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This Week @ St. Paul's

11.17 Sun	(5-8 sing at GS Plymouth)
	8:00a Worship Service
	9:30a Family Bible Hour
	10:30a Worship Service (Zion Brey Baptism)
11.18 Mon	6:00p Monday Worship
	6:30p Foundations BIC
	7:15p Adult Choir
11.20 Wed	8:00a Mindful Moms study
	9:00a 2 Thess. Bible study
	9:15a Mindful Moms playdate
	6:30p School Board
	6:30p Officers
11.21 Thu	6:30p Sunday School Staff Meeting
	7:00p Mom's Night Out
	7:00p Dartball
11.24 Sun	8:00a Worship Service
	9:30a Family Bible Hour
	10:30a Worship Service
11.25 Mon	4:30p Trustees
	6:00p Monday Worship
	6:30p Foundations BIC
	7:15p Adult Choir

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Scandalous Stories:** Within the pages of Scripture are many stories that are obscure, dramatic...and just plain scandalous. There are no wasted details in the Bible...so why would these stories be included in the pages of Scripture? Today during Bible class, we will begin a new session on "*Scandalous Stories of Scripture*". You won't want to miss hearing and growing from these scandalous stories which are included in Scripture.

2. **Thanksgiving Worship:** Thanksgiving is approaching quickly. Mark your calendars for a worship opportunity to thank our gracious Lord with your family in Christ on Wednesday, November 27th, at 6:30p or on Thursday, November 28th, at 9:00a.

Announcements & News

1. **Point Me Heavenward:** It's hard to keep them aimed well...isn't it? When success and happiness and adventure swirl around us...oh, what our eyes dart to and from! Distractions have a way of pulling eyes away from where real treasure resides. God often positions us so that all we can do is look up. When our eyes are forced downward, someone needs to lift our chin and direct our vision to Jesus. No matter our circumstances, we all need to look up at the cross of our Savior and then use it to focus on the open door of heaven and the one standing there with his welcoming smile. A new book of *Meditations* is available in the

Member Room (to the right of the kiosk)...if you are picking one up, please remember to drop \$5.00/booklet into the slot. These devotions begin on Sunday, December 1st. Whatever condition you are in...ask your Father in Jesus' name, "Point me heavenward!" With these meditations, may you find him doing just that!

2. **Divine Calls:** Greg and Dawn Johnson have received divine calls to serve at St. Paul in Wonewoc, Wisconsin. Dawn's call is for 1st-2nd Grade teaching as well as school and church music. Greg's call is 5th-6th Grade homeroom and departmentalized science. Please keep these ministries and called workers in your prayers.

3. **Living Nativity:** Calling all cookie bakers, we would love 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candy to serve our guests at the Living Nativity. Please sign up in the member room. The nativity display area is also looking for your special nativity scenes to display during the event. Details are in the member room. Current needs: cast-adult angels and a shepherd Friday night; additional star carrier Sun. night; crew-parking attendants Sat and Sun, cookie servers Sun.
4. **Plymouth Christmas Parade:** This year we will be walking in the Plymouth Christmas Parade to promote our upcoming Living Nativity by handing out flyers. We will be dressing up in character and walking alongside the Schmidt family and their vintage truck. The parade is on Friday, November 29th at 7:00p. A *Needs Request* email for signup has been sent out...or contact Brandon Lis with any questions, 920.226.0483.
5. **Forward in Christ:** The renewal for this publication is approaching. Please fill out a renewal form located in the member room and return it with your \$15 payment to the drawer labeled "*Forward in Christ*" by November 24th. Please complete a form even if you are currently receiving it.
6. **Advent by Candlelight:** St. John's /St. Peter's will host a women's event called "*The Advent Gift*" on 12.01 at 3:00p. If interested, please RSVP to Kelly at 920.782.0821 by today. For more info, check out the postcard invitations in the narthex.
7. **GriefShare Surviving the Holidays:** Surviving the Holidays is a single-session, 2 hour event to help people who have lost a loved one and would like help navigating the holidays. There is a 40-minute video by mental health experts with interviews of people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Each attendee will be given a guide book to take home and implement. The Event will be Saturday December 7th from 10:00a - noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, WI. There is a charge of \$7 to cover the cost of the guide book. Please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net to register, or if you have any questions. More information can be found on the GriefShare website griefshare.org. Please register by November 27th.
8. **MLHS Building Project Update:** On November 13th, the new gym at MLHS received occupancy, and they began having basketball practices in that space. Thanks be to God for this wonderful blessing at our high school in Manitowoc!
9. **Remembering Our Shut-ins:** We would like to provide each of our shut-ins with a small Christmas gift from our St. Paul's family. If you'd like to make a donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office or put it in an envelope in member mailbox B1. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.