

# Congregational Announcements: January 21, 2024



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
HOWARDS GROVE, WI

**Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Michael Wieting - Staff Minister Luther Curia**

<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship 5th-8th Sing Both Services</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
	<b>11:45 a.m. Annual Voters Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, January 22</b>	<b>4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Resumes</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism</b>
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Early Childhood Event - One Winter's Night</b>
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Leadership Training</b>
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship 2nd-4th Sing Both Services</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
<b>Monday, January 29</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>

# Grow with Christ

## Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Sunday Bible Study** - We will continue our study on the book of Revelation in the Harvest Room. This morning we will look at chapter 18.
2. **New Bible Information Class** - Our new Bible Information Class is on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm and it started last week. This class is a great refresher for long-time members and a helpful introduction for those interested in exploring membership. Please speak to Pastor Bode or Pastor Mueller if interested.
3. **Wednesday Bible Study** resumed last week. Our study is on *predestination* and *election*. It is still a great time to jump in. Class begins at 9:00 am.
4. **Marriage Retreat** - Staff Minister Luther Curia is hosting another marriage enrichment retreat March 15-16. This year's retreat will be held on campus to make use of our new facilities and to accommodate those who aren't able to get away for a weekend. Flyers with event details and registration forms will be available soon! Feel free to contact Luther Curia with any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)

## In Other News

1. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) 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.
2. **St. Paul's Adult Choir:** The Adult Choir will resume weekly practices Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm. Have you ever thought about being in the choir? There's a spot for you! Join us for the second semester!
3. **3K, 4K and Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment:** After pre-enrolling 30 of our own St. Paul's children during December and January, we've opened pre-enrollment up to current St. Paul's Lutheran School families. From January 12-February 9 anyone currently enrolled in the school can share their enrollment intentions for the upcoming school year. The enrollment link is available to everyone by contacting McLissa Wieting at 608-617-7040 or [melissa.wieting@sphg.org](mailto:melissa.wieting@sphg.org).
4. **Voters' Meeting is TODAY, January 21st** starting at 11:45 am. Reports were emailed this past week. This is an important meeting where new leaders for service to the congregation will be elected. Those of you who request printed copies of the Church Newsletter will find a printed copy of the Annual Report in your mailbox.
5. **Save The Date!** A women's retreat is being planned for the morning of April 20, 2024 here at St. Paul's. Registration and further details will come later, but we wanted everyone to get this exciting event on their calendars. Hope to see all of our ladies on April 20th!
6. **Youth Rally Meeting** – On Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> after second service, we will be holding an information meeting about the 2024 WELS Youth Rally. Parents and students who are interested in learning more about the Youth Rally are encouraged to attend! Until then, you can read more about the event at <https://welsyouthrally.net/> If you have any questions about the Youth Rally, or if you are interested in going, but cannot attend the meeting – please contact Mike Leahy – [mleahy@live.com](mailto:mleahy@live.com) – (920) 422-0771.
7. **JAM - Jesus And Me- Event Coming Soon!** Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to come JAM with us on February 3rd from 10am-12pm! We will be “Stuck on Jesus” and looking at God’s Word in Romans 8:39, “Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” There will be STEM activities and crafts geared towards children ages 0-5, but the whole family is welcome! At this event we will have a Bible story, snacks, valentine crafts, and sticky STEM activities-magnets, slime, tape, sensory bins, and more! Email us at [jam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:jam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) with any questions.
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!



9. **PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating school family between now and **February 7th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office with payment by the Wednesday the 7th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 24th**. Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: [katieb82@hotmail.com](mailto:katieb82@hotmail.com).
10. **January Church Newsletter** was sent out this past week. Those of you who request printed copies can find your copy in your mailbox.
11. Northern Wisconsin District President Joel Zank Updates from Pastors' Conference this week: see below.

### **Pastoral Call Vacancies**

	<u>Synod</u>	<u>NW District</u>
Totals	164	24
Parish	146	23
Retirement Calls	5	
Foreign Mission	2	
Prof./Teaching	3	1
Other	8	

The "Easter Call Hiatus" for pastor calls will run from Saturday, March 23, 2024 (Palm Sunday weekend) through Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Call meetings for pastors may resume on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

### **Teacher Call Vacancies**

	<u>NW District</u>
October 15, 2023 – 1/15/24	58 (including 3 principal vacancies)
Accepted as of 1/15/24	25 (including 1 principal call)
School Vacancies Remaining as of 1/15/24	33 (including 2 principal vacancies)

### **WELS School Statistics**

- **WELS Early Childhood Ministries** now serve nearly 12,000 students.
- **Lutheran Elementary Schools** are now serving 28,081 students (~500 students more than the 2022-23 school year) – the most in the last 20 years. 17.4% of the students we serve are from unchurched or non-Christian homes.
- **WELS 28 Area Lutheran High Schools** service 6,779 students (~360 students more than the 2022-23 school year).
- **There are 3,059 called workers in WELS schools Pre-K – 12.**
- **The NWD has 53 Early Childhood Ministries**, serving 1,799 students. We have 44 Lutheran Elementary Schools, serving 4,659 students (134 students more than the 2022-23 school year). We have 3 Area Lutheran High Schools, serving 1,330 students. (Total: 7,605 students served.) Thanks be to God for the opportunities we have to reach so many souls with the gospel of Christ!