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This Week @ St. Paul's

- 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
- 12.4 | **Wed** 8:30a | Mindful Moms
Tree Decorating
9:00a | Bible Study
6:30p | Church Council
- 12.6 | **Fri** 6:00p | Living Nativity
- 12.7 | **Sat** 6:00p | Living Nativity
- 12.8 | **Sun** 8:00a | Worship Service
9:30a | Family Bible Hour
10:30a | Worship Service
4:00p | Living Nativity
- 12.9 | **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. **Advent Devotion Series:** As we gather around the manger this year, we'll meditate on that ancient hymn Paul writes in Philippians 2:6-11. We'll contemplate how Christ "*emptied himself . . . being born in the likeness of men*". We'll stand in awe at how the Son of God, co-equal with the Father, chose for a time not to cling to the full and constant use of his glory and power: "*He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped*". And we'll rejoice in the Second Advent, when our Lord in all his glory will come once again. Copies of this Advent Devotion series entitled *Glory in His Grasp* are available in the Narthex, or [online here](#).

3. **German Christmas Service:** St. Peter's (2501

Collins Rd, Chilton) will be holding a German Christmas service on Saturday, December 14th, at 2:00p. Pastor Rich Krause from Christ in Pewaukee will be the Prediger (preacher).

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 *today*. 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 Returned:** Greg and Dawn Johnson have returned their calls to St. Paul in Wonewoc. We are thankful they will continue to serve here at St. Paul's! Please keep the ministry at St. Paul, Wonewoc in your prayers as they continue the calling process.
3. **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.
4. **Living Nativity:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this year's Living Nativity. We cannot do an event like this without each of you. There is still time to sign up for baking cookies and displaying your nativity sets. See sign-ups in the member room. Please join us next weekend, December 6th & 7th from 6:00-9:00p and December 8th from 4:00-7:00p. Come and hear the good news of our Savior's birth. We would love to see our St. Paul's family there.
5. **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. Catechism class members are welcome to sign up to fulfill service project hours. If interested, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
6. **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.
7. **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 still have a few extras available for sale.
8. **Gathering Around the Gospel:** On 11.24-25.24, 165 souls came to worship in the early service, 120 in the late service, and 30 in the Monday evening service.
9. **Gifts of Love to Jesus:** From 11.24-25.24, \$12,300 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), \$1,000 toward the School Fund, and \$250 toward Faith for the Future.