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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: *Jesus says that whoever does not take up their cross and follow him is not worthy of him. Yet following Jesus is painful. It divides families, tests the heart, and requires putting our old self to death. Yet the Lord offers rich rewards by his grace to those who follow him. Today, we consider "The Reward for Following the Lord."*

Welcome

Fight the Good Fight

CW 876



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

CW 154

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

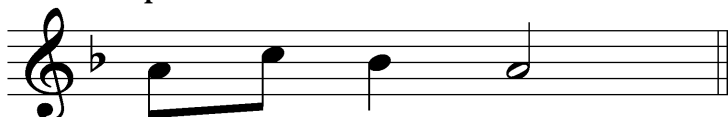
Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



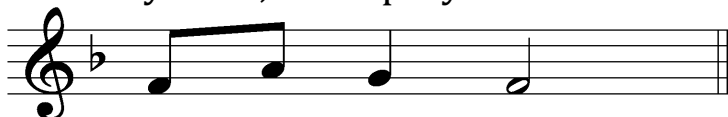
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Gloria

Tune: WEBB

CW 1002



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;
for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.
Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,
we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 32:15-29

Moses and the Levites followed the LORD though their brothers and sisters were divided from them in idol worship.

¹⁵Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back.

¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp."

¹⁸Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²²“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

²⁵Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’ ” ²⁸The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The LORD Is My Light

Psalm 27

Small Group

We are confident of seeing the Lord's goodness, light, and life, though the wicked advance against us.

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? Enemies will stumble and fall; my heart will not fear, though war should rage.

One thing I ask, one thing I see: to dwell in the house of the Lord all of my life, to behold the beauty of God all the days of my life. *Refrain*

Hear me when I call, O Lord! Be merciful to me and answer me. Your face, O Lord, I seek, I seek your face. *Refrain*

In the land of the living I shall see the goodness of God. I wait for the Lord. Be strong, be strong and take heart. I wait for the Lord. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11–16

Follow the Lord, pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, fighting the good fight of faith.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

Those who follow Jesus through family division and under painful cross will not lose their reward.

³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

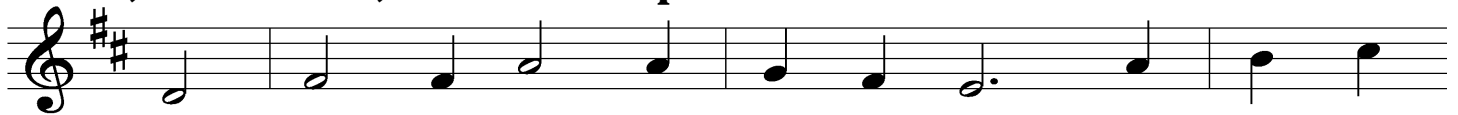
⁴⁰“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

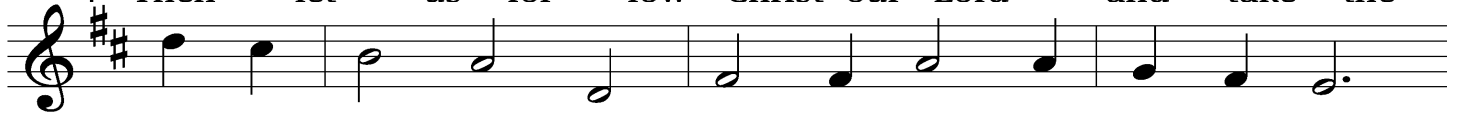
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

CW 702



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,
 soul's sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 from sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Sermon

Exodus 32

God Gives Rewards

The right thing reward * The right with God reward

Stand

Apostles' 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

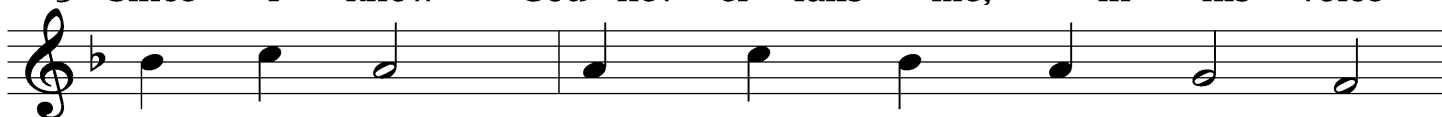
Amen.

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

CW 831



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am
5 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.
may be great, they will not de - feat me.
trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.
his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.
I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows
God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,
I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood
Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



for me won when his life was giv - en?
all my woes knows how best to end them.
come what may, guides me and de - fends me.
for my good, by his death to save me.
trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Stand

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

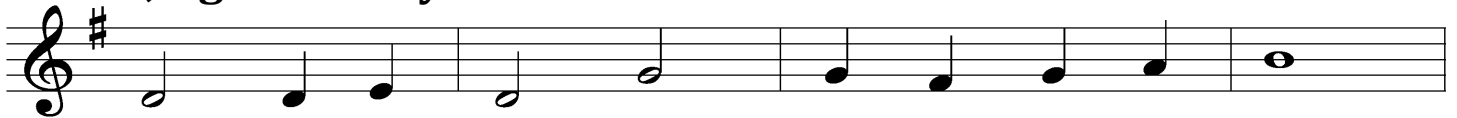
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

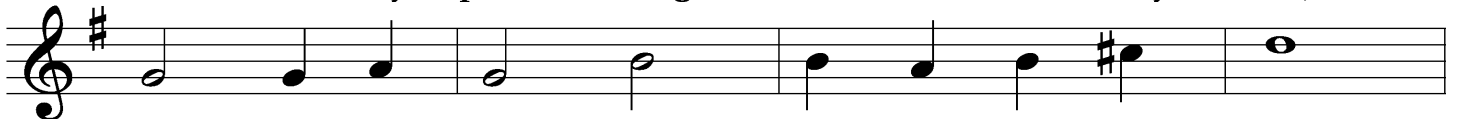
Be seated

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

CW 931



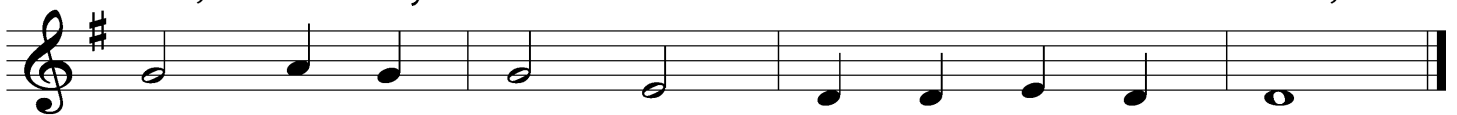
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home-ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on thy name.
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.



If you are visiting us today or would like to update your information, please scan the QR code to fill out our form.

SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

MUSICIANS: Paschal Curia, Marissa Marten, Nick & Tanya Schmidt, and Jim Van Alstine

ALTAR GUILD: Sheryl Nehls, Dabbie Van Alstine, Rachel Rehbein.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Richard Stoelb, Keith Leistekow, Mike Heilman.

10:30a.m. - Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten. 6:30 p.m. – Will Belitz.

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: 6/25 & 6/26 - \$17,700 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$12,500

GROWING FORWARD

ATTENDANCE: 6/25 & 6/26 : 8:00 A.M. – 150. 10:30 A.M. – 120. 6:00 P.M. – 49.



In our prayers this week...

1. Our country and government, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
2. Daniel Husi and Faith Wieting, married in Milwaukee this weekend.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 2	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study
Monday, July 3	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 4	Happy Independence Day! Office Closed
Wednesday, July 5	6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Thursday, July 6	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 9	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Family Bible Study** - We gear summer 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 continue our life of David study focusing on 2 Samuel 5-7...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.

In Other News

1. **Voters Meeting** - Was on Sunday June 25, the voters approved the budget for the next year. They also extended a call to Rev. Norv Kock to be our principal relief teacher (one year call, about 4/10 time). They also called Mr. Greg Johnson to be our Administrative Vice Principal (handling school choice matters, one year call, 1/2 time).
2. **July Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 7/10 @ 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
3. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 28 for a Timber Rattlers game! There are only 17 tickets left, 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

4. **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.
5. **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. 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.
6. **Summer Office Hours** - The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th due to the holiday. The office will be open on Thursday, 9:30am - 2pm. If you have any questions outside of office hours, please email Erin Radue at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
7. **Is your car dirty from the road construction??** Well, you are in luck. Scrip has Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash gift cards on hand! When you purchase a card for \$36 you get 5 Ultimate Car Washes and St. Paul's School earns \$16. We also have Kwik Trip gas cards, Festival Foods, Meijer, Pick n' Save, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart, and Culver's on hand. We can also special order cards from thousands of retailers nationwide. Stop by the scrip table in the narthex and get your cards today! You can also stop at the school office during business hours.

8. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule for July and beyond, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional July ushers will soon be sent via the 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.
9. **Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW)** put out boxes in the narthex to help our four new teaching staff members. One box is for Scrip cards, gift cards, or money. The other box is for pantry type items: paper towels, cleaning supplies, canned foods, etc... If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schueler, 920-693-8666.
10. **Pastor Bode** is on vacation from July 1-10.