

Congregational Announcements: October 9, 2022



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
Sunday, October 9	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Grades 1st-4th Sing Both Services
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, October 10	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 11	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 12	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Evangelism/Activities
Thursday, October 13	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
Friday, October 14	7:00 p.m. Choctoberfest - Mom's Night Out
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting

- Sunday Bible Study:** Recently we began a new Bible class unit on the Divine Call and paused last week for an open forum. Today Jim Van Alstine walks through the financials of calling for two more teachers.

Following his presentation we will continue our Bible study on the Divine Call. **Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.

2. **Sunday School** - The theme for Sunday School this year is "Built on the Rock". Classes are held Sundays between services. As of this past week, 72 are enrolled.
3. **Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
4. **Christmas at St. Paul's Student Registration** - We are excited to once again present "Christmas at St. Paul's" this year on Sunday, December 18. 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 for all child participants to submit the participation form by Monday, October 10.](#) 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

5. **Fall Festival** - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides
4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)
4:55 Devotion
5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat
7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. **Youth Night** - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.
7. **Pastor Mueller** received a divine call on September 11 to serve as an associate pastor at Trinity, Waukesha. He returned it, which means he (and Sarah) will continue (and are blessed to continue) ministry at St. Paul's.

8. **Mingles Outing** - October Fall Colors Hike, Saturday, October 15, Zillmer Loop System Trails (W833 County Road SS, Campbellsport, WI). Meet to carpool at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - 10:00 a.m. (N5990 Country Aire Road, Plymouth, Wisconsin -- at first intersection south of Hwy 23 on County C) "Mingles" are married and unmarried people roughly between the ages of 18 and 35, but others who wish to participate are welcome. The hike is on relatively easy ground and about 5 miles long. After the hike there will be a brief Bible study, lunch, and making plans for the next Mingles event. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches. Contact Matt Olson from Calvary, Sheboygan with any questions: (608) 354-5937
9. **WELS Campus Ministry** - This ministry exists to connect college students across North America with spiritual comfort, community, and encouragement. If you or a family member is in college this year, please help us get them connected. You can click [on this link](#) in the announcements on our website to fill out the form, watch for an email with the link, or ask Mrs. Radue. Our office will enter their information into our synod's database so that the college students can receive devotions, articles and communication from a local pastor where available. Thank you!
10. **LWMS Fall Rally** will be held October 8 at First German Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Pastor Daniel Lor and his son Semson, a student in the Pastoral Studies Institute, will speak about the Hmong ministry at First German. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program will be presented from 9-12. Lunch will follow the rally.
11. **The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
12. **Choctoberfest** - Calling all Moms to a fun night out! Mindful Moms is hosting their fourth annual Choctoberfest **Friday, October 14, 7:30pm-10pm**. Come enjoy a cozy evening of CHOCOLATE with friends. Plan to bring your best/favorite chocolate dish to share, and vote on your favorite. The winner takes home a prize! The only rule is that your entry must contain chocolate, so bring a classic dish you love or be creative with something new! This year it will be hosted at Alycia's house. Please RSVP to Alycia at (414)736-8966 or on the Mindful Moms Facebook group.
13. **Mindful Moms** - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are 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!
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Zion in Louis Corners this weekend, so that our circuit pastor, Pastor Olsen, can be at Good Shepherd in Plymouth to lead their call meeting for a new pastor.
15. Pastor Mueller is at Martin Luther College from Tuesday to Friday this week for Governing Board meetings.