

Congregational Announcements: April 14, 2024



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

Pastor Adam Bode - Principal Michael Wieting - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, April 14	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	10:15 a.m. Garden Gym Open
	11:40 a.m. Voters Meeting for New Pastor Call
Monday, April 15	3:30 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Tuesday, April 16	5:30 p.m. PTF Meal and Meeting
Wednesday, April 16	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Play Date
	3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	3:30 p.m. Harvest Home Presentation
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Evangelism
6:30 p.m. Officers	
Saturday, April 20	9:00 a.m. Women's Retreat
Sunday, April 21	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship K-1st Sing Both Services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Garden Gym Open

Monday, April 22	3:30 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Adult Bible Study** - Between services today in the Harvest Room we will take a walk with Jesus to Emmaus, studying Luke 24 and letting Jesus open our minds to understand the Scriptures.
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** - Last Wednesday morning, we began our study of 1 Thessalonians. There was great application for regular prayer life, faith that goes into action, willingness to labor out of love, and holding onto hope to endure through difficult times. Come and be encouraged as we continue through this letter that helps us stand firm in the faith.
3. **LWMS spring rally** will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Registration is 8-9 a.m. and the rally program will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with luncheon to follow. Pastor James Borgwardt will speak about home mission work in our district. Join the ladies of our area to celebrate missions!
4. **Confirmation** - On the first weekend of May, 13 young people will be confirmed in the faith at St. Paul's. God says that a person should be able to examine himself before taking communion. The examination service on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm will allow the congregation to see that the confirmands are prepared to do this. This service is also a helpful review of the chief parts of the catechism. Here is the schedule for Sunday, May 5: regular worship services at 8:00 and 9:30 am, Confirmation worship service at 11:00 am with first communion for the confirmands. There will be Sunday School at the normal time, from 9:15-10:15; there will not be Adult Bible Class on May 5.
5. **May WELS Youth Night** - St. Paul's will be hosting our next WELS Youth Night event, on Saturday, May 18th. See posters around the building for more details, and a QR Code to register. We will have a special guest speaker for this event. Pastor Bill Monday from 922 Ministries in Appleton will be presenting on LGBTQIA+ Matters. For questions about the event, contact Mike Leahy – mleahy@live.com

In Other News

1. **Call Updates:**
 - a. The School Board decided in March to ask Greg Johnson to finish out this school year as the 3-4 grade teacher. We thank him for his willingness to serve in so many ways this year!
 - b. Our Elders, together with Pastor Bode and Staff Minister Curia, have reviewed our church staffing needs and worked with our district leadership to plan a call meeting for another pastor. Pastor Bode will continue to serve as Associate Pastor but with a focus in the areas of Inreach, Worship, and Administration. On April 14 after the 10:30 service we will have a call meeting for a new Lead Pastor with a focus in the areas of Education, Outreach, Integration, and Congregational Direction.
2. **New Members** - We were blessed to have 19 students in our Bible Information Class this year. 14 from the class have joined and more are planning to join! We welcome Jacob Brunner, Matthew Brunner, Rick & Karla Hameister, Rayven Kalmerton, Matt & Kali Thiel and their children Hannah & Caleb, Andrea Wodrich and her children Rory & Brooke, and Ben & Jamie Englebert. Watch for more information on the new member board.
3. **Garden Gym Hours** - From April 8 through May 20, we will have some open gym times in the Garden Gym for St. Paul's members and for St. Paul's school families. It will be open on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 pm, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 pm, and Sundays from 10:15 am until after late service for families who have attended early service and Family Bible Hour. The Garden Gym is for use by children ages 8 and under with parental supervision. It is expected that all posted regulations will be followed in order to properly care for the space and for those who use it.
4. **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.

5. **Open Gym** - A weekly open gym will soon be restarting. (This is intended as a primarily member event.) If there is a certain day that works better for your schedule, please contact Logan Schroeder at loganschroeder92@gmail.com.
6. **The 2024 weekly window washing schedules** for St. Pauls are printed and can be found in the member room. There is also a sign-up sheet to fill in some open dates. If you would like more information or need to be removed from the current schedule, please contact Trevor Wehrmann.
7. **LWMS Mission Offerings** will be collected until Sunday, April 21. A box will be available in the narthex for cash or checks made out to LWMS - Shoreline Circuit.
8. **Arbor Day Clean-Up** - We are going to celebrate Arbor Day this year by inviting everyone that is able to help with spring cleanup around the outside of the church and school on Saturday April 27th, starting at 8:00am. Rain date is set for May 4th, same time, if needed. Please sign up in the member room or online with CCB to help get an idea of the number of people interested. Please only sign-up in one of those spots. Please contact Lee Eick, the Trustee in charge of the yards and grounds, with any questions.