



September 20, 2020 Congregational Announcements:

Greetings St. Paul's family!

1. **Services this weekend** focus on God's great generosity. 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 morning Bible Study.** Sick of politics? So am I. That's why we're not going to get political, but we are going to talk *Politics* and let the Bible guide us. The aim of the course is to give greater Biblical understanding, increase our peace by relieving stress and guilt, and renew our perspective on the one thing needful. Our first lesson delves into the history of God and politics under the theme: *We Didn't Start the Fire?* Bible study will be [livestreamed at this link](#).
3. We ask that **all members who intend to come to worship please sign up** using the links below. This process is to enable distancing out of Christian love for all during these times. Members who come to worship without signing up in advance (especially on Sunday morning) will be asked to wait in the narthex until visitors and members who did sign up are ensured seating in the sanctuary. Here are the links for the **September 27-28 worship services**:
 1. [Sunday 8:00](#)
 2. [Sunday 10:30](#)
 3. [Monday 6:00](#)
4. **The office will be open** Monday- Thursday from 7:15 am - 4 pm. You can contact Erin at: secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
5. **Youth Group Zoom Bible Study Tonight! When?** 7 pm (September 20-November 1) **What?** Back to School: Tonight's theme is "So Much to Do, So Little Time". **Can't come every time?** No worries. Join us when you can. **Don't want to talk?** No worries. Listen. Chime in only if you want to. **Who should join?** All incoming 9th graders on up. **Where?** [This Zoom Link](#)
6. **Sunday School** continues this weekend! Students in 1st-6th grade may be dropped off as early as 9:00 in the school wing. Temperatures will be checked at the classroom door. Class runs from 9:15 to 10:00 am. We are distancing and encouraging compliance with our governor's [mask mandate](#) for those who are able. We also have a remote option for PreK through 6th grade. Registration is required and can be [done online](#) or on paper near the school hallway. Students will be dismissed by family starting at 10:00 as parents come to the entrance of the School hallway to pick up. Once you have your child(ren), please move to the gym or narthex or outside to reduce clustering of people.
7. **Wednesday 9:00 am Bible Study** will begin at the end of the month on September 30. We are going to look at the "Prepared to Answer" books written by Rev. Mark Paustian.





8. **Thursday evening Bible study** will begin on October 1. We will meet in person and study CFW Walther's book on Law and Gospel. There will be sections to read in preparation for each class. Please order books by September, 24th. They take about a week to come in. There are soft covers for \$13 through Amazon and a Kindle version available for less. Please speak with Pastor Mueller about ordering a book (you can also order directly from amazon.com).
9. **Parenting Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 6:30 (September 29-November 3)** Join Luther Curia Tuesday evenings for this important Bible Study series entitled "It Starts at Home"! In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most? Our children can grow up smart, athletic, popular and polite but lack a vibrant relationship with Christ. The couple hours they spend in church each week are important for building their relationship with God, but it cannot alone nurture a faith in our kids that will withstand the trials that are on the horizon. This must start at home. But many parents feel ill equipped to develop the faith of their children. In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents—couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents—can build a legacy of faith for their children. Each Bible study session includes interviews with everyday parents talking about their own doubts, fears and desires. Each session also includes parenting experts who provide powerful teaching that will help you give your kids what they need to build a solid framework for lifelong faith. Space is limited. [Please click here to register](#) by September 28. Babysitting will be provided (by students 7th grade and older). Contact Luther with any questions. 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
10. **Women Writing the Word:** This week we studied Proverbs 17:17. Our discussion questions included biblical examples of friendship such as Naomi and Ruth, David and Jonathan, and Jesus! What advice would you give someone for how to choose their friends wisely? When in your life have you had an opportunity to be a good friend through adversity? Feel free to join in 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.
11. **Living Nativity:** Thank you to everyone that joined us and donated at our breakfast last week. We appreciate your generosity in helping us put on the Living Nativity! The sign up sheets will be out in the next couple of weeks. If you would still like to contribute to the Living Nativity, a box is in the narthex for your convenience. If you have any questions, please see Sue Vant Hul or Marilyn Eirich.
12. **Box Tops for Education** - We will continue to collect the box tops until September 30. You may deposit them in containers found in the member room or the office work room.
13. **Early Childhood Requests:** Thanks to all who donated outside bikes for our Preschool and Kindergarten classes! The children have already gotten great use out of them! We also received a wonderful response to our request for volunteers in the preschool room. We



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currently have 5 volunteers rotating into the classroom to help during center time. What a blessing! We are so thankful for your support of our Early Childhood programs!

14. Thank you to those who have signed up for the **Hot Lunch Helpers!** We still have a couple spots left. Please contact the office to sign up.
15. **St. Paul's Stewardship Committee** is excited to host another **Food Truck Fest!** Join us Sunday, September 27 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be five food trucks offering an amazing variety of delicious fare as well as Jean the Balloon Lady, live music by St. Paul's very own Nathan Meitner, a giant balloon launcher, and a raffle for \$5 food truck vouchers. This is the *perfect* event to invite your friends and neighbors to! We're still looking for some volunteers to help set up, disinfect, and take down tables. Contact Luther Curia if you can help! 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
16. **Moms Night Out** - Hey, Pumpkin! Moms, do you love the PSL (Pumpkin Spice Latte) time of year?? Throw on your flannel and join us for a fall themed evening as we enjoy some tasty fall treats and good company. Cider and snacks provided. Just bring yourself to Amanda Bode's backyard at 1109 Elm St. Cleveland, WI on September 24 any time between 7-10pm! Contact Amanda Bode (920-750-8437; mrsabode@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.
17. **Happy Scrip-tember!** Earn funds for our school twice as fast because Kwik Trip is doubling the discount given to us through the month of September. (Now 10%). You can buy your Scrip between services or by calling or visiting the office.
18. **Food Preparation Safety Training** - COVID-19 presents challenges for us in many areas of our lives, including food service in public settings. Come to this *one hour* workshop led by member Gale Litt, (culinary arts and food science teacher at Plymouth High School), to learn best practices for serving at St. Paul's kitchen. We will cover topics like food handling, wearing of gloves, and the why behind some of the practices that make our food service as safe as possible! **When:** Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. **Who should attend?** Anyone who volunteers in the kitchen or assists with serving of food for events/programs **Where:** St. Paul's sanctuary
19. **Seeking Janitorial Help** - In order to handle extra cleaning and sanitizing with fall ministry, we are seeking an additional part-time janitor (9-15 hours / week). There is flexibility on which days to work. Please direct questions to John Marten (920-360-2375). Job applications are available in the office.
20. **Mindful Moms** is continuing our fall semester with park playdates on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month as well as in-person Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am at St. Paul's. Any mom with school age kids or younger is welcome to attend! Our Bible studies for the semester are focused on Psalms for Moms. September 23 will focus on Psalms for Guilt. Contact a Pastor or Alycia Cameron (414-736-8966; alycia.cameron@gmail.com) for more information.



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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 55 seats available (on the bus). With four pastors coming and promoting the trip means securing a seat sooner than later is optimal. I have a list of more than 20 who are interested, and the first registrant signed up this week...and six more are close to registering! Paperwork is available in hardcopy or email from Pastor Mueller: pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org, 920-207-2316.

22. **In our prayers this week -**

1. Thanks to God for Evelyn Sprenger's 94th birthday on September 19.