

Congregational Announcements: June 16, 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 Meeting Times
Sunday, June 16	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, June 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
	7:00 pm. Bonfire
Tuesday, June 18	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Open
Wednesday, June 19	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Open
	6:30 p.m. - School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Sunday, June 23	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, June 24	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Adult Bible Study** - We are now in summer Bible study mode. We invite adults, teens, and children down to 3rd grade to join us for study. Last weekend we began our summer topic, the "Formula of Concord". Are you eager to deepen your understanding of Lutheran doctrine and its foundational texts? We invite you to join our Bible study focused on this key confessional document that helps clarify Lutheran beliefs and teachings. In this study, we will
 - Explore the historical context and significance of the Formula of Concord.
 - Discuss key theological themes and their relevance to our faith today.
 - Engage in thoughtful discussions and reflections on how these teachings can strengthen our walk with Christ.

Whether you're new to the Formula of Concord or have studied it before, this Bible study promises to be an enriching experience for all.

- Child Care** - During Bible study, parents attending Bible class are welcome to let their children (2nd grade and younger) play in the Garden Gym, which will be supervised by volunteers.

3. **Bible Information Class** - This month we began a Bible Information Class on Monday evenings and are very pleased to have 9 people enrolled. May the Lord send his Spirit and grant growth in faith and knowledge for all involved.
4. **Christian Estate Planning** - On Sunday, June 30, we welcome WELS Planned Giving Counselor, Pastor Tom Mielke as our worship leader and Bible study presenter. He will offer Scriptural guidance regarding the impact that faithful financial planning now can have on our children, our congregation, and God's kingdom in the years to come. The Bible study hour will walk through the benefits and process of writing a will.
5. **Pastor Pechman Installation** - We are excited to announce the upcoming Installation Worship Service for our new pastor, Pastor Brian Pechman, on July 7 at 4:00 pm.

Following the service, we will gather together for a delicious meal including meatballs, broasted chicken, and salads. However, no celebration is complete without a sweet finish and refreshing drinks! Therefore, we kindly request your assistance in contributing desserts and beverages to complement our dinner.

Please indicate how many people will be attending and if you would like to volunteer to bring desserts or drinks using the sign up below. This will greatly help our Activities committee plan for the event.

We look forward to your presence as we warmly welcome Pastor Pechman and family to our community and celebrate this joyous occasion together.

Cost: Free-will offering basket. (cost for food will be around \$3-5/person)

Please register at this link or using the QR code by Tuesday, July 2 so that we have enough food for you: <https://forms.gle/xJ1DFPWxnGDD4wXa7>



Contact Luther Curia with any questions. luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

In Other News

1. **Divine Call Returned** - This past week, Pastor Bode returned his call to serve as associate pastor at Eastside Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. So, he will continue to serve here at St. Paul's. Please keep all our WELS congregations in your prayers, that the Lord would provide for their staffing needs.
2. **New Called Worker Welcome Items** - The Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW) would like to welcome Pastor Pechman and Jennifer Hacker and their families with a pantry / scrip shower. Congregation members are welcome to place paper products, cleaning products, or canned goods in the labeled box by the kiosk in the Narthex. There is also an envelope box for scrip or monetary gifts. These items will be divided and given to the Pechmans and Hackers this summer. Please bring donated items by early July.
3. **Northern Wisconsin District Convention** - As a congregation of the Northern Wisconsin District of the WELS, our male called workers and a lay delegate, Will Belitz, were in Appleton for the biennial convention last week Tuesday and Wednesday. Our member, Todd Marten, was elected to represent our district on the Governing Board of Martin Luther College, our synod's college of ministry. One of the major issues facing our synod is the shortage of called workers. Our district convention considered and reacted to the report of the Ministry Recruitment Task Force, which offers recommendations for our schools, as well as urging each of us to ask the Lord in prayer for more called workers and to encourage young people with gifts for ministry to train for ministry. You can read the full report on pp.81-93 in the Report to the Twelve Districts at <https://welsconvention.net/rttd/>.
4. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 12 for a Timber Rattlers game! There is a limit of 50 people, so get your tickets before they're gone!

Cost: \$60 (covers COACH bus ride, ticket, buffet, and 2 drinks)

Details: Located directly behind home plate with a great view of the field, we will be in the new Diamond Seats section. It features comfortable elevated bar top seats, an all-you-can-eat buffet (BBQ pulled pork, grilled Cher-Make jumbo hot dogs, a build your own burrito bowl bar, creamy mac & cheese, potato chips,

and assorted desserts), and two beverages (hard seltzer, beer, water, or soda). Diamond Seats give the convenience of being able to sit back and watch the game or stand up and mingle with friends.

Schedule:

5:15: meet at St. Paul's and head to the game together on bus

6:40: game

Post-game: fireworks at the ballpark, kids can run the bases, return to St. Paul's

Please register at this link or using the QR code by July 5:

<https://forms.gle/ovMppQRY87DpyfgFA>.

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5. **June Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 6/17 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the garage.
 - *Family Friendly
 - *Yard Games
 - *Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores - Feel free to bring something else along!)
 - *Bring Your Own Chair
 - *Bring Your Own Beverage
6. **Parking Lot Repair Funding Raised** - Our Church parking lot is in need of attention and needs to be repaired and sealcoated. The Trustees have a plan in place for the work to happen this summer. We have now reached our funding goal. As of June 10, we have received \$11,045. Thank you to all who have contributed! If you have further questions, please speak with Trevor Wehrmann or Eric Eickhoff.
7. **MLHS Building our Future on Christ update** - Even though the school year is over at MLHS, the building project work continues, getting the new gym and campus ready for the next school year in August. Board of Control Chairman, Jerry Haupt, reports that the project is on schedule, within scope, and on budget. The bond closing took place in late May. Masonry, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work is ongoing. Interior painting should begin by late June and be completed by mid-July. The parking lot work should start mid-June, including excavation, regrading, new drainage system, curbing, lighting, and paving. Thanks be to God for this upgrade to our Lutheran High School in Manitowoc!
8. **Ark Encounter Bus Tour** - Pastor Wall (St. John-St. Peter Lutheran, Cleveland) is organizing a bus tour to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in northeast Kentucky from July 5-7. You are welcome to come along! For more info and to register, visit our website: StJohnStPeter.com. Contact Pastor Wall if you have any questions: 920-782-0827. Seats are limited; register soon.
9. **School Summer Cleaning** - on Saturday, July 13, there will be a school cleaning day starting at 7:00 am. We are seeking volunteers to help. We could also use extra buckets and step stools or ladders for this effort. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. We plan to wrap up by about noon. If you are able to come, please sign up in the member room.
10. **Summer Office Hours** - Please note that the office hours have shifted this week. The office will be open on Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - noon and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..
11. **Gym Painting** - Thank you to all who helped with the gym painting this past week! If there are any questions about the project, please contact Tim Doro at (920) 782 1000 or ta5_doro@hotmail.com.
12. **Mindful Moms** has a few open gyms planned for this summer in the Garden Gym at St. Paul's. The first ones are June 12th and 26th from 9:30-11am. Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers are all welcome with their little ones! Hope you can join us!
13. **Cancer Benefit** - Our sister in Christ, Wendy Reinemann, has been diagnosed for a second time now with breast cancer. All are invited to come to a benefit on July 13 from 11 am - 4 pm at Butch & Anne's Pine Grove, W3225 County Rd MM, Elkhart Lake. There will be a brat fry, bake sale, and other ways to support. All proceeds will go toward Wendy's medical expenses. If you are able to help with donations or volunteering time toward the event, please call Lynn at 920-207-8168.