

# Congregational Announcements: April 21, 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, April 21	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	10:15 a.m. Garden Gym Open
Monday, April 22	3:30 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Wednesday, April 24	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Play Date
	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Saturday, April 27	8:00 a.m. Arbor Day
Sunday, April 28	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Garden Gym Open
Monday, April 29	3:30 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

## Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Adult Bible Study** - You are invited to join us for a 4 week Bible study series (4/21,28; 5/12,19) where we will delve into the fascinating journey following the footsteps of the apostle Paul in Greece. Recently, a group from St. Paul's embarked on a trip to explore the culture, geography, and history of the places he visited, and

Staff Minister Luther Curia is eager to share our discoveries with you. During our trip, we traced Paul's mission work, visiting key locations such as Athens, Corinth, and Thessalonica. We learned about the rich cultural tapestry of these ancient cities and gained a deeper understanding of the challenges and triumphs Paul experienced in spreading the gospel. Join us as we unravel the layers of history and delve into the significance of Paul's mission in Greece. Whether you are a seasoned Bible scholar or simply curious about this pivotal chapter in Christian history, there will be something for everyone to learn and discuss.

2. **Wednesday Bible Study** - This month we began our study of 1 Thessalonians. There have been great applications for regular prayer life, faith going into action, willingness to labor out of love, and holding onto hope to endure through difficult times. Come and be encouraged as we continue through this letter that helps us stand firm in the faith.
3. **Confirmation** - On the first weekend of May, 13 young people will be confirmed in the faith at St. Paul's. God says that a person should be able to examine himself before taking communion. The examination service on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm will allow the congregation to see that the confirmands are prepared to do this. This service is also a helpful review of the chief parts of the catechism. Here is the schedule for Sunday, May 5: regular worship services at 8:00 and 9:30 am, Confirmation worship service at 11:00 am with first communion for the confirmands. There will be Sunday School at the normal time, from 9:15-10:15; there will not be Adult Bible Class on May 5.
4. **Ascension** - On Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm, we will join with members from St. John / St. Peter (SJSP) and Calvary for our Ascension service. It will be held at SJSP in Cleveland. Musicians from all the churches will participate, as well as joint children's and adult choirs. Come and worship the Lord together with our brothers and sisters in the faith!
5. **May WELS Youth Night** - St. Paul's will be hosting our next WELS Youth Night event, on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. See posters around the building for more details, and a QR Code to register. We will have a special guest speaker for this event. Pastor Bill Monday from 922 Ministries in Appleton will be presenting on LGBTQIA+ Matters. For questions about the event, contact Mike Leahy – [mleahy@live.com](mailto:mleahy@live.com)

## In Other News

### 1. Call Updates:

- a. On April 14, our voters called Pastor Brian Pechman to serve as our new lead pastor, with focus in the areas of outreach, integration, education, and congregational direction. He currently serves at Risen Savior in Pooler, GA. Pastor Pechman and his wife Angela have 5 children ranging from mid-20s down to 8th grade. Please keep them in your prayers! If you would like to send him encouragement, his email is [pastor@risensaviorgeorgia.com](mailto:pastor@risensaviorgeorgia.com).
- b. On April 14, our voters also called Pastor Norv Kock to serve as our part-time, principal relief teacher again for the '24-'25 school year.
- c. On April 14, our voters also called Greg Johnson to serve full-time permanently as our Administrative Vice Principal and Student Intervention Specialist.



2. **New Members** - We were blessed to have 19 students in our Bible Information Class this year. 14 from the class have joined and more are planning to join! We welcome Jacob Brunner, Matthew Brunner, Rick & Karla Hameister, Rayven Kalmerton, Matt & Kali Thiel and their children Hannah & Caleb, Andrea Wodrich and her children Rory & Brooke, and Ben & Jamie Englebert. Watch for more information on the new member board.

3. **Family Dance Party** - The Activities committee is planning a fun activity for your family Friday, May 3!

#### a. Schedule:

- i. 6:00-7:00 Pizza served (and dancing)
- ii. 6:00-8:00 Old Fashioneds served
- iii. 7:00-8:00 Snacks and more dancing/fellowship



- b. COST: freewill offering collection
  - c. We'll have the gym set up for the occasion, with lights and awesome family-appropriate tunes!
  - d. Fill out the form using the QR code by MAY 1 to help the committee plan for the event.
  - e. Contact Luther Curia with any questions. [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org); 920.287.8575
4. **Garden Gym Hours** - From April 8 through May 20, we will have open gym times in the Garden Gym for St. Paul's members and for St. Paul's school families. It will be open on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 pm, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 pm, and Sundays from 10:15 am until after late service for families who have attended early service and Family Bible Hour. The Garden Gym is for use by children ages 8 and under with parental supervision. It is expected that all posted regulations will be followed in order to properly care for the space and for those who use it.
  5. **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.
  6. **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](mailto:loganschroeder92@gmail.com).
  7. **The 2024 weekly window washing schedules** for St. Pauls are printed and can be found in the member room. There is also a sign-up sheet to fill in some open dates. If you would like more information or need to be removed from the current schedule, please contact Trevor Wehrmann.
  8. **LWMS Mission Offerings** will be collected until Sunday, April 21. A box will be available in the narthex for cash or checks made out to LWMS - Shoreline Circuit.
  9. **Arbor Day Clean-Up** - We are going to celebrate Arbor Day this year by inviting everyone that is able to help with spring cleanup around the outside of the church and school on Saturday April 27th, starting at 8:00am. Rain date is set for May 4th, same time, if needed. Please sign up in the member room or online with CCB to help get an idea of the number of people interested. Please only sign-up in one of those spots. Please contact Lee Eick, the Trustee in charge of the yards and grounds, with any questions.