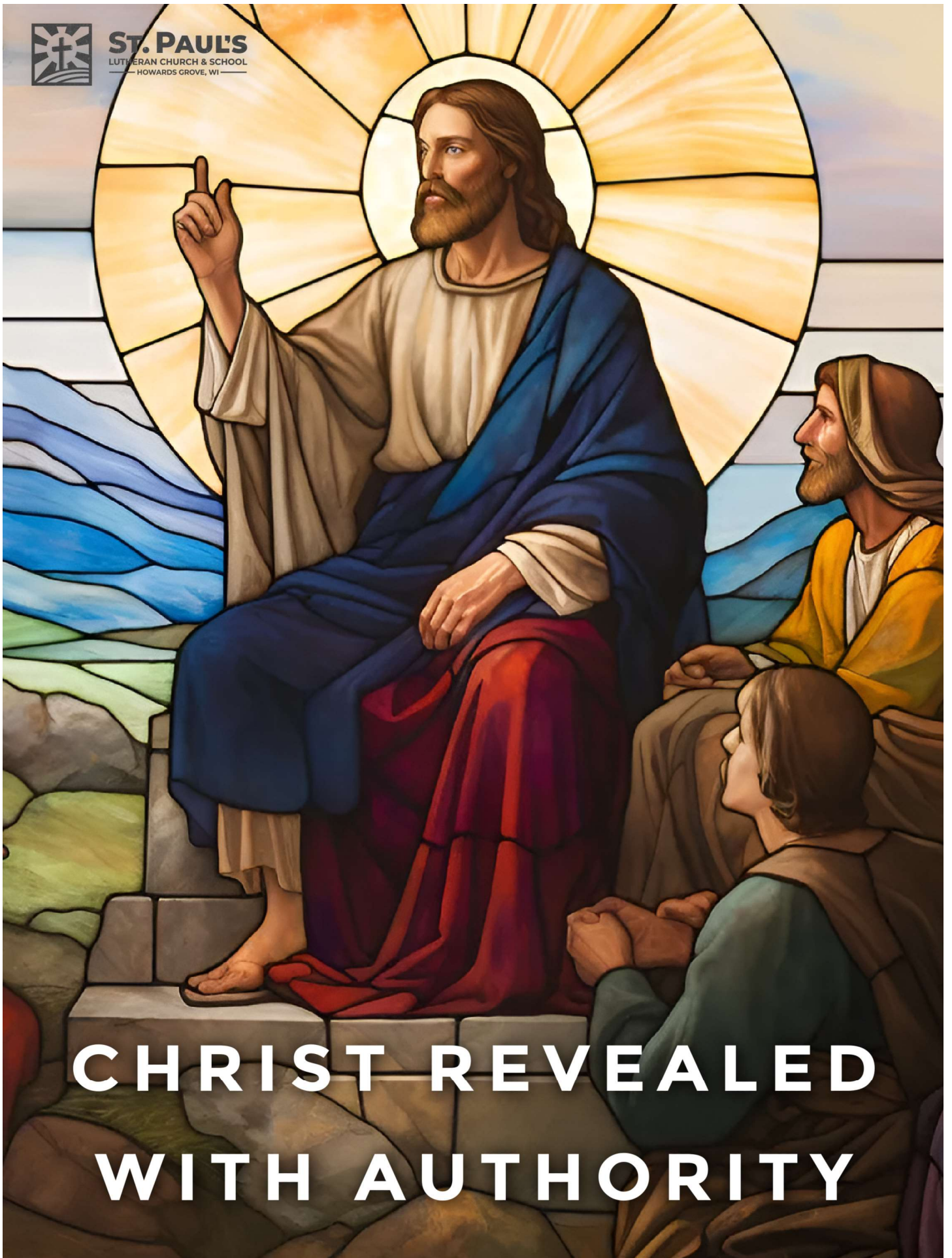




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Welcome to St. Paul's!

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

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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!

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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.

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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 (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: *What gives a person authority so that others will truly listen to them? It could be experience, like a plumber who has honed his craft for 30 years. It could be excellence, like a talented basketball player who wins championships. It could also be intellect, like someone who has multiple PhDs in biology. In the season of Epiphany, we get out a microscope and take a close look at Jesus. Today, we see "Christ Revealed with Authority".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.*

Speak, O Lord

CW 633

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, 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.

There Is a Redeemer

CW 519

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Students: There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Students: *Refrain:* Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

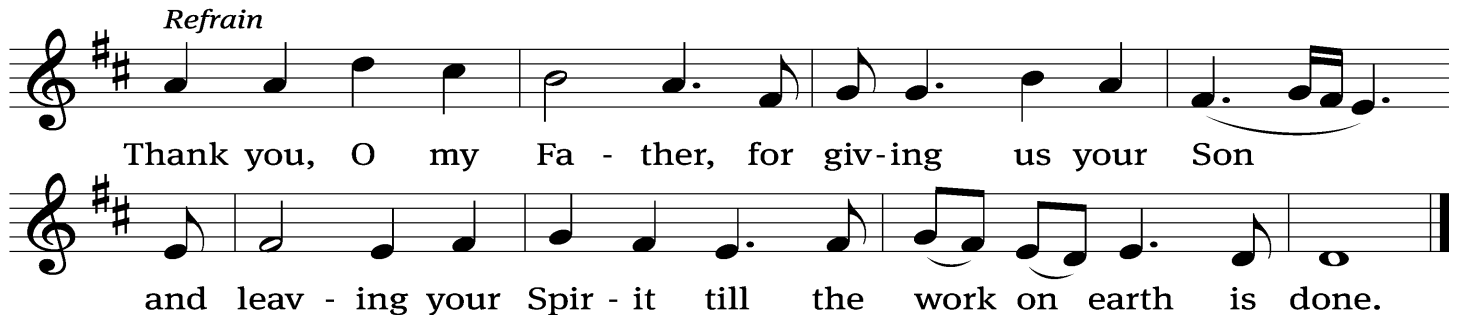
Students: Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Students: *Refrain:* Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Students: When I stand in glory, I will see his face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

ALL:

Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son
and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD promised to raise up another prophet like Moses, who would speak with the LORD's own words and authority.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.

²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 3:1–6

While Moses was a faithful servant in all God's house, Christ is faithful as the Son with authority over God's house.

¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵“Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

In Capernaum, people were amazed by Jesus teaching with authority and even driving out impure spirits.

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

Mark 1

*Amazed at Jesus' Authority
With sacred Scripture – Over impure spirits*

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Installation of Elected Leaders

Stand

Special Prayers & 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.*

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CW 668

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

The People Who in Darkness Walked

CW 381



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall o - ver all ex -
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who
tend; on judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.
reign shall have no end, his reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

*If you are visiting us today or would like to update your information,
please scan the QR code to fill out our form.*



SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PREACHER: Rev. Adam Bode

ORGANIST: Gillian Curia

MUSICIANS: Rev. Adam Bode, Nick Schmidt, and Jim Van Alstine

ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Baumann, Karen Beining, Sheryl Nehls.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Trevor Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo.

10:30a.m. – Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey. 6:00 p.m. – Will Belitz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 a.m. Dave Wehrmann, Ed Strauss.

10:30 a.m. Eric Vant Hul, Jim Van Alstine.

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: 1/21 & 1/22 - \$26,800 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$7,250 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 SCHOOL FUND. \$1,645 DEXTER PORTER MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE: 1/21 & 1/22: 8:00 A.M. – 162. 10:30 A.M. – 150. 6:00 P.M. – 28

In our prayers this week...

1. Our elected congregational leadership and all who serve on committees as well.
2. Emily Panzer, called to be our permanent 4K teacher.
3. Andy Dais, deliberating a call to teach 6th Grade and serve as Technology Director at Martin Luther in Oshkosh, WI.
4. Neil Pahl to undergo surgery on Tuesday for lower back issues.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 28	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 2nd-4th Sing Both Services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, January 29	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, January 31	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Friday, February 2	HALF DAY OF SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSED IN THE AFTERNOON
Saturday, February 3	10:00 a.m. JAM - Stuck on Jesus
Sunday, February 4	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Youth Rally Meeting - Harvest Room
Monday, February 5	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Sunday Bible Study** - We will continue our study on the book of Revelation in the Harvest Room. This morning we will look at chapters 18-19.
2. **Bible Information Class** - Our current Bible Information Class is on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. We are very blessed to have 19 enrolled this time around!
3. **Wednesday Bible Study** resumed last week. Our study is on *predestination* and *election*. It is still a great time to jump in. Class begins at 9:00 am.
4. **Marriage Retreat** - Staff Minister Luther Curia is hosting another marriage enrichment retreat March 15-16. This year's retreat will be held on campus to make use of our new facilities and to accommodate those who aren't able to get away for a weekend. Flyers with event details and registration forms will be available soon! Feel free to contact Luther Curia with any questions:
luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

In Other News

1. **Call Updates:** At our congregation's annual voters meeting on January 21, we called Emily Panzer to be our permanent 4K teacher. We are so thankful for her dedicated ministry in our Early Childhood wing. On January 22, our 5-6 grade teacher and athletic director, Andy Dais, received a call to Martin Luther in Oshkosh, WI, to teach 6th grade and serve as technology director. Please pray for Mrs. Panzer and Mr. Dais and encourage them both as they consider these opportunities for service in God's kingdom!

2. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) 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.
3. **Voters' Meeting Results** - Thank you to all the candidates. May the Lord bless those elected in their service!

Vice President: Doug Mattek

Financial Secretary: Jim Eick

Board of Elders: Larry Jaeger and Andy Sprenger

School Board: Justin Radue and Fred Pahmeier

Board of Trustees: Trevor Wehrmann, Lee Eick, Michael Berceau

Evangelism: Brandon Lis

Treasurer: Jim Van Alstine

4. **Installations Today:** In our services today we will install all of our elected leaders from the various boards and committees. Please take a look at the bulletin board in the commons to see the many names and faces of those serving in various ways at our congregation.
5. **Save The Date!** A women's retreat is being planned for the morning of April 20, 2024 here at St. Paul's. Registration and further details will come later, but we wanted everyone to get this exciting event on their calendars. Hope to see all of our ladies on April 20th!
6. **Youth Rally Meeting** – On Sunday February 4th after second service, we will be holding an information meeting about the 2024 WELS Youth Rally. Parents and students who are interested in learning more about the Youth Rally are encouraged to attend! Until then, you can read more about the event at <https://welsyouthrally.net/> If you have any questions about the Youth Rally, or if you are interested in going, but cannot attend the meeting – please contact Mike Leahy – mleahy@live.com – (920) 422-0771.
7. **JAM - Jesus And Me- Event Coming Soon!** Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to come JAM with us on February 3rd from 10am-12pm! We will be "Stuck on Jesus" and looking at God's Word in Romans 8:39, "Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." There will be STEM activities and crafts geared towards children ages 0-5, but the whole family is welcome! At this event we will have a Bible story, snacks,



valentine crafts, and sticky STEM activities-magnets, slime, tape, sensory bins, and more! Email us at jam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org with any questions.

8. **Lenten Meals** - Thank you to the following groups that have signed up for a Lenten meal! We are still looking for ONE more Wednesday to fill. This is what we have so far and which date is still available:

February 14th - Altar Guild: HOTDOGS

February 21st - OPEN

February 28th - Pioneers: FRENCH BREAD PIZZAS

March 6th - Teachers: BUILD YOUR OWN SUB

March 13th - Ladies Aid - SLOPPY JOES

March 20th - Youth Group - CHILI

9. **PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating school family between now and **February 7th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office with payment by Wednesday the 7th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 24th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.

10. **ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS!** St. Paul's will be holding a special event for both our school families and congregation members called a Night of the Arts on Friday, March 1st! We are excited to be able to showcase a variety of student artwork, but we'd also love to display some art from the many talented artists in our congregation (watercolors, oil pastels, pyrography, glasswork, etc.) Grab something from the past or create something new! We know you're out there and we're excited to share your work! Please sign up by scanning the QR code or contact Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org to learn more!



11. **Wisconsin Herd Outing** - Join us for a St. Paul's night out with the Wisconsin Herd!



The Wisconsin Herd are an American professional basketball team in the NBA G League and are affiliated with the Milwaukee Bucks! The game is Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Oshkosh. Kids have the opportunity to be part of the high five tunnel for the players as well as go on the court and shoot a free throw after the game. Tickets are as low as \$10 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Contact

Andy Dais with any questions.