

Congregational Announcements: August 13, 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: | |
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| Date | Service, Bible Study, and Class Times |
| Sunday, August 13 | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship |
| | 9:10 - 10:10 am - Tours of Addition |
| | 11:50 a.m. Installation Dinner |
| Monday, August 14 | 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship |
| Tuesday, August 15 | 6:00 p.m. School Orientation |
| Wednesday, Aug. 16 | 6:30 p.m. Officers |
| | 6:30 p.m. School Board |
| Thursday, August 17 | 6:00 p.m. School Orientation |
| Sunday, August 20 | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship |
| | 9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study |

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Family Bible Study** - Takes a pause today to have tours of the addition.
2. **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.
3. **Sunday School** begins on September 10 under the theme "The LORD is Our Strength"! Registration is live now on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org.

In Other News

1. **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.
2. **On Sunday, Aug. 13** we dedicate the new school wing in our services. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky - 2nd Grade, Emily Panzer - 4K, Rev. Norv Kock - Principal Relief, and Michael & MeLissa Wieting - Principal / 7th-8th Grade and Early Childhood Director / 3K]. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher.
3. **Installation Dinner:** We are beyond blessed to welcome five new faculty members to our St. Paul's Ministry team! They will be Installed during the late service this morning. All are welcome to join us for a meal following.

4. **An Open House is planned** in September. The Building Committee and Church Council decided to move it to make sure we have ample time for all equipment to arrive and be installed and all finishing touches to be completed.

The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. We are planning on **September 17** from **3:00 - 5:00 pm**. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.

5. **Church Picnic:** Mark September 10 on your calendar as we will be holding our annual church picnic that day after the late service. It will be a fun, themed meal with delicious food and beverages, decor, and music. There will be many activities and a salsa competition with prizes! Look for more information to come soon. Let Luther Curia know if you have any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
6. **Now Hiring!** St. Paul's is looking to fill the following positions:
 - a. **Preschool Aide(s):** By God's grace the classroom doors of St. Paul's will welcome students on August 23! During this very exciting time we are looking to hire aides to work with our youngest lambs: 3K, 4K and Kindergarten students. Shifts are available between 6:30 AM-5:30 PM, Monday-Friday when school is in session. Positions include: providing before/after school care, assisting with classroom routines, lunch prep and recess and nap time supervision. Please contact the office to request an application and to schedule an interview.
 - b. **Janitorial:** We are looking to hire a custodian for the addition. Please speak to Trevor Wehrmann or the office for further information.
7. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule for July and beyond, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional July ushers will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
8. **Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW)** put out boxes in the narthex to help our four new teaching staff members. One box is for Scrip cards, gift cards, or money. The other box is for pantry type items: paper towels, cleaning supplies, canned foods, etc... If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schueler, 920-693-8666.
9. **2023 WELS Convention:** From July 31-August 3, the WELS Biennial Convention was held in Saginaw, MI. Pastor Mueller was a delegate. In the coming weeks, we plan to share some highlights of the convention and updates on our church body's work.
 - a. The convention's opening service was held at St. Paul's in Saginaw. Pastor James Huebner, who serves at Grace in Milwaukee, as well as being the synod's 1st Vice President, preached on Revelation 1:4-8. "It's all about Jesus, and that's a message to celebrate and communicate." The Concert Choir from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, one of our two WELS ministerial education high schools, provided special music for the service.
 - b. President Mark Schroeder was re-elected for another 4-year term; he has been serving our synod in this capacity since 2007. Pastor Joel Voss, who serves at Resurrection in Centerville, OH, was re-elected as the WELS Second Vice President, in which position he has been since 2009.
 - c. President Schroeder's message to the convention was filled with hope. Our World Mission focus has been to help strengthen the confessional stance of our partner churches and mission churches around the world, while also looking for new opportunities to expand the gospel's reach where we have not been. By God's grace, we are striving to plant 100 new home missions in the next 10 years. Established congregations are finding ways to connect with people in their communities to share the gospel one-on-one. Now is the time for us as a synod to ask the Lord for more workers, encourage more young people to train for the public ministry, and to support them in that effort.

The convention's theme was "Embrace the Cross -- Anticipate the Crown." From the letters to the 7 churches in Revelation 2-3, we notice sin, suffering, and Satan's attacks even today; but in the end, Jesus is coming, and we share in his triumph.

10. **Church Photo Directory:** Please watch your emails for upcoming opportunities to have your Family's photo taken on one of the following dates:

August

Sunday, Aug. 20th Noon – 4:00 pm

Wed., Aug. 23rd 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Thurs., Aug. 24th 5:30 – 7:30 pm

We encourage all members to participate in this important congregational effort. Please sign up through the Church Needs Request (or call the Church Office at 920-565-3780) at your earliest convenience. Photo sessions will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Photos will not be for sale. They will only be used for Church Photo Directory purposes.

11. **New Pastor Installation:** We rejoice with our WELS brothers and sisters at Trinity in Kiel, that the Lord has sent them a second pastor to serve their growing ministry. Pastor Isaiah Horn will be installed at Trinity (387 Cemetery Rd.) on September 10 at 1:00 p.m. Following the service, there will be a light reception.
12. **The MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest"** is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime August 27th. So we know how much corn to pick, there is a sign-up sheet in the member room to place your order. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1867 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 15 years and much of the money raised has been through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program. We will need 4 to 6 of our St. Paul's members to help with the picking the day before on Saturday the 26th. If you can help, please contact Jim Van Alstine at 920-889-1225.