** - You may notice a new piece of furniture on the baptismal font side of church. For years members have struggled to pass between the piano as they returned to their seats from communion. Musicians also haven't had enough room for their instruments/music stands. The elders wanted to address these concerns in a way that minimally impacts seating. The front pew on that side has always been a place for instrumentalists to set their instruments and for other worship supplies to be kept. It is not often used for seating. This new piece of furniture, replacing the front pew, is shorter than the standard pew to allow more room for worshipers to return to their seats. It is also tall enough to block any unsightly music stands and microphones, which up till now have been cluttering the sacristy. There is storage to hold choir music, choir folders, and pianists' music. A drawer on the aisle side holds the hand held microphones that are used for announcements. A handrail provides support for worshipers to stand. While the piece is beautiful and blends in well with the other church furnishings, there was a small error in construction. They forgot to include a toe kick, providing room for worshipers in the pew behind to rest their feet. The company hopes to have it replaced by the end of summer. It may take a while to grow accustomed to it, but we're sure it will soon feel like this new piece of furniture was always meant to be in our worship space.