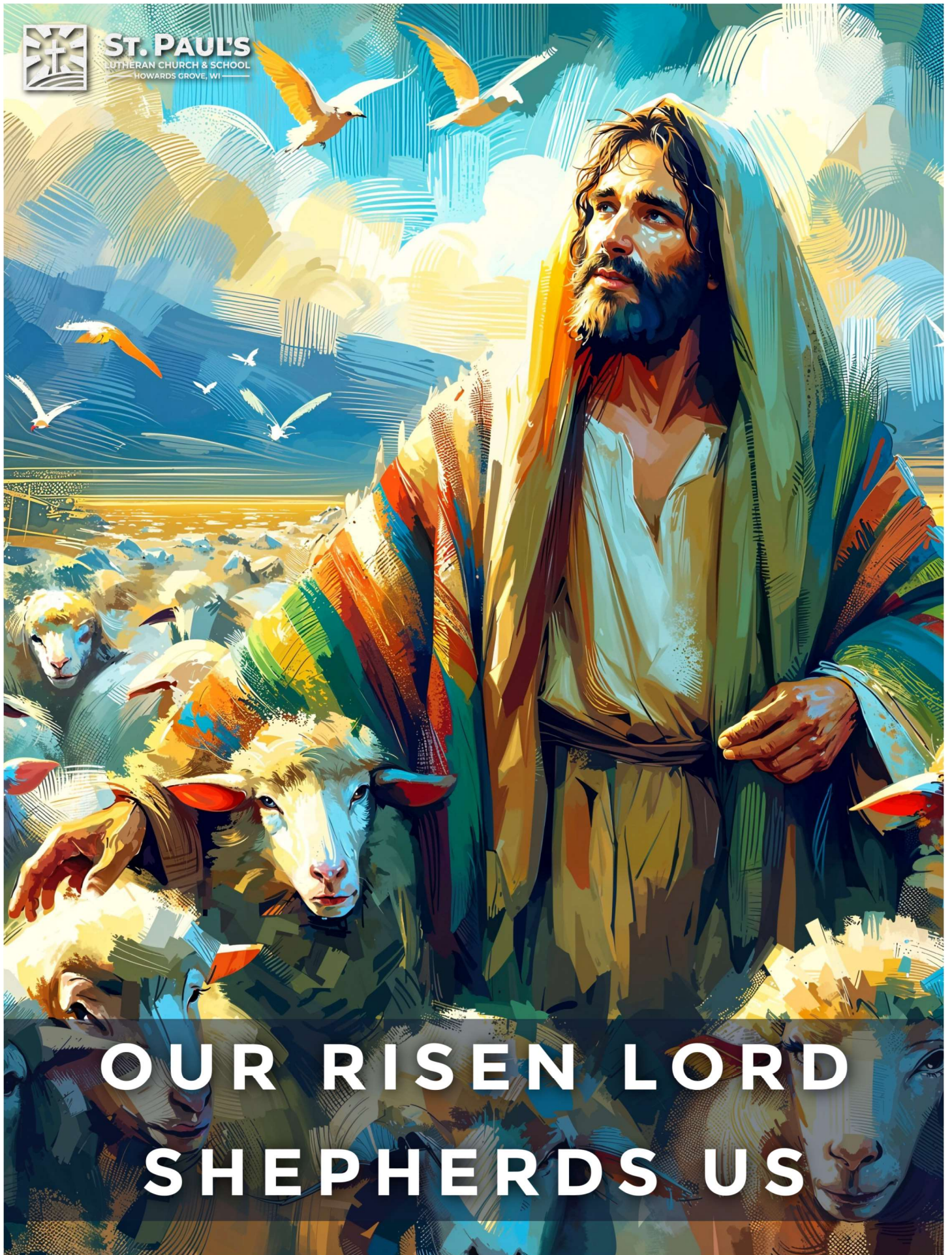




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Welcome to St. Paul's!

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



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!



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.



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: *When people have a dog, they care for it much like a member of the family. They give it a name. They feed it. They take it on walks. They take it to the vet for shots. The dog is there for holidays and included in pictures and perhaps even goes along on vacations. Jesus reminds us today how much he cares for us as his sheep. He knows us, feeds us, and gives us rest. His love and care far surpass ours for a family pet. He was willing to lay down his life for us. We have the best Shepherd! "Our Risen Lord Shepherds Us"*

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the

heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry
 in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
 by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me

day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

Stand

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Let us confess our sins to God, who is our good and merciful Shepherd.

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always followed your ways.

We have strayed like lost sheep, seeking our own paths instead of following yours. We have failed to love you with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us back to you, our Shepherd and Redeemer.

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us. In him, we are forgiven and restored. As a called servant of Christ, and

by his authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Be Seated

Song of Praise

Jesus Is My Shepherd

St. Paul's Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Jesus is my Shepherd. I'm his precious lamb. Tenderly he guides me with his gentle hand. Calm are waters where he leads. Green are pastures where he feeds me. Jesus is my Shepherd. He loves me.

Jesus is my Shepherd. Jesus knows my name. For his sheep are numbered; each he loves the same. If my tiny feet should roam, he would seek to bring me home. Jesus is my Shepherd. He loves me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Baptism Affirmation [10:30]

*Bennett Mason Schroeder
son of Logan and Leah*

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:28-32

The shepherds called by the Holy Spirit are to keep watch over themselves and the church, committed to God's Word against savage wolves.

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

PSALM

Psalm 23

Duet

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. In green pastures he makes me lie down. He restores my soul and leads me on for his Name, for his great Name.

Refrain: Surely goodness surely mercy right beside me all my days. And I will dwell in your house forever, and bless your Holy Name.

You prepare a table right before me in the presence of my enemies. Though the arrow flies and the terror of night is at my door, I'll trust you, Lord. *Refrain*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are on my side. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are on my side. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-6

Test the shepherds because some don't acknowledge Jesus; follow those who bring the Good Shepherd's voice.

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641 sts. 1, 5, 7

Sung to the tune of "Oh, Blest the House"

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
for round us falls the eventide,
nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,
for us be ever veiled in night.

5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;
the guile and rage of Satan stay.
Oh, may your mercy never cease;
give concord, patience, courage, peace.

7 O grant that in your holy Word
we here may live and die, dear Lord;
and when our journey's ending here,
receive us into glory there.

Stand

GOSPEL

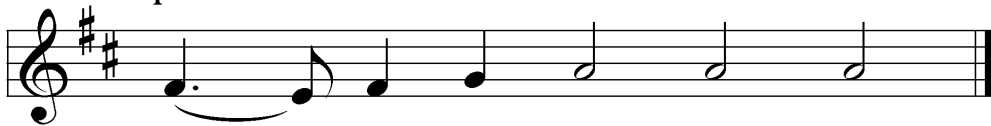
John 10:11-18

Jesus is our Good Shepherd who knows his sheep, lays down his life for them, and gathers other sheep as well.

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

The Lord's My Shepherd

CW 553



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth
walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -
fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy
of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -
fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -

me the qui - et wa - ters by. He lead - eth
 ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the
 rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art
 noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou
 more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's

me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
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 with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

SERMON

Acts 20

*Charged to Shepherd the Flock
 In charge - On the charge - Charged up*

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Special intercessions

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

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.

Be Seated

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

CW 898



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren



now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds
lambs to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,
with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you



that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -
till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your
bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,
stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to



lambs, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.
Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.
them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

May the Lord, our Good Shepherd, guide you in paths of righteousness and lead you beside still waters. May his rod and staff comfort you, and may goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life. Go forth in the peace of Christ, knowing that you are known and loved by the Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

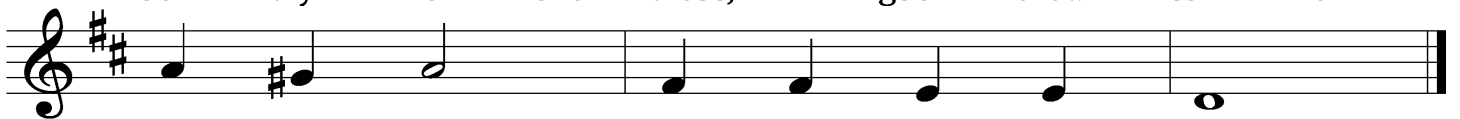
CW 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
 3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
 take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
 life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
 joy will fol - low on till the work of
 sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
 your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
 grace is done, there to live with you.
 ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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:

PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER: Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Deb Doletzky

MUSICIANS: Tori Engel, Stan Grzonka, Greg Johnson, Nikki Leahy, Nathan Meitner, Nick & Tanya Schmidt, and Jim Van Alstine

ALTAR GUILD: Ione Prange, Lisa Specht, Christina Sprenger.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Dan Radue, Austin Radue, Nick Binsfeld, Curtis Hanson.

10:30a.m. – Tom Ehrenberg, Logan Schroeder, Joe Grzonka, Jamie Hass.

6:00 p.m. – Will Belitz

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: 4/14 & 4/15 - \$15,400 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$250 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$1,500 GROWING FORWARD.

ATTENDANCE: 4/14 & 4/15 – 8:00 A.M. – 189. 10:30 A.M. – 184. 6:30 P.M. – 32.

In our prayers this week...

1. Bennett Schroeder, baptized into Christ.
2. Pastor Brian Pechman, deliberating our call to serve at St. Paul's.
3. Siegmund Bulitz, who fell and needed to be taken to the hospital this week.

| This Week at a Glance: | |
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| 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!

- 1. 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 18th. 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

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.
- 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; 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.
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.