

Congregational Announcements: October 3, 2021



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

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Greetings St. Paul's family!

| This Week at a Glance: | |
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| Date | Service, Bible Study, and Class Times |
| Sunday, October 3 | Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Link to Online Weekend Worship Services |
| | 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Class Link to Bible Study Pamphlet for more information |
| Monday, October 4 | 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship |
| | 6:30 p.m. Pioneers Home Repair |
| | 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice |
| Tuesday, October 5 | 6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class |
| | 6:30 p.m. Catholicism Today |
| | 6:30 p.m. Old Testament Stories |
| Wednesday, October 6 | 8:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study |
| | 8:45 a.m. Romans Bible Study |
| | 4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism Class |
| | 6:30 p.m. Church Council |
| Thursday, October 7 | 6:30 Hebrews Bible Study |
| Friday, October 8 | A Team Volleyball @ Bethany |
| Saturday, October 9 | B Team Volleyball Tournament @ Wayside |

1. **Office hours:** The office will be open from 7:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.
2. **WELCOME BACK to Sunday morning Adult study!** This year we have two options for you. We have the main study in the gymnasium with a study our WELS put out regarding evangelism called, "Let's Go.". This study is generally led by Pastor Mueller. We have a second study for those newer to the Bible. Mr. C is teaching this one on Jesus the Messiah in the sanctuary. Each study begins around 9:20 and lasts until 10:10.
3. **Men's Early Bible Study** in October is on October 22nd at 6:00 am. We will meet in the 3-4th grade classroom. Coffee will be ready!
4. **Crafts-Men Bible Study.** Our next study is on October 14th at 6:30 pm. We're continuing to look at men in the Bible. Our next figure is Matthew. We'll look at how the call from Jesus redirected the focus of Matthew's life: from earthly pursuits to heavenly treasure.
5. **Christmas Service Registration** - We are excited to once again present "Christmas at St. Paul's" this year on Sunday, December 12. Service times will be at 8:00 (1st-8th grade) & 10:30 (PK-8th grade) with activities and snacks between services in the Sunday School rooms. The services will be in our gymnasium again to provide more seating and a larger-scale Christmas Worship event that you can invite your friends and loved ones to attend. It will be a multi-generational service, incorporating our children, St. Paul's adult choir, small groups of singers, and many instrumentalists -- all presenting the most amazing and beautiful piece of our world's history: the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We truly hope that your child(ren) will be able to participate in our St. Paul's Christmas service this year!

[It is very important to submit the participation form by Monday, October 18.](#) This allows us to have finalized service materials in time for adequate preparation. Late registration unfortunately won't be allowed.

Please forward any questions regarding the service to Luther Curia: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

6. **Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 77 students in Sunday School this year! We still welcome having more. If they haven't yet registered, that may be done [through this link](#), or by speaking with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode. For more information on the staff and important dates, click here for the [Sunday School Handbook](#), which can also be picked up in the member room.
7. **Wednesday morning Bible Study started** September 8th on the book of Romans. The teachers for the year will be a rotation of pastors and staff minister. All are welcome! And if you are new this year, people begin coming around 8:40 am for catching up with one another and class begins around 8:55.
8. **Mindful Moms Bible Study** - NEW TIME! Plan to join us every second and fourth Wednesday at 8:45am for a 30 minute Bible Study meetup. For the first part of the semester we are continuing our book on Waiting. Each lesson is independent, so even if you haven't joined yet, please come! Drop off the kids at school, stay for a brief chapel service with the school kids, and then come to be enriched in God's Word together with fellowship and encouragement! Contact Alycia Cameron with questions.
9. **Mindful Moms Playdates** We have a new schedule for this semester! Come play with us the first and third (and fifth) Wednesday of every month at 10am. Little ones enjoy fun themed activities either outside or in the gym and moms get a chance to connect, chat, and encourage one another. Reach out to Megan Bramstedt or Amanda Bode with any questions.
10. **Fall Festival** is coming! Saturday, October 30 come on out with the kids and enjoy tractor rides, a petting zoo, a pumpkin carving contest (bring pumpkins already carved), carnival games with prizes, and a Trunk or Treat! Carmel Apple Nachos and Johnsonville Brats and Hotdogs will also be available (\$1 donation suggested). Wear your costumes and come on out! We are in need of volunteers and some donations as well, so please look for those opportunities to serve with details coming via email soon. This event is open to the community.

- 11. Trunks Needed** The Fall Festival on October 30 will feature a Trunk or Treat from 5-6pm. Kids in costumes can walk from trunk to trunk in our St. Paul's parking lot collecting treats as they go. We are in need of volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy and also would appreciate candy donations. Check your email for signing up and more information. Please contact Alycia Cameron (414-736-8966) with any questions!
- 12. New Membership Class** began last Tuesday at 6pm. We regularly assemble these Bible information classes for people. This round we have **17** people enrolled (3 members, 14 prospective). It's also a great refresher course for those already members. Contact Pastor Mueller for more information. Still time to jump in!
- 13. Growing Forward Giving Envelopes** are available in the member room by the cabinets or in the office on the top part of the office desk. They can be placed in the offerings boxes in the narthex or in the wooden box on Erin Radue's desk. *We plan to have updates for the congregation coming soon.*
- 14. Living Nativity Cast and Crew Sign-ups** - The cast and crew sign up emails have been sent out. Please take a look and see how you would like to help our 2021 Living Nativity. There will be one rehearsal for all cast members (except Roman Guards and Greeters) on Sunday November 7th right after second service. We have an informational sheet on the table next to the bulletin basket explaining Living Nativity and the various roles. Please take a look and if you have any questions, see Sue Vant Hul or Marilyn Eirich.
- 15. Living Nativity Kick-Off Breakfast** -- We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, October 17th for our Kick-Off Breakfast. It will be served just before Bible Class beginning around 9 am. A free will box will be available if you would like to help us with financial support. This is our only way we raise funds for the Living Nativity. We will also be available to help with signing up for either cast or crew.
- 16. Did you know?** St. Paul's has a moms group and they'd love for all moms to be invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected!
- 17. The Martin Luther College Choir of New Ulm, MN** will present a sacred concert at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday October 17, during their worship service, at Trinity, Kiel - 387 Cemetery Rd. Kiel 53042. The concert, titled "Let It Shine", will feature a selection of choral music representing various composers and styles. The public is invited to attend. A door offering will be gathered to assist with travel expenses for the choir. Martin Luther College is part of the worker training program of our Wisconsin Synod. The college prepares teachers and staff ministers who are ready to accept positions in our congregations and it prepares men to enter the seminary to complete their training to serve as pastors. [Click here for different locations for where they will be performing.](#)
- 18. The PTF is hosting a Murder Mystery Adult Night Out** on November 6th! Please join us as an attendee to Polly Abdool's tubular album release party for her friend Debbie Gribson. Break out your spandex, padded shoulders, mullets, and poofy hair for this fun 80's night out. Look for an upcoming email with details on how to sign up whether you want to be an acting member of the murder mystery or just a viewer. This event will include hors d'oeuvre and drinks, and watch for an all-important list of willing babysitters so couples can have a night out! The party Totally starts at 7 pm. With questions please see Beth Heilman, Justin Langdon, or Amanda Grunewald.
- 19. OCTOBER VOTERS MEETING** will take place on Sunday, October 10th following the second service.

- 20. 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. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
- 21. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society** circuit fall rally will be held Saturday October 23, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church (Liberty). Registration is from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and rally from 9:00-12:00 with lunch/fellowship at noon. Presenter is Aaron Wakeman, executive director of Friends Network. LWMS Mission offering box will be in the narthex until October 11. Checks should be made out to LWMS.