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This Week @ St. Paul's

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| 11.24 Sun | 8:00a Worship Service 9:30a Family Bible Hour 10:30a Worship Service |
| 11.25 Mon | No School - Office Closed 4:30p Trustees 6:00p Monday Worship 6:30p Foundations BIC 7:15p Adult Choir |
| 11.26 Tues | No School Office Open (9a-3p) |
| 11.27 Wed | No School Office Open (9a-3p) 6:30p Thanksgiving Worship 7:30p Elders |
| 11.28 Thu | No School - Office Closed 9:00a Thanksgiving Worship |
| 11.29 Fri | No School - Office Closed |
| 12.1 Sun | 8:00a Worship Service 9:30a Family Bible Hour 10:30a Worship Service |
| 12.2 Mon | 6:00p Monday Worship 7:15p Adult Choir |

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Scandalous Stories:** Within the pages of Scripture are many stories that are obscure, dramatic...and just plain scandalous. There are no wasted details in the Bible...so why would these stories be included in the pages of Scripture? Today's Bible class continues the session on "Scandalous Stories of Scripture". You won't want to miss hearing and growing from these scandalous stories which are included in Scripture.
2. **Thanksgiving Worship:** Thanksgiving is approaching quickly. Mark your calendars for a worship opportunity to thank our gracious Lord with your family in Christ on Wednesday, November 27th, at 6:30p or on Thursday, November 28th, at 9:00a.

Announcements & News

1. **Point Me Heavenward:** It's hard to keep them aimed well...isn't it? When success and happiness and adventure swirl around us...oh, what our eyes dart to and from! Distractions have a way of pulling eyes away from where real treasure resides. God often positions us so that all we can do is look up. When our eyes are forced downward, someone needs to lift our chin and direct our vision to Jesus. No matter our circumstances, we all need to look up at the cross of our Savior and then use it to focus on the open door of heaven and the one standing there with his welcoming smile. A new book of *Meditations* is available in the Member Room (to the right of the kiosk)...if you are picking one up, please remember to drop \$5.00/booklet into the slot. These devotions begin next Sunday. Whatever condition you are in...ask your Father in Jesus' name, "Point me heavenward!" With these meditations, may you find him doing just that!
2. **Divine Calls:** Greg and Dawn Johnson have received divine calls to serve at St. Paul in Wonewoc, Wisconsin. Dawn's call is for 1st-2nd Grade teaching as well as school and church music. Greg's call is 5th-6th Grade homeroom and departmentalized science. Please keep these ministries and called workers in your prayers.
3. **Office Hours:** There is no school the week of Thanksgiving (11.25-11.29), with this there will be limited office hours that week. The office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00a-3:00p. The office will be closed Monday, Thursday & Friday.

4. **Christmas Poinsettias:** Signup is available for Christmas Poinsettias. A CCB Needs Request was emailed out...or you can sign up in the member room. Please only sign up in one place. Orders and payments must be submitted by December 9th. Poinsettias can be picked up *AFTER* the Christmas Day service. The cost is \$12/plant. Exact cash or a check can be made out to St. Paul's with poinsettias in the memo line. Please place your envelope into the marked drawer in the member room. If you pay cash...please make sure to put your name on the envelope.
5. **Pioneer Wreaths:** The Pioneer wreaths have arrived. You can pick them up at the shed across the parking lot after services and bible class. The cost is \$27.00 and helps to support the Pioneer activities at St. Paul's. If you did not order one, no problem...we have a few extras available for sale.
6. **Living Nativity:** Calling all cookie bakers, we would love 3-dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candy to serve our guests at the Living Nativity. Please sign up in the member room. The nativity display area is also looking for your special nativity scenes to display during the event. Details are in the member room. Current needs: cast-adult angels and a shepherd Friday night; additional star carrier Sun. night; crew-parking attendants Sat and Sun.
7. **Plymouth Christmas Parade:** This year we will be walking in the Plymouth Christmas Parade to promote our upcoming Living Nativity by handing out flyers. We will be dressing up in character and walking alongside the Schmidt family and their vintage truck. *The parade is Friday at 7:00p.* A Needs Request email for signup has been sent out...or contact Brandon Lis with any questions, 920.226.0483.
8. **Forward in Christ:** The renewal for this publication is approaching. Please fill out a renewal form located in the member room and return it with your \$15 payment to the drawer labeled "Forward in Christ" today. Please complete a form even if you are currently receiving it.
9. **GriefShare Surviving the Holidays:** Surviving the Holidays is a single-session, 2 hour event to help people who have lost a loved one and would like help navigating the holidays. There is a 40-minute video by mental health experts with interviews of people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Each attendee will be given a guide book to take home and implement. The Event will be Saturday December 7th from 10:00a - noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, WI. There is a charge of \$7 to cover the cost of the guide book. Please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net to register, or if you have any questions. More information can be found on the GriefShare website griefshare.org. Please register by November 27th.
10. **Remembering Our Shut-ins:** We would like to provide each of our shut-ins with a small Christmas gift from our St. Paul's family. If you'd like to make a donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office or put it in an envelope in member mailbox B1. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
11. **Gathering around the Gospel:** On 11.17-18.24, 203 souls came to worship in the early service, 144 in the late service, and 28 in the Monday evening service.
12. **Offerings of thanks to the Lord:** From 11.17.24, \$13,900 was given toward the General Fund (\$19,200 needed each week to meet our projected income, \$21,900 needed to meet all projected ministry expenses), \$10,000 toward debt reduction, \$5,000 toward LES tuition assistance, \$314 toward the "Ammo Box" effort, and \$1,500 toward Growing Forward.