

Congregational Announcements: August 20, 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, August 20	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - Family Bible Hour
Monday, August 21	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Wednesday, Aug. 23	First Day of School (Grades 1-8)
Thursday, August 24	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Sunday, August 27	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

Grow with Christ Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 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 by looking at... Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
- 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. The new course begins on September 12th at 6:00 pm.
- Sunday School** begins on September 10 under the theme "The LORD is Our Strength"! Registration is live now on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org. If you would like to invite a friend, there are fliers in the member room.

In Other News

- 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.
- Our St. Paul's Grade school begins** this week Wednesday for grades 1-8. PreK 3,4 and K classes start Aug. 28.
- An Open House is planned** in September. The Building Committee and Church Council decided to move it to make sure we have ample time for all equipment to arrive and be installed and all finishing touches to be completed.

The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. We are planning on **September 17** from **3:00 - 5:00 pm**. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.

4. **Church Picnic:** Mark September 10 on your calendar as we will be holding our annual church picnic that day after the late service. It will be a fun, themed meal with delicious food and beverages, decor, and music. There will be many activities and a salsa competition with prizes! Look for more information to come soon. Let Luther Curia know if you have any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
5. **Now Hiring!** St. Paul's is looking to fill the following positions:
 - a. **Preschool Aide(s):** By God's grace the classroom doors of St. Paul's will welcome students on August 23! During this very exciting time we are looking to hire aides to work with our youngest lambs: 3K, 4K and Kindergarten students. Shifts are available between 6:30 AM-5:30 PM, Monday-Friday when school is in session. Positions include: providing before/after school care, assisting with classroom routines, lunch prep and recess and nap time supervision. Please contact the office to request an application and to schedule an interview.
 - b. **Janitorial:** We are looking to hire a custodian for the addition. Please speak to Trevor Wehrmann or the office for further information.
6. **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 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.
7. **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.
8. **2023 WELS Convention:** From July 31-August 3, the WELS Biennial Convention was held in Saginaw, MI. Pastor Mueller was a delegate. Each week, we are sharing some highlights of the convention and updates on our church body's work:
 - a. "The Word For all, to all, by all." This is a theme in our World Mission work. The Lutheran Women's Mission Society kicked off the convention with a presentation of flags representing mission partners from 45 countries and prospective mission fields in 18 countries. The WELS helps, supports, and trains 500-plus national pastors who serve more than 1,000 churches and preaching stations around the world. With growing opportunities in Kenya, Vietnam, and Tanzania as well as the Academia Cristo / TELL online ministry, by 2035 WELS' worldwide fellowship could number more than 750,000 people.
 - b. Missionary Matthew Birner reported on the work being done in Latin America through Academia Cristo, a program which shares the message of God's grace with as many people as possible, identifies and trains potential leaders, and encourages these leaders to make more disciples who plant churches. Currently 25 church planter groups and 50 student-leaders are working through the program.
 - c. Missionary Luke Wolfgramm, the WELS Europe Team leader, highlighted ministry in Europe. Immigrants are pouring into London, one of the newest WELS mission fields where two missionaries work with a dedicated core group.
 - d. Missionary Guy Marquardt related the amazing opportunities to share the love of Jesus in a continent that contains 4.6 billion people, 60 percent of the world's population. Work is concentrated on exploring new outreach opportunities, training future workers, and supporting

partner churches.

- e. The WELS declared fellowship with Obadiah Lutheran Synod of Uganda. Obadiah Lutheran Synod first came into contact with the WELS in late 2017. It currently has 28 congregations, 9 preaching stations, and more than 5,000 baptized members.

9. **Church Photo Directory:** Please watch your emails for upcoming opportunities to have your Family's photo taken on one of the following dates:

August

Sunday, Aug. 20th Noon – 4:00 pm

Wed., Aug. 23rd 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Thurs., Aug. 24th 5:30 – 7:30 pm

We encourage all members to participate in this important congregational effort. Please sign up through the Church Needs Request (or call the Church Office at 920-565-3780) at your earliest convenience. Photo sessions will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Photos will not be for sale. They will only be used for Church Photo Directory purposes.

10. **New Pastor Installation:** We rejoice with our WELS brothers and sisters at Trinity in Kiel, that the Lord has sent them a second pastor to serve their growing ministry. Pastor Isaiah Horn will be installed at Trinity (387 Cemetery Rd.) on September 10 at 1:00 p.m. Following the service, there will be a light reception.
11. **The MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest"** is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime August 27th. So we know how much corn to pick, there is a sign-up sheet in the member room to place your order. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1867 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 15 years and much of the money raised has been through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program. We will need 4 to 6 of our St. Paul's members to help with the picking the day before on Saturday the 26th. If you can help, please contact Jim Van Alstine at 920-889-1225.
12. **Some have been asking** if we are making the Garden Gym or other [non classroom] rooms in the addition available for member use. We hope to down the road, but for the time being we want to grow to understand the rooms ourselves, figure out care and cleaning of them, and then to create policies and procedures for proper use.