

Congregational Announcements: May 7, 2023



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, May 7	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	1:00 p.m. Pre-K & K Open House
Monday, May 8	9:30 a.m. Pastor Circuit Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, May 10	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Evangelism
Thursday, May 11	10:30 a.m. School Musical Dress Rehearsal
	12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Luncheon
Sunday, May 14	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Sunday Bible Study** - Today is a special presentation by Friends Network missionaries Emily and Jesse Rider. During this hour, you will learn about Friends Network, hear encouraging evangelism stories, and learn how you can support the amazing mission work in Southeast Asia. Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
- Ascension Worship** - Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 pm. St. Paul's will host a joint Ascension service with members of Calvary, Sheboygan and St. John's / St. Peter's, Cleveland. The Sunday School children from each congregation will sing an anthem in the service, and members from all three churches will be part of special music for the day.
- LWMS National Convention** will be June 22-25, 2023 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The theme for the 60th annual convention is "Peace Like a River." Registration forms are available online. Information on the mission speakers and workshops will be found on the LWMS website at www.lwms.org For more information, contact Marilyn Toepel.

4. **WELS Youth Night** – Due to scheduling conflicts, the May WELS Youth Night event for 5/13 is canceled. We will continue to host these events in the future. A schedule will be set soon for a Fall, Winter, and Spring event for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any interest in helping with one of those events in the future, please contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia.

Call Updates

1. **Pastor Mueller** received a divine call to serve as lead pastor at St. Paul's in North Mankato.
2. **Calling Season** - The Lord has blessed St. Paul's this call season. At a time when staffing has become a challenge across our synod, we were blessed to fill all four of our full-time teaching/administration needs. Staffing additions for 2023-2024 include:
 - Miss Deb Doletzky - 2nd Grade Teacher
 - Mrs. Emily Panzer - 4K Teacher
 - Mr. Michael Wieting - 7th-8th half-time Teacher / Principal
 - Mrs. McLissa Wieting - 3K half-time Teacher / Early Childhood Director

In Other News

1. **The Funeral for Bob Kober** will take place on Tuesday, May 9, at 11:00 am. Visitation beforehand starts at 9:30 am.
2. **Family Dance Party:** The Activities committee is planning another fun Family Dance Party Friday, May 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We'll have the gym set up for the occasion, with lights and awesome family-appropriate tunes! Pizza will be served from 6:00-7:00. **SPECTATORS WELCOME!**

Cost: freewill offering collection
Register in the member room by May 14 to help the committee plan for the event.
Contact Luther Curia with any questions. luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org or 920.287.8575
3. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 28 for a Timber Rattlers game! There is a limit of 50 people, so get your tickets before they're gone!

Cost: \$55 (covers bus ride, ticket, buffet, and 2 drinks)
Details: Located directly behind home plate with a great view of the field, we will be in the new Diamond Seats section. It features comfortable elevated bar top seats, an all-you-can-eat buffet (BBQ pulled pork, grilled Cher-Make jumbo hot dogs, a build your own burrito bowl bar, creamy mac & cheese, potato chips, and assorted desserts), and two beverages (hard seltzer, beer, water, or soda). Diamond Seats give the convenience of being able to sit back and watch the game or stand up and mingle with friends.
Schedule:
5:15: meet at St. Paul's and head to the game together on bus
6:40: game
Post-game: fireworks at the ballpark, kids can run the bases, return to St. Paul's
Please register using this form by July 14: <https://forms.gle/ka7jDrbkdB2d9QqB7>.
Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
4. **Marohn Farewell Dinner:** On June 11, we will have a brat fry to bid farewell to the Marohn family and show our appreciation for their partnership in St. Paul's Ministry. This meal will take place following the second service. Please sign up (online: <https://forms.gle/auaTvJ1acpT7majn6> or in the member room) to help coordinate how much food to prepare. We're also asking people to sign up to bring their favorite side and/or dessert to share.

Cost: freewill offering collection
Please register by Wednesday, June 7.
Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

5. **WELS Night at The Brewers is on for 2023!** Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 7 to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. **NEW FOR 2023** - Each church that purchases a group of 20 or more tickets will enter a drawing to qualify for the opportunity to have a member from their congregation represent WELS Night by throwing out a first pitch prior to the game! Please contact our office to purchase the group tickets so we can qualify for the drawing, to be seated together, and save on service fees. There is a flier with more information on the bulletin board in the commons.
6. **Take a trip to Greece in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul!** The trip is right after Easter next year, from April 1-10, 2024. We will see Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, and a three day Mediterranean cruise that will visit Patmos (where John wrote Revelation), Ephesus, and more. Contact Pastor Mueller for info. [A total of 32 are registered!]
7. **Help Name Some Rooms!** We have two rooms in the new facility we would like to name (other than the generic names on the blueprints). The two rooms are the entryway (also currently called the gathering area) and the new meeting room/multi-purpose room. The reason for naming this is that we can't have *two* commons areas or *three* entryways into the building (narthex, current school entry and new school entry). It's also for clarity for announcements and print materials to let someone know where to meet. Please send your suggestions to secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org. *No last names please!*
8. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
9. **Millersville Road Repair** and Paving began Monday April 17. They have torn up most of the road coming from both ways to St. Paul's. It has seemed to work best during the week to come and go by way of Millersville Ave. west of St. Paul's and Warbler Rd. heading north from Millersville Ave. The entire project is slated to be finished (weather permitting) by June.
10. **Capital Campaign Update:** The Lord continues to shower St. Paul's with blessings. Since the matching gift was announced in December, an additional \$84,650 has been given or pledged, which has a total impact to the campaign of \$126,975. Work on grant requests has also continued and we were recently notified of a \$50,000 grant that is being gifted to St. Paul's! Additionally, all of the Kohler plumbing products have been received and Neumann plumbing will begin installing them soon. As a reminder, please be sure to indicate "matching gift" with any new gifts or pledges. We have much to be thankful for indeed. With the Lord's continued blessings, these and other on-going activities will help to reduce the potential mortgage from \$3.1M to the planned \$2.6M. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
11. **Save the Dates!** The building expansion is scheduled for completion on August 4. With that date we have planned a dedication date for the facility in our services on **August 13**. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky and Emily Panzer] that day. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher that day. We are also planning an Open House on **August 19**.
12. **The gym will be unavailable** starting on Sunday, May 7 through Friday, May 12 for the St. Paul's School Musical.