

Congregational Announcements: August 27, 2023



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

Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Michael Wieting - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, August 27	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - Family Bible Hour
Monday, August 28	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Wednesday, Aug. 30	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Friday, September 1	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, September 3	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, September 4	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Family Bible Study** - We gear summer 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 conclude our life of David study by looking at his plans for the temple. Why was it so important to him? What did he provide for it? Whom did he put in place? What was worship like? Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
- 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. The new course begins on September 12th at 6:00 pm.
- Sunday School** begins on September 10 under the theme "The LORD is Our Strength"! Registration is live now on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org. If you would like to invite a friend, there are fliers in the member room.
- Parents Bible Study**- As parents, it can often be difficult to find the time to be in the Word of God for personal study. Join Staff Minister Luther Curia for **Families of the Bible**. The study explores familiar Biblical family relationships and the challenges those families faced. Each lesson examines Scriptural truths

from a biblical family circumstance and applies them to modern family life. The topics covered in the Families of the Bible study are applicable to every family at some point in time. Join us in the new Harvest Room Thursday evenings at 6:30 - September 14, 21 & October 5, 12. Each Bible class session will have its own focus, so no worries if you can't make each class. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare can be available. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org; 920.287.8575.

5. **Lutheran Churches Bible Study:** There are many different Lutheran churches in our area. Are they all pretty much the same? On several Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30, starting September 12, Pastor Bode will lead a class looking at the historical relationship between the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We will consider the blessings of the fellowship we once shared, differences that led to the synods splitting in 1961, as well as current relationships and teachings. Come and grow in your appreciation of how the Lord works through his Word and rules over time and history for the good of his Church.

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. **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.

3. **Church Picnic:** Come on out and enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun with your St. Paul's family Sunday, September 10 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. There will be a Mexican themed meal, complete with a taco/nacho bar. You'll also receive 2 beverages per person (margaritas, Coronas, sangria, lemonade, water). Join in the fun: traditional yard games, BINGO with prizes (cost: \$1/card), and bounce house for the kids!

We're looking for the best desserts out there, people. Our St. Paul's bakers never disappoint! Signup if you'd like to bring something.

SALSA COMPETITION: Do you have a salsa recipe that you think is on point? Sign up for our Salsa Competition! Your salsa can be any variety/type you like (stewed, fresh, fruit, etc.). Bring a half-gallon of your salsa to the picnic and you could win a \$50 gift card to Pacifico! More details will be shared later for those who sign up.


Cost: Free-will offering basket. Additional beverages can be purchased (cash only).

Please register using the QR code or by calling the office by Monday, September 4 so that we have enough food for you. :)

Let Luther Curia know if you have any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



4. **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.

5. **Adult Choir Coming Soon!** Do you have a love of singing and a love for your Savior? If so, consider joining our St. Paul's Adult Choir! It is open to all high school age students and up. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 11. You don't have to have a solo voice or be able to read notes like a pro! We'd love to have you! Childcare is available if needed (provided by the Curia children). In order to help with music selections, please indicate **ON THIS FORM** (<https://tinyurl.com/5n8cvc9j> or QR code) which voice part(s) you generally sing. If you don't know, just think: Soprano (higher female voice), Alto (lower female voice), Tenor (higher male voice), Bass (lower male voice). If you're still on the fence about joining, don't worry about filling this out. Just show up! Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: 287-8575 or luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
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6. **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.
7. **2023 WELS Convention:** From July 31-August 3, the WELS Biennial Convention was held in Saginaw, MI. Pastor Mueller was a delegate. Each week, we are sharing some highlights of the convention and updates on our church body's work:
- Our WELS Home Missions continues with the 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Rev. Mark Gabb, chairman for our Home Missions Board, spoke about the Great Commission that Christ has given us to go and make disciples, while faithfully and wisely using the resources he has given us for both outreach and nurture. "It comes down to reaching the lost," Gabb continued. "It's still about one Savior, one mission, one synod, one soul at a time."
 - Rev. Jonathan Hein, coordinator of WELS Congregational Services, offered convention delegates a picture of the current state of the WELS and opportunities for the future. Amid concerns of aging congregations and pastoral vacancies, he noted, "This is not a time for us to cower or shake over the number of losses. It's a time to stand up and ask God to give us courage and strength and to love our community rather than lambast our community for becoming post-Christian. Let's love our community and bring Christ to them. Now is the time for us to do it."
 - Rev. Phil Hirsch, who serves at Hope in Manhattan, KS delivered the convention essay, based on the theme: Embrace the Cross, Anticipate the Crown. "In the freedom of the gospel, we are NOT to let ourselves be burdened by a yoke of slavery again, but should embrace the cross of Christ and embrace whatever comes our way from the hand of our heavenly Father, confident that we have an eternal crown because of Christ and sure that, even now, all things serve us for good."
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **Some have been asking** if we are making the Garden Gym or other [non classroom] rooms in the addition

available for member use. We hope to down the road, but for the time being we want to grow to understand the rooms ourselves, figure out care and cleaning of them, and then to create policies and procedures for proper use.

11. **Early Childhood** teachers are looking for donations of outdoor trikes, bikes (with training wheels), and 3 wheel scooters. Donations can be dropped off in the office during office hours. Please contact Molly Meitner with any questions.