

Congregational Announcements: September 18, 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, September 18	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Light Breakfast & Brief History Presentation
	11:45 a.m. Church Picnic
Monday, September 19	NO MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, September 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, September 21	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. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, September 22	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School staff meeting
Sunday, September 25	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Grades 5th-8th sing both services

- ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** - St. Paul's celebrate its 160th anniversary this weekend in both Sunday services. We wish to thank Pastor Unke for being with us, as well as all the volunteers behind the scenes who worked to make this event so special. Join us in the gym for a light breakfast and peruse historical displays. Dick Stoelb will also give a brief presentation on the history of St. Paul's. After the late service, we will enjoy

a picnic (food provided by Three Guys and a Grill). There is no cost for the meal, but a free-will offering will be collected to defray the costs.

- Sunday Bible Study:** In place of Bible study today, there will be a brief presentation on our congregation's history in the gym. On September 25, we will begin a new unit on the Divine Call.
- Sunday School** - The theme for Sunday School this year is "Built on the Rock". Classes began last Sunday between services. Parents, if you haven't already, please register your children by using the link on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org, or fill out a paper registration in the school hallway. Printed informational pamphlets are available as well. May the Lord richly bless this ministry!



- Child Care** - Since there is no Bible class today, child care will not be offered. It will resume on September 25 between services.
- There will be NO Monday evening worship** on September 19th due to the anniversary celebration on Sunday the 18th.
- World Religions Study** - Join Staff Minister Luther Curia Tuesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 6 as we examine the basic teachings of Christianity and compare them to the teachings of other world religions. This course will establish basic patterns that flow through all non-Christian religions. With this basic understanding as a foundation, class members will focus on four non-Christian religions: Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. These four were chosen because of the greater likelihood of class members meeting and having the opportunity to witness to people of these religions. Application exercises are weighted with questions about the Jewish and Muslim religions as most North American Christians have the most contact with non-Christians from these religions.
- Contented Parenting Bible Study** - As a parent, do you ever wish you could just stop worrying and fixating on things you can't control? Jesus gave us the key, and it all has to do with our focus. When our focus is on the world, worry is usually the result, but when we focus on Christ . . . well, that changes everything. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus called us to seek his kingdom and his righteousness first. After that, everything else falls into place. Join us as we learn of Contentment in Christ Thursday evenings at 6:30 September 22-October 20. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org; 920.287.8575.
- In thanks to the Lord** the flowers in church today are given for Evelyn Sprenger's 96th birthday by her children.

9. **Wednesday Morning Bible Class begins** September 7th. People usually arrive around 8:45am and we start just prior to 9:00. The study takes place in the commons. We are studying the book of Acts this year.
10. **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.
11. **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!
12. **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 September is the last month to register!
13. **The next information class/member class** just started last week on Tuesday or Thursday. The times are from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register. This week is the last week to jump in!
14. **Are you a Thrivent Member?** We are compiling a list of those who are. Thrivent members are able to do a type of grant called an 'Action Team.' When it is approved, Thrivent sends a \$250 card for an event. We have used these for the Car Show, Living Nativity, Marriage Retreats, and now we found out they can also be used for our school sporting events. We would like to strategize and maximize these for events at St. Paul's. Please speak with the pastors, Luther Curia or Andy Dais. [This is not a plug for this company, simply a request for those who already use it.]
15. **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. Mission offerings will be collected at St. Paul's from September 25 until Oct. 3. Place your offerings in the box in the narthex. Checks should be made out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.
16. **Double Kwik Trip Scrip!** During the month of September, take advantage of a 10% discount on your Kwik Trip gift cards! You can order scrip online, in the office, or between Sunday services.
17. **Llama Needed!** The Living Nativity is searching for a new llama for this year's event. Autumn, our long time llama is in poor health and can't lead the wisemen this year. If anyone knows of any llama in the area and that is tame and leads please let Robert Gumm or Marilyn Eirich know.
18. **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 basketball for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

19. Open Forum and Voters Meeting - Two important upcoming dates to make note of: The first is an open forum on Sunday, October 2nd. The School Board will be giving an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they will be sharing 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. This open forum will take place during the Bible study hour. The second date to make note of is the fall voters meeting, which 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.