

Congregational Announcements: March 24, 2024



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

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

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sunday School sings in both)
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	1:00 p.m. Pine Car Derby Races
Monday, March 25	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, March 27	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, March 28	6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29th	1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship 1st-8th Sing
	6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship
Saturday, March 30th	9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 31	6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Worship
	8:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship (choir and instrumentalists)
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Monday, April 1	6:00 p.m. NO Monday worship

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Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **NEW Wednesday Bible Study** - Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:00 for an enriching Bible study on 1 Thessalonians beginning Wednesday, April 3. Discover the timeless wisdom and insights of this epistle as we delve into its teachings together. Whether you're a seasoned scholar or new to the Bible, all are welcome to join in this journey of faith and understanding. Come, explore the words of Paul and their relevance to our lives today. See you there!
2. **Holy Week Services:**
 - **Palm Sunday, March 24:** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (Sunday School sings)
 - **Monday, March 25:** 6:00 p.m.
 - **Maundy Thursday, March 28:** 6:30 p.m. (Lord's Supper served)
 - **Good Friday, March 29**
 - 1:00 p.m. (School service: students in Gr.1-8 sing)
 - 6:30 p.m. (worship for all; small group sings)
 - **Easter Sunday, March 31**
 - 6:30 a.m. (Easter Dawn worship)
 - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. (festival worship service with instruments and Adult Choir)
 - coffee and donuts will be served between services (free will offering collected to support the teens attending the Youth Rally this summer)
 - **Monday, April 1:** NO evening service
3. **Holy Week Devotions** - Each year, our WELS college of ministry, Martin Luther College, produces devotions for certain times of the year. This month special devotions for Holy Week, entitled "The Savior We Need" are accessible at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions.
4. **Women's Retreat:** Registration is now open for the April 20th Women's Retreat. Mel Kreuser will be presenting on the theme Sisters in Christ: God Created Us for Relationship + Great Things. The retreat will run from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and will cost \$10. You can pick up a registration form in the narthex or scan the QR code to register. An email will be sent out through CCB with the QR code as well. Childcare will be provided. There is more information on the registration form and on posters throughout the building. If you have questions, you can email them to womens.ministry@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
5. **LWMS spring rally** will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Registration is 8-9 a.m. and the rally program will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with luncheon to follow. Pastor James Borgwardt will speak about home mission work in our district. Join the ladies of our area to celebrate missions!



In Other News

1. **NO Adult Choir practice Mondays, April 1 or 8.**
2. **Call Updates:** Please pray for these called workers and encourage them as they consider opportunities for service in God's kingdom:
 - a. On March 19, *Jennifer Hacker* accepted our call to teach 3-4 grades in our school starting in the '24-'25 school year. Jennifer is married to Pastor Jason Hacker, the new president of Manitowoc Lutheran High School. They have 4 children, all in grade school and high school. Her email address is jjhacker07@yahoo.com. We thank the Lord for providing for our school ministry in this way and ask him to provide for the many other Lutheran schools that are still in need of teachers.
 - b. Our Elders, together with Pastor Bode and Staff Minister Curia, have reviewed our church staffing needs and worked with our district leadership to plan a call meeting for another pastor. Pastor Bode will continue to serve as Associate Pastor but with a focus in the areas of Inreach, Worship, Administration. On April 14 after the 10:30 service we will have a call meeting for a new Lead Pastor with a focus in the areas of Education, Outreach, Integration, and Congregational Direction.
3. **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.

4. **WELS Youth Rally** – This summer our Youth Group will be attending the WELS International Youth Rally in Fort Collins, Co. This week-long event is an amazing opportunity for teens to get together with other teens from around the world who share the same faith. We have a group of 25 people that will be attending this rally. The cost for our group is over \$19,000 just for registration and travel expenses. Please consider supporting the Youth Group. If you would like to help with costs of the trip, but couldn't attend the meal on March 20th, please label any special donations for "Youth Group". If you have any questions, contact Mike Leahy – mleahy@live.com
5. **After School Care Employment Positions:** St. Paul's 3K-Kindergarten After Care from 3:30-5:30 Monday-Wednesday has an open position. See Mrs. Wieting. 1st-8th Grade After Care from 3:30-5:30 Tuesday and Thursday is also available if you prefer older children. See Mr. Wieting. Both positions are playing with and supervising multi-aged children from the end of the school day (3:30 PM) until children are picked up by their parents (no later than 5:30 PM). While both positions are for the remainder of our current school year; opportunities could carry over into the 24-25 school year.
6. **Office Hours Over Easter Break** - Since there isn't school from Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 5th, there will be limited office hours that week. The office will be open on Wednesday, April 3rd from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, April 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..
7. **Easter Flowers** can be picked up AFTER the last worship service on Sunday. Flowers that can not be picked up on Sunday will be put on a table by the window in the Harvest Room during the office hours listed above. They will be watered, if needed, until pick-up.
8. **Open Gym** - A weekly open gym will soon be restarting. (This is intended as a primarily member event.) If there is a certain day that works better for your schedule, please contact Logan Schroeder at loganschroeder92@gmail.com.