

# Congregational Announcements: January 22, 2023



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

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

<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	<b>Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
	<b>11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters' Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, January 23</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. Trustees</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 24</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. BIC</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music &amp; Movement</b>
	<b>4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Elders</b>
<b>Thursday, January 26</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Dartball</b>
<b>Saturday, January 28</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps</b>
<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	<b>Worship Services: 8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>

- Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South

Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - [stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com)

3. **On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.
4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!
10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.

12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at [316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer](http://316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer). Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.
16. **PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th**. Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: [katieb82@hotmail.com](mailto:katieb82@hotmail.com).
17. **Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or [molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).