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TRIUNE GOD**



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: Most people in our world today have faith. They may have faith in themselves. They may have faith in Allah or Brahman or in a vague higher being they call God. But in whom does the Holy Spirit, whose work we celebrated last weekend, lead us to have faith? There is only one true God, the God who created the heavens and the earth and everything in them, the God who sacrificed once for the sins of the world, the God who sets us apart as his own. We Believe in the Triune God.

How Great Thou Art

CW 612



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

Stand.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

The LORD who gave life to all nations and desires the salvation of all nations invites us to confess our sins and receive his forgiveness:

Heavenly Father, though you created humans in your image, I was born in the fallen image of Adam and Eve. I have wasted, neglected, and abused the gifts of your creation. Son of God, though you bought me and I belong to you, I have used my time and energy to please myself rather than serve you. Holy Spirit, though you have called me in the Word, I have ignored and closed my ears to your guidance and grace. I deserve to be shut out from your presence now and forever. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him by the Spirit shall not perish but have eternal life. God's Son lived a holy life in your place and was lifted up on the cross to remove your sin by his death. He has risen again to prove his victory is yours. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603 sts. 1, 3

1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O

all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -

love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
me: To God all praise and glo - ry!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1—2:3

God created the heavens and the earth and everything in them; and they were very good.

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all

the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O LORD, Our Lord

Psalm 8

Our Triune God's name is majestic in all the earth; for us he sent Jesus to be lower than the angels yet now crowned with glory and honor.

Soloist: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

All: Refrain

O Lord, our God, how
won - der - ful your name in all the earth!

Soloist: When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place - what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?

All: Refrain

Soloist: You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet.

All: Refrain

Soloist: All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

All: Refrain

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

We live together under the triune God's peace, love, grace, and fellowship.

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All God's people here send their greetings.

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissioned us to go and make disciples, baptizing in the name of the triune God and teaching obedience.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

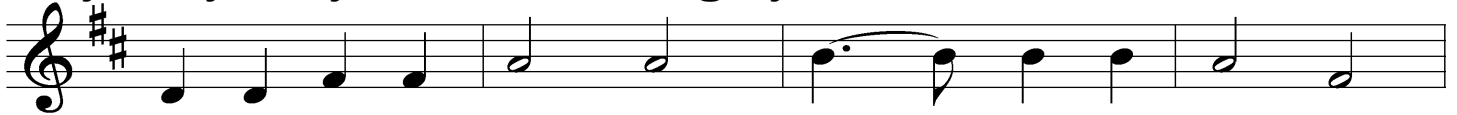
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Sermon

2 Corinthians 13

*Rejoice with God's Blessings!
Restored - Reunited*

Stand

Athanasian Creed

This statement of belief, together with the Apostles' and Nicene creeds, is held in common by all Christian churches. It was written to take a stand on God's Word against false teachings about the triune God and the person of Jesus Christ. Although it was not written by Athanasius, it is named after this defender of God's truth who lived in the 300s AD. We humans cannot comprehend the fullness of God. But since he is our Lord and Savior and means everything to us, we want to honor his name and what he tells us about himself in the Scriptures.

- 1 Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.
- 2 Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.
- 3 Now this is the true Christian faith:
- 4 We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.
- 5 For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,

⁶ but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

⁷ What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

⁸ The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

⁹ the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

¹⁰ the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

¹¹ yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

¹² just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

¹³ In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

¹⁴ yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

¹⁶ yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

¹⁸ yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

¹⁹ For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

²⁰ The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

²² The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

²³ So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

²⁴ And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;

²⁵ but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

²⁶ Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. **We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your
4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on
choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -
sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets
God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
Spir - it, three we name you, though in

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
 bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing
 swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
 es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed
 bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
 cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
 mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
 God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the
 main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 sun through the Church the song goes on.
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
 knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Stand.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

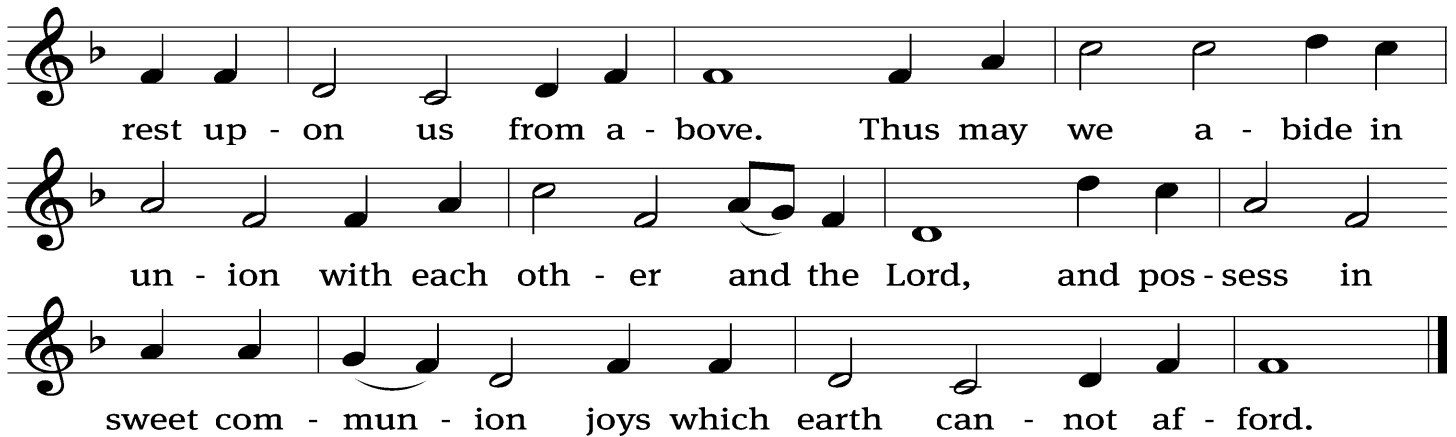
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928

May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
 bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor



rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
 un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
 sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Chuck Schelk, Richard Nack, Ethan Schelk, Darin Reinemann, Tim Klapperich.

10:30a.m.-Nathan Kracht, Derek Pantel, Jim Van Alstine, Trevor Wehrmann, Kris Sturm.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.

OFFERINGS: 5/28 & 5/29 - \$12,200 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$4,563 GROWING FORWARD (\$3,478 INCLUDED IN MATCHING FUNDS).

ATTENDANCE: 5/28 & 5/29 : 8:00 A.M. - 137. 10:30 A.M. - 98. 6:30 P.M. - 17.



This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, June 4	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study
Monday, June 5	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Wednesday, June 7	9:30 a.m. Mindful Mom’s Park Playdate
	6:30 p.m. Church Council
Saturday, June 10	Gym Unavailable
Sunday, June 11	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study
	11:30 a.m. Marohn Farewell

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Summer Family Bible Study** - With Sunday School done for the summer, we gear Sunday morning studies for everyone from adults down to children in about 3rd grade. There is child care available for younger children while parents and older children are in Bible study. Today, we continue our life of David study focusing on David as Faith-Filled Warrior in 1 Samuel 17-18. Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
2. **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.
3. **Interested in our Bible Information Class?** If you or someone you know would like to research our teachings and whether to partner in membership with us, please reach out to the pastors or staff minister.



Call Updates

1. **Calling Season** - The Lord has blessed St. Paul's this call season 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. MeLissa Wieting - 3K half-time Teacher / Early Childhood Director
2. **Michael and MeLissa Wieting** have made an offer (and had it accepted) on a home in New Holstein. They thank you for all the home suggestions! **Deb Doletzky** plans to rent within a few minutes of church/school. **The Panzers** currently rent in Kiel.

In Other News

1. **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 questions. 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

2. **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 questions. 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
3. **June Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 6/19 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the garage.
 - *Family Friendly
 - *Yard Games
 - *Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores - Feel free to bring something else!)
 - *Bring Your Own Chair
 - *Bring Your Own Beverage
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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, Emily Panzer, and Michael & MeLissa Wieting] 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**.
 - The **Dedication/Installation** day will have no Bible study. Tours of the expansion will take place during the Bible study hour.
 - The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.
7. **Summer Office Hours** - The office will be open on Tuesdays, 11am - 3pm, and Thursdays, 9:30am - 2pm for the summer. If you have any questions outside of office hours, please email Erin Radue at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.

8. **St. John-St. Peter Anniversary** - The members of St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Wisconsin will be celebrating the centennial of our church on June 25. Worship will begin at 10:00 followed by a catered meal. We welcome visitors to come and celebrate with us. Go to www.stjohnstpeter.com for more info. Those who plan to attend the meal are asked to sign up in advance at our website or by calling 920-693-8612.
9. **St. Paul's Volleyball Camp** - Join us for volleyball camp Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22 to bump up your volleyball skills! This camp is CO-ED and for those entering grades 4-8 in the fall. We will be drilling the core skills, striving for 3 hits on a side, and working on teamwork and hustle - all while having fun! Sign up below by June 5 and reach out to Mr. Dais or Mrs. Bode for any questions. Scan the QR Code to register!
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10. **St. Paul's Basketball Camp** - Come join us for a co-ed basketball camp June 12-15th. This camp is for kids entering 3rd-6th grade in 2023-2024. Camp will be from 9:30-11:00 AM. We will work on the basics and apply concepts to game play. Reach out to Mr. Dais with any questions! Scan the QR Code to register!
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11. **New Church Furniture** - You may notice a new piece of furniture on the baptismal font side of church. For years members have struggled to pass between the piano as they returned to their seats from communion. Musicians also haven't had enough room for their instruments/music stands. The elders wanted to address these concerns in a way that minimally impacts seating. The front pew on that side has always been a place for instrumentalists to set their instruments and for other worship supplies to be kept. It is not often used for seating. This new piece of furniture, replacing the front pew, is shorter than the standard pew to allow more room for worshipers to return to their seats. It is also tall enough to block any unsightly music stands and microphones, which up till now have been cluttering the sacristy. There is storage to hold choir music, choir folders, and pianists' music. A drawer on the aisle side holds the hand held microphones that are used for announcements. A handrail provides support for worshipers to stand. While the piece is beautiful and blends in well with the other church furnishings, there was a small error in construction. They forgot to include a toe kick, providing room for worshipers in the pew behind to rest their feet. The company hopes to have it replaced by the end of summer. It may take a while to grow accustomed to it, but we're sure it will soon feel like this new piece of furniture was always meant to be in our worship space.
12. **Update from Corey Schroeder:** The Lord continues to shower St. Paul's with blessings. Since the matching gift was announced in December, an additional \$125,100 (as of 5/30) has been given or pledged, which has a total impact to the campaign of \$187,650! As a reminder, the matching gift remains open until construction is completed, or until a total of \$130,000 is given or pledged against it. 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 upcoming mortgage. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!
13. **Member Info Update** - You still have time to update your information. Please see the master copy in the narthex.