

# Congregational Announcements: April 17, 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, April 17	<p>Worship Services: 7:00, 9:00, &amp; 11:00 a.m.            NO Family Bible Hour  <a href="#">CLICK HERE FOR LIVESTREAM LINK</a>            Donuts and Coffee Social Hour 8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</p>
Monday, April 18	NO Monday Night Worship
	NO Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, April 19	6:00 p.m. BIC
	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym *ages 12+*
Wednesday, April 20	Office Open Noon - 4:00 p.m.
	8:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study
	8:45 a.m. Romans Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
Thursday, April 21	NO Connecting Sinai to Calvary Bible Study
Friday, April 22	Office Open 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 23	Lindemann/Heling Wedding

- Did You Know?** 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1868 St. Paul's congregation joined the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). As of 2021, our synod has a baptized membership of 344,244 in 1,264 congregations, with churches in 47 US states and 4 provinces of Canada. The WELS also does gospel outreach in 40 countries around the world. It is the third largest Lutheran denomination in the United States. The WELS school system is the fourth largest private school system in the United States with over 300 primary and secondary schools. Learn more about St. Paul's and the WELS by exploring our church library!
- Sunday Bible Study** - does not meet Easter Sunday. We resume Bible study on April 24th.

3. **New Bible Information Class** has started for those new to the faith or renewing the Christian faith. We meet on Tuesdays starting at 6:30pm in the commons/lunchroom. For those who were interested but couldn't attend this one, the church staff is planning the next class to start April 19th, 6:00pm.
4. **Ukraine Support** - If you would like to make a monetary donation to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine during this time, you can place an envelope in one of the offering boxes, or drop it off in the church office. Please write 'Ukraine' on your envelope, and we will make sure your donation will be sent to the Synod. We will be collecting donations through at least the end of the month. You can also go to this website and do a direct online donation. <https://community.wels.net/page.aspx?pid=365> If you do this, make sure to designate "Ukraine" in the drop down box near the bottom of the page. Most importantly, please keep the country of Ukraine in your prayers, asking our Heavenly Father to keep them safe during this time of war, and bring this conflict to a quick resolution.
5. **Youth Confirmation** - On May 1, 11 young people will make promises of faithfulness to the Lord, who is always faithful to us. Worship services that day will be at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 (Confirmation service). There will be no family Bible hour that day. The examination service will take place Saturday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m.
6. **Office Hours Over Easter Break** - The office will be open on Wednesday, April 20th from noon - 4:00 p.m. and Friday morning from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
7. **Mr. Andy Dais** on Thursday received a divine call to teach 7th grade at Crown of Life Lutheran School in West St. Paul, MN. He would be departmentalized in the area of science. Please keep the Dais family in your prayers.
8. **Constitution Considerations** - At our April 24 Voters meeting, the agenda will include the approval of two different Constitution and Bylaws. One of them is for St. Paul's. Over the past two years, a committee combed through our current documents and suggested updates. These have been through the Elders and Council and approval is now being sought by the voters. The other one is for Manitowoc Lutheran High School. The delegates approved it in their February meeting, and now it has been sent to federation congregations for the final step in the approval process. Copies of these documents can be obtained in the member room or the office. Changes are highlighted in side-by-side format. A summary of proposed changes for our St. Paul's Constitution & Bylaws is found on the final page of that packet. A summary for the MLHS Constitution changes is now available as well.
9. **Phone System Changes** - We will be doing some maintenance on our phone system on the morning of Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be advised that the main office number may be unreachable during this time. If you need to contact anyone at School / Church at that time, please try cell phones listed in the bulletin.
10. **April Voters' Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 24th following the late service. The budget for 2022-2023 will be presented to the voters for approval. In addition, as has been mentioned in the announcements the last few weeks, the Constitutions and Bylaws for St. Paul's and Manitowoc Lutheran High School will be presented to the voters for approval as well. Also, any updates or new information regarding the Growing Forward building project will be shared.
11. **Youth Rally Update** – This year we have a great group of over 20 people signed up for the WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN. This is a tremendous opportunity for our teens to learn and grow in the Word, and share that experience with thousands of other teens from all around the world! This trip does come at a cost. For a group this size, our expenses will be over \$10,000. Most of the expense will be the responsibility of the families attending, but if you would be interested in supporting the Youth Group financially there are a couple of ways coming up. First we will be hosting a Lent Dinner on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Second we will be hosting a light breakfast between services on Easter Sunday. At both of those events we will be collecting donations, with 100% of the proceeds going to help offset the costs of the Youth Rally.

Lastly if you would like to drop off a gift at the office, please just label it “Youth Group”. For any questions, please contact Mike Leahy.

- 12. SAVE THE DATE** - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. More details to come!
- 13. WELS Handbell Festivals** will be presenting its 2022 Southeastern Region Handbell Festival on Sunday, April 24, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church and School in Hartford, WI. Handbell choirs from Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin will gather for an afternoon of praising God through music. This year's selections will follow the theme, Great is Thy Faithfulness. Past concerts have included additional accompaniment by keyboard, brass, woodwind, and percussion ensembles. Details can be found at [https://www.welsbells.com/default.asp?sec\\_id=140002121](https://www.welsbells.com/default.asp?sec_id=140002121)
- 14. Cemetery Announcement** - All wreaths must be removed from the cemetery by May 1st. Thank you for keeping our cemetery neat and clean!
- 15. LWMS Rally** - The spring rally will be held on April 20, 2022 at Immanuel Evang. Lutheran Church, 1012 Wisconsin Ave., Kewaunee, WI. Registration and coffee begins at 8:30 a.m. and the rally will start at 9 a.m. Lunch and fellowship will follow at noon. The speaker is Rev. Jonathan Bilitz from the UW-Madison campus ministry. A white box for mission offerings is in the narthex; offerings by cash or check will be collected until April 26. Checks should be payable to LWMS - Shoreline Circuit.
- 16. Meditations Subscriptions** - There are sheets printed in the Member Room to renew or receive your Meditations for the first time. Please fill out the form and include your payment in an envelope. Place the envelope in the marked drawer in the Member Room. Put your envelope only in this location to make sure it is accounted for. If you buy a copy of meditations from the Member Room instead of paying for the yearly subscription, please note that the price is now \$5.00 per copy.