

Congregational Announcements: December 5, 2021



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

Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Chad Marohn - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Friday, December 3	St. Paul's Living Nativity 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 4	9:00 a.m. Christmas Service Practice St. Paul's Living Nativity 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 5	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Link to Online Weekend Worship Services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour Children's Christmas Practice, Bible Class
	St. Paul's Living Nativity 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 6	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, December 8	8:45 a.m. Bible Study
	8:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	5:30 p.m. Stewardship
	6:30 p.m. Evangelism
Thursday, December 9	6:30 p.m. LAST Hebrews Bible Study
Friday, December 10 NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED	
Saturday, December 11	9:00 a.m. Christmas Service Practice
Sunday, December 12	Christmas at St. Paul's 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 9:15-10:15 NO Bible Class or Sunday School* *Christmas Service participants will stay for snacks/activities between services.

1. **Office hours:** The office will be open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed Friday, December 10th.
2. **New Sunday Morning Bible Study** - Last weekend we dedicated our new hymnals to the glory of our saving God. As with anything new, it will take a little time to adjust. During Family Bible Hour on December 5 and 19, we will explore the new hymnal and all it has to offer for public worship and home use. Come and learn more about this great blessing for God's people.
3. **Men's Early & Craftsmen's Bible Studies:** The next men's early study is December 17.
4. **Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 78 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. There are important rehearsals for Christmas at St. Paul's on Saturdays, December 4 and 11, from 9:00-10:30 am, as well as Sunday, December 5, during the Sunday School hour.
5. **Shut-in & Harvest Home Gifts:** St. Paul's shut-ins as well as the residents of Harvest Home will be receiving a small Christmas gift from our St. Paul's family. The gifts for Harvest Home residents will be delivered by our St. Paul's students as they go Christmas caroling Dec. 21. 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.
6. **Christmas Service Practices/Notes:** Christmas at St. Paul's is fast approaching! Here's a link to an online Google Drive folder where you can find the recitations/narrations as well as links to the service songs: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v-JbopbcGeMQ7qv644AZqoZbR-Ca_pJdbgXX4iWKAek/edit Here's a link to the event on Facebook. Share away, and invite friends and family to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! <https://fb.me/e/2PSk9ZWuZ>

Important Dates/Times:

- Saturday, December 4 - practice from 9:00-10:30 a.m. (in gym)
 - Sunday, December 5 - practice from 9:15-10:15 a.m. (in gym)
 - Saturday, December 11 - practice from 9:00-10:30 a.m. (in gym)
 - Sunday, December 12
 - 1st-8th grade service @ 8:00 a.m.
 - 1st-8th grade arrive by 7:40 and go into Sunday School classrooms
 - PK-8th grade service @ 10:30 a.m.
 - PK & K arrive by 10:10 and go into Sunday School classroom
 - 1st-8th grade will stay between services for snacks and activities
7. **Mindful Moms** - The Mom's Night Out for December 7 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Please join us for a Bible Study focused on Advent on Wednesday, December 8 at 8:30am, and a fun Christmas themed playdate on December 15!
 8. **December Communion Schedule Changes** - Since Christmas at St. Paul's occurs in the gym on what would normally be a communion weekend this year, the Elders have decided to offer communion in worship services on the 1st and 3rd weekends of December, that is December 5th-6th and December 19th-20th, as well as the normal New Years Eve Communion service, which will be held at 6:30 pm on December 31st.
 9. **Christian Family Solutions:** Since last year, many more people have found themselves in need of counseling for struggles in life. Your pastors are ready to assist you with confidential guidance from God's Word. Yet some situations call for more specialized support. Christian Family Solutions (CFS) services include counseling for individuals, couples, families and substance abuse, as well as career counseling, premarital counseling, and online support groups. They have clinics in a variety of states across the country, but their ability to set up a secure video counseling session means members can still receive counseling in places where there is no clinic. St. Paul's has some funds designated to anonymously assist members with costs associated

with this specialized counseling. Please speak with one of our pastors, who can help you find answers to your questions.

- 10. The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry** is pleased to announce that beginning on December 11, 2021, the pantry will be open on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. This is in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Patrons are welcome to visit the pantry once each month. We look forward to continuing to serve the communities of: Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags, Face masks (required to enter the pantry).
- 11. MLHS Campaign-Building Our Future On Christ:** Thank you to all who helped us achieve and exceed our goal to raise \$75,000 during the month of November! We have a final design and are moving forward with our plans. Find more information and updates about the campaign at www.mlhslancers.org/campaign, or call our mission advancement office at 920-682-0215. Thank you for your ongoing support! There are additional envelopes and info / donation forms available in the St. Paul's Member Room as well.
- 12. Called Worker Gift Box** - If you would like to remember our Called Workers with a monetary gift for Christmas, a box is located in the narthex for you to do so. This box will remain out for the month of December.
- 13. Marjorie Toepel Scholarships for 2021-22** have been awarded to two more students at Martin Luther College. Melina Satorius of Grace Lutheran in Falls Church, VA is passionate about teaching and looks forward to using her talents to glorify God and to influence children as her teachers influenced her. Rachel Ihlenfeld received an emergency call to teach last year at Bay Pines Lutheran in Seminole, FL and feels blessed to be back on campus to finish her degree this year.
- 14. Poinsettias for Christmas:** A CCB request went out on Friday to sign-up for a poinsettia for Christmas. The cost is \$10.50 and EXACT CASH or a check can be made out to St. Paul's. There is a designated drawer in the member room marked POINSETTIA PAYMENT. Please place your payment in an envelope and then into the marked drawer by December 10th. Poinsettias can be picked up after the last Christmas Day service. There is also a sign-up sheet in the member room if you do not have access to a computer.
- 15. Kitchen Clean-up and Maintenance:** We are looking to improve things in the kitchen and we need your help! There are pans in the kitchen, on the back counter, that do not have names on them. Please take a look and claim your pan by 12/12 otherwise they will be donated to the kitchen. Also, all things that are brought into the kitchen MUST BE LABELED! Examples could be items for Bible study, a church or school event, hot lunch, etc... Pastor Mueller will go through the kitchen once a week and anything that isn't labeled will be given away or thrown out. One more thing, if there is extra food from an event, please make sure to take it home, divide it with volunteer helpers, or contact Erin Radue in the office if you would like to share it with staff, give it to a family who needs it, etc...We hate to see anything go to waste! Any questions, please contact the office at 920-565-3780 or secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
- 16. A change to our typical schedule,** please note the January voters' meeting is on Saturday, January 29th at 9:00 am. There will be a breakfast served at 8:00am. We are planning an open forum during the Bible study hour on January 23.
- 17. Our Living Nativity was** highlighted with a nice overview article in the December issue of the Forward in Christ WELS magazine! The article is printed on the bulletin board in the commons.