



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

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November 22, 2020 Congregational Announcements:

Greetings St. Paul's family!

1. **Services this weekend** focus on Jesus Christ as King. The 8:00 am service will be [livestreamed at this link](#). Here is the [bulletin link](#) for this weekend. The online recorded service link will be available on [our website](#) Sunday once it is uploaded.
2. **Sunday Bible Study Series: Relationships:** The Bible Study will continue Sunday, November 22 in the sanctuary as we explore what Jesus and his Word teach us about relationships. Bible study begins at 9:20 and will be [livestreamed at this link](#).
3. **The office will be open** Monday and Tuesday from 7:15 am - 4 pm. You can contact Erin at: secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
4. **Thanksgiving services** will be Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 26th, at 9:00 am. God will let us in on the Thanksgiving secret! The Wednesday evening service will be [streamed at this link](#).
5. **The Church Monthly Newsletter** was sent out on Friday. Please check your email and mailboxes for the newsletter.
6. **Children's Christmas Service Program & Recording:** The service outline can be found [HERE](#). Printed copies will be sent home with St. Paul's School families. Sunday School families can find their copies in their member mailbox. Extra copies are available in the office. The recording for students of St. Paul's School will be done during the school day. Sunday School families can sign up for a time that works well for your family. Click [HERE](#) for a recording schedule and sign-up form. As there won't be any in-person practices, early preparation is extremely important. Thank you for helping your student(s) memorize their lines ahead of time! Children should also come to the recording wearing their Christmas best. Forward any questions to Luther Curia: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
7. **Christmas Car Parade:** The Stewardship Committee is planning a Christmas Car Parade for the residents of Harvest Home on Saturday, December 12. All decorated cars will meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m., and we will be done by 11:30. We'd love to have as many cars involved as possible! Click [HERE](#) to register your vehicle for the event by December 6. Besides the parade, we are also planning on dropping off a basket of goodies for each house: DVD of Christmas greetings, Christmas cards, Christmas yard decor, cookies from Johnston's Bakery, and a small gift for each resident. *We're excited to be able to drop off a DVD and gift for all of our St. Paul's shut-ins, not just those at Harvest Home!* If you'd like to make a small donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org



8. **Christmas Car Parade/Shutin Christmas Gift Needs:** We'd love to share personal Christmas greetings from our members with the residents of Harvest Home and all of our St. Paul's shutins. We're asking every family to consider sending a family picture by the Christmas tree or a short video (family saying "Merry Christmas from the ___ family", child reading a short Christmas poem, family singing a favorite carol, etc.). These can be sent via email to luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org by December 4.
9. **Crafts-Men's Bible Study** Being a man of God in the modern world is difficult: never quite finding the right balance between work/family/friends/personal time in the Word, feeling pressure in the workplace, facing our own inadequacies. Join your brothers in Christ as we strive to become Craftsmen of God: skilled at navigating the challenges of this world, equipped with God's perfect, unchanging Word. **Bible Study Focus:** Building Godly Character; **When:** Tuesdays, Nov. 24-Dec. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.; **Where:** St. Paul's Commons; **What to Bring:** your Bible & 2 bottles/cans of your favorite craft beer (or bottle of wine) to share during the study (optional)
10. **Sunday School** continues this weekend from 9:15 to 10:00 am. [Procedures and registration are available here.](#)
11. **Wednesday 9:00 am Bible Study** looks at a book called Prepared to Answer. Join if you like, we meet in the commons and spread out. [**We do not meet the day before Thanksgiving.**]
12. **Thursday evening Bible study** continues on the topic of Law and Gospel. We spread out for our meeting in the commons. [**We do not meet on Thanksgiving day.**]
13. **Women Writing the Word** This week we studied Galatians 5:22-23. Which fruit of the Spirit are you going to focus on this week, and why? Why can we always be joyful? Read John 15:5. Those who remain in Jesus will bear much fruit! Join our journaling plan and Slack discussion at any time! Contact Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) for information on how to get connected.
14. **Men's Bible Study Developing...**men, looking for feedback on a Friday 6:00am weekly Bible study. The approach would be a *top of the news* style study, where we would look at top or trending issues for the week across the spectrum of culture, science, technology, history, nation, and world and apply Scriptures to it. If interested, please speak with Pastor Mueller. *Update: so far six people have contacted me.*
15. **MLHS Sunday** - The Manitowoc Lutheran High School Lancer Singers will be here to glorify God and encourage us in song for both worship services on Sunday, December 6. We are blessed and thankful to partner with MLHS and to have this wonderful secondary Christian education option available for our teens.
16. **Living Nativity** –Although the Living Nativity is cancelled for this year, we wanted to still draw people together through a viewing of the event. From December 4-6, you can gather the family together in your home and view the 20 minute video through our website.



17. **Forward in Christ Subscription:** Payments and forms are due by Monday, November 23. Please contact the office with any questions.
18. **Both the Boy and Girl Pioneer** groups will meet at least once a month starting in January. The schedule will come out in mid-December. **January's meeting will be a winter campout!** In a heated chalet. The Lutheran Boy Pioneer group will meet again once a month (or more) typically in the commons at St. Paul's Lutheran School. The Lutheran Girl Pioneer group will meet once a month (or more), if we can get one or two ladies to lead/help with Girl Pioneers, we will definitely have separate meetings. If not, we may consolidate some meetings. Our pioneer meetings this year will be on Monday night again starting at 6:30 and going until 8 pm. These meetings will be for Boy and Girl Pioneers from First to Eighth Grade. Meetings will be fun, informative, and run with God's guidance. For the Little Pioneers (Kindergarten) I will be having special fun meetings that are just for them. If you would like to sign-up your child there is still plenty of time, contact either Mike Heilman at 920-698-1654 or the St. Paul's Lutheran school office. Again we are looking for one or two women to help lead the Girl Pioneer group, and one man to help with the Boy Pioneer group. If interested, please speak with Mike or call him at 698-1654.
19. **Lutheran Boy Pioneers:** The Boy Pioneers are taking orders for Christmas wreaths. Although we may not be having as many in person meetings, we do support the Pioneer national organization which provides us materials for working with the boys and girls. The wreaths are 24" natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price again is \$19.00 and helps support the Pioneer activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday November 29th.
20. **Food Drive** - We are inviting members to participate in a food drive for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to the member room. Donna Wieland will pick up the items on Sundays November 15 and 22 to deliver them to the pantry. Galatians 6:10 - "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..."
21. **Take a Trip to Israel!** Pastor Mueller is leading a trip to Israel/Jerusalem in January of 2022 (with three other pastors). Official dates are January 11-20, 2022. There are only *twenty* remaining bus seats available! With four pastors coming and promoting the trip means securing a seat sooner than later is optimal. I have *thirteen* registered and a number still very interested! Paperwork is available in hardcopy or email from Pastor Mueller: pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org, 920-207-2316.
22. **A New Bulletin Board** was built and installed on the wall by the kitchen. Thank you to Matt Boenisch for making the seven foot wide board for us! The new board will show pictures of our leaders on the various boards so members can see who is serving them. The new bulletin board replaces a smaller one which had info on Wells in Africa.
23. **In our prayers this week** -
 1. John Marten was admitted to the hospital this week for testing. Please keep him in prayers.