

# Congregational Announcements: June 9, 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 Meeting Times
Sunday, June 9	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Voters Meeting
Monday, June 10	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
Tuesday, June 11	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Open
	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Harvest Room Reserved
Wednesday, June 12	6:30 p.m. - Evangelism
Thursday, June 13	6:30 p.m. - Mom's Night Out
Friday, June 14	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Open
Saturday, June 15	3:30 p.m. Olson/Batt Wedding
Sunday, June 16	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, June 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Bonfire

## Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Adult Bible Study** - We are now in summer Bible study mode. We invite adults, teens, and children down to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to join us for study. Today we begin our summer topic, the "Formula of Concord". Are you eager to deepen your understanding of Lutheran doctrine and its foundational texts? We invite you to join our Bible study focused on this key confessional document that helps clarify Lutheran beliefs and teachings. In this study, we will
  - Explore the historical context and significance of the Formula of Concord.
  - Discuss key theological themes and their relevance to our faith today.
  - Engage in thoughtful discussions and reflections on how these teachings can strengthen our walk with Christ.

Whether you're new to the Formula of Concord or have studied it before, this Bible study promises to be an enriching experience for all.

2. **Child Care** - During Bible study, parents attending Bible class are welcome to let their children (2nd grade and younger) play in the Garden Gym, which will be supervised by volunteers.
3. **Bible Information Class** - This month we began a Bible Information Class on Monday evenings and are very pleased to have 9 people enrolled. May the Lord send his Spirit and grant growth in faith and knowledge for all involved.
4. **Christian Estate Planning** - On Sunday, June 30, we welcome WELS Planned Giving Counselor, Pastor Tom Mielke as our worship leader and Bible study presenter. He will offer Scriptural guidance regarding the impact that faithful financial planning now can have on our children, our congregation, and God's kingdom in the years to come. The Bible study hour will walk through the benefits and process of writing a will.
5. **Pastor Pechman Installation** - We are excited to announce the upcoming Installation Worship Service for our new pastor, Pastor Brian Pechman, on July 7 at 4:00 pm.

Following the service, we will gather together for a delicious meal including meatballs, broasted chicken, and salads. However, no celebration is complete without a sweet finish and refreshing drinks! Therefore, we kindly request your assistance in contributing desserts and beverages to complement our dinner.

Please indicate how many people will be attending and if you would like to volunteer to bring desserts or drinks using the sign up below. This will greatly help our Activities committee plan for the event.

We look forward to your presence as we warmly welcome Pastor Pechman and family to our community and celebrate this joyous occasion together.

Cost: Free-will offering basket. (cost for food will be around \$3-5/person)


Please register at this link or using the QR code by Tuesday, July 2 so that we have enough food for you: <https://forms.gle/xJ1DFPWxnGDD4wXa7>



Contact Luther Curia with any questions. [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)

## In Other News

1. **Divine Call Received** - On May 21, Pastor Bode received a divine call to serve as associate pastor at Eastside Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. Eastside is a congregation of a little over 600 members with a school of about 120 students. The congregation is trying to do gospel outreach in a diverse community and weather staffing shortages for the upcoming school year. Please keep Pastor Bode and all our congregations in your prayers.
2. **Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, after our second service at approximately 11:45, we will have a voters meeting. The main order of business will be to approve the budget for the next fiscal year. Our current financial situation and the upcoming budget present us with some challenges. Yet our leaders have proposed a plan, which was presented at the open forum on Thursday evening and will be reviewed this morning. We ask the Lord to bless the ministry he has entrusted to us and graciously provide us with all we need to carry it out.
3. **New Called Worker Welcome Items** - The Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW) would like to welcome Pastor Pechman and Jennifer Hacker and their families with a pantry / scrip shower. Congregation members are welcome to place paper products, cleaning products, or canned goods in the labeled box by the kiosk in the Narthex. There is also an envelope box for scrip or monetary gifts. These items will be divided and given to the Pechmans and Hackers this summer. Please bring donated items by early July.
4. **Northern Wisconsin District Convention** - As a congregation of the Northern Wisconsin District of the WELS, our male called workers and a lay delegate, Will Belitz, will be in Appleton for the biennial convention this week Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be uplifting worship, helpful updates on mission work and ministerial education, technology, ministry support, and the ministry recruitment task force, as well as elections for district positions.

5. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 12 for a Timber Rattlers game! There is a limit of 50 people, so get your tickets before they're gone!
- Cost:** \$60 (covers COACH 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 at this link or using the QR code by July 5:*  
<https://forms.gle/ovMppQRY87DpyfgFA>.
- Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;  
[luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)
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6. **June Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 6/17 @ 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
7. **Parking Lot Repair Funding Appeal** - Our Church parking lot is in need of attention and needs to be repaired and sealcoated. The Trustees have received a quote for an amount that has required us to be creative in our funding approach. We are planning on using funds from this year's budget and Scrip funds. That still leaves us with a funding need of about \$10,000. We are hoping to reach our funding goal by the end of June. If you wish to assist in funding this need or have questions, please speak with Trevor Wehrmann or Eric Eickhoff. Donations can be noted as "Parking Lot Funding".
8. **MLHS Building our Future on Christ update** - Even though the school year is over at MLHS, the building project work continues, getting the new gym and campus ready for the next school year in August. Board of Control Chairman, Jerry Haupt, reports that the project is on schedule, within scope, and on budget. The bond closing took place in late May. Masonry, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work is ongoing. Interior painting should begin by late June and be completed by mid-July. The parking lot work should start mid-June, including excavation, regrading, new drainage system, curbing, lighting, and paving. Thanks be to God for this upgrade to our Lutheran High School in Manitowoc!
9. **Ark Encounter Bus Tour** - Pastor Wall (St. John-St. Peter Lutheran, Cleveland) is organizing a bus tour to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in northeast Kentucky from July 5-7. You are welcome to come along! For more info and to register, visit our website: [StJohnStPeter.com](http://StJohnStPeter.com). Contact Pastor Wall if you have any questions: 920-782-0827. Seats are limited; register soon.
10. **School Summer Cleaning** - on Saturday, July 13, there will be a school cleaning day starting at 7:00 am. We are seeking volunteers to help. We could also use extra buckets and step stools or ladders for this effort. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. We plan to wrap up by about noon. If you are able to come, please sign up in the member room.
11. **Summer Office Hours** - The office will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.. If you have questions outside of those hours, feel free to email [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) or call and leave a voicemail on the office number.

12. **Gym Painting** - The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help paint the gym the week of June 10-15. Times to be determined based on signup. Sign up in the member room or online. Any question please contact Tim Doro at (920) 782 1000 or [ta5\\_doro@hotmail.com](mailto:ta5_doro@hotmail.com).
13. **Mindful Moms** has a few open gyms planned for this summer in the Garden Gym at St. Paul's. The first ones are June 12th and 26th from 9:30-11am. Mom's, Dad's, grandparents, caregivers are all welcome with their little ones! Hope you can join us!
14. **Moms Night Out** - Join us this Thursday (13th) in the Courtyard at 7pm for a Moms Night Out to kick off summer! We will be doing a devotion and enjoying some fellowship! Please bring a snack to share if you are able. Hope to see you there!
15. **Thank you** - Dear members of St. Paul's, Thank you so much for all the love and support you have shown me during my last years at MLC. I'm so excited to move to Virginia and start my ministry there! I'm grateful to God for such a wonderful congregation to have grown up in. I'll always keep St. Paul's in my prayers.  
Sincerely, Marissa Marten
16. **Cancer Benefit** - Our sister in Christ, Wendy Reinemann, has been diagnosed for a second time now with breast cancer. All are invited to come to a benefit on July 13 from 11 am - 4 pm at Butch & Anne's Pine Grove, W3225 County Rd MM, Elkhart Lake. There will be a brat fry, bake sale, and other ways to support. All proceeds will go toward Wendy's medical expenses. If you are able to help with donations or volunteering time toward the event, please call Lynn at 920-207-8168.