

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, August 14	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Click here for 8:00 livestream link
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Gym
Monday, August 15	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, August 16	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, August 17	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers Meeting
Thursday, August 18	7:00 p.m. Burning Brightly Moms Study
Sunday, August 21	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. 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. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!
- 2. 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 October of 1931 the Senior Choir, now St. Paul's Adult Choir, was formed. The role of the choir is meaningful and very much in keeping with confessional Lutheranism. Prior to Martin Luther's time, the congregation did not participate in singing; the choir was an "official" and elite arm of the church's leadership. The Reformation changed that, however, and besides encouraging all people to read the Scriptures also encouraged all believers to sing—and not in Latin but in their own common language! A radical change! The first people's hymnal of 1524 had eight hymns in it, and because the printed word was expensive in those times, that hymnal first went to the church choir—but only so the choir could teach the hymns to the congregation. At St. Paul's, the choir may introduce a new hymn to the congregation, highlight the season of the church year or the Scripture readings with a special anthem, or enrich the liturgy by taking an active part in the responses. We have no desire to entertain or to take on the role of a "show choir." We seek only to encourage the congregation in worship so that all glory goes to God. Our choir will be starting up again soon! More information can be found below.

- 3. New Sunday Bible Study: Last weekend, we began a new study called Anniversary Reflections...which will continue next week. Pastor Mueller attended a conference on gender dysphoria last week presented by Christian Family Solutions [a counseling agency affiliated with WELS]. Today's study is an overview of the issue and a Christian response. Child care is available for younger children.
- **4. Financial Class -** \$42,740. Last time we held this class, we totaled up the combined debt paid off. And that was the amount after 9 weeks. All because of the disciplined and intentional approach of the program called "Financial Peace University". The Lord asks us to be wise managers of all he has entrusted to us. Whether you are struggling to keep up with bills or just want to be more organized, this class and the mutual encouragement offered will make a difference, so that you can be faithful with your money and rich toward God. We will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00, beginning September 6. The cost of the program will quickly pay for itself. For more information and to sign up, go to fpu.com/1152309 or speak with Pastor Bode.
- **5. Sunday School -** The theme for Sunday School this year is "Built on the Rock". Classes begin on September 11 between services. For planning this wonderful ministry, we appreciate parents registering their children by using the link on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org. An informational pamphlet is printed in the member room and available on our website as well.
- 6. Adult Choir Coming Soon! Do you have a love of singing and a love for your Savior? If so, consider joining our St. Paul's Adult Choir! It is open to all high school age students and up. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 12. You don't have to have a solo voice or be able to read notes like a pro! We'd love to have you! Childcare is available if needed (provided by the Curia children). In order to help with music selections, please indicate ON THIS FORM which voice part(s) you generally sing. If you don't know, just think: Soprano (higher female voice), Alto (lower female voice), Tenor (higher male voice), Bass (lower male voice). If you're still on the fence about joining, don't worry about filling this out. Just show up! Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: 287-8575 or https://luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
- 7. Pastors Helping Plymouth Our circuit pastor, Pastor Ted Olsen, from Zion in Louis Corners, is helping Good Shepherd in Plymouth organize for ministry moving forward since Pastor Heup was called to heaven. Pastor Bode and Pastor Mueller are involved in a rotation to help to cover worship services this month. Pastor Bode will be preaching at Zion in Louis Corners this morning and at Good Shepherd next weekend.
- 8. Last weekend Building Committee Chairman Larry Jaeger gave an update. You can find that here.
- 9. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.
- **10. St Paul's After School Care -** We are looking for after school care help for the 2022-2023 school year. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30pm. Please contact Mr. Marohn if you are interested or would like more information. Job sharing is a possibility if you prefer not to commit to five days.
- 11. 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.

- **12. August Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 8/22 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the playground.
 - *Family Friendly
 - *Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores Feel free to bring something else along!)
 - *Bring Your Own Chair
 - *Bring Your Own Beverage
- 13. The MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest" The date for picking up the Sweet Corn at St. Paul's will be Sunday the 28th. The corn will be in the shed after services that Sunday. So we know how much corn to pick, there is a signup sheet in the member room where you can list how much corn you would be willing use. We will be picking the corn the morning before on the 27th and could use a few helpers. If you can spare a few hours Saturday morning to pick some corn please let Jim Van Alstine [(920)-889-1225] know if you can help.
- 14. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. See the itinerary here. It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
- **15.** The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register. There are also *golden tickets* available to hand to someone and personally invite them to this class!
- 16. St. Paul's History Committee will meet on Sunday, August 14th at 9:15 a.m. in the church library.