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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: Last year many were concerned that there might not be enough rain for the crops. This year people have said there is too much rain. There is so much about farming that is out of our control. Yet things will still grow. That is how God designed it. Plants will grow and God will provide our daily bread. Today, Jesus teaches us that the same is true of God's kingdom. Jesus' powerful Word will bring growth within us, around us, and all over. For this we give thanks and continue to pray, that "God's Kingdom Grows".

WELCOME

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

CW 644



- 1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

CW 623 sts. 1-3



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -
3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.
he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Sovereign LORD would take a shoot from David's family tree and plant it to grow into a splendid cedar.

²²“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“ ‘I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”

Blessed Are They

Psalm 1A

Blessed are all who delight in the law of the LORD; they are like a fruitful tree planted by streams of water.

Refrain



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:3–11

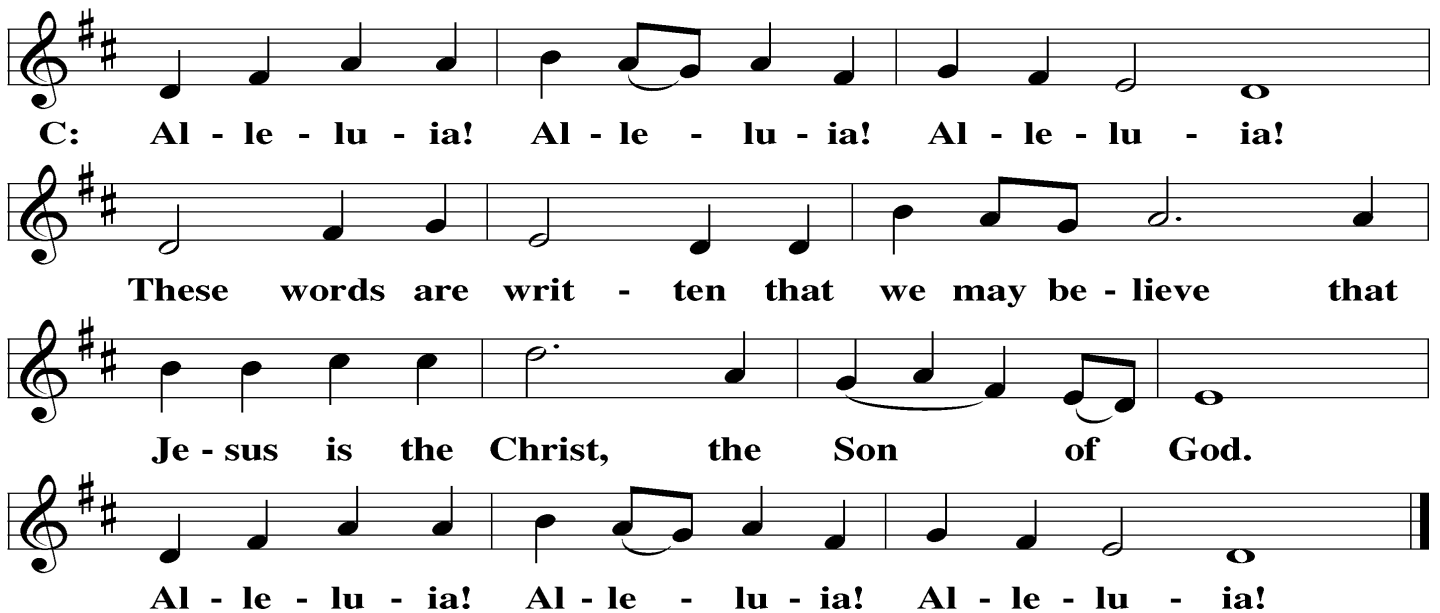
Paul prays with gratitude that believers' love and spiritual insight would grow as they produce fruits of righteousness in Christ Jesus.

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

God's kingdom grows all by itself and becomes very large as a refuge and shelter for many.

²⁶He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

CW 859



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, my
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its val - ue ex -
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like yeast, they af -
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our



ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, sur - pass - ing the
 fact the whole mea - sure of flour, — en - a - bling your
 midst is the en - e - my sow - ing the weeds that im -



wealth of the earth. Lord, give me your grace and the
 king - dom to grow. Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I
 per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your



pow'r of the Spir - it to val - ue this trea - sure a -
 live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may
 day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home - ward at

right that, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in -
 be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -
 last, to shine in the home - land that qui - ets all
 her - it your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 yearn - ing, where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

SERMON

Philippians 1

I Thank My God Every Time I Remember You

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

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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

Come, You Thankful People, Come

CW 491



1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, shall pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bid.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all your an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

Stand

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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

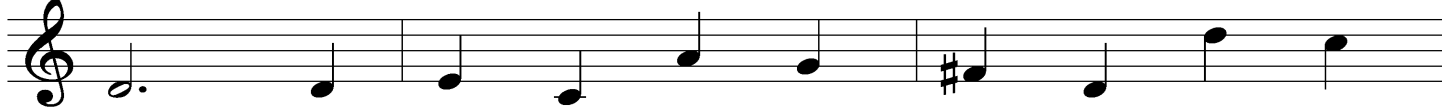
Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pastor Adam Bode (Monday 6:00 – Michael Wieting)

PREACHER: Professor Noah Headrick

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Deb Doletzky

ALTAR GUILD: Sheryl Nehls, Debbie Van Alstine, Rachel Rehbein.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Chuck Schelk, Richard Nack, Darin Reinemann, Tim Klapperich.

10:30a.m. – Nathan Kracht, Derek Pantel, Jim Van Alstine, Kris Sturm.

6:00 p.m.–Chad Pennings, Adam & Caleb Huth.

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: 6/9 & 6/10 – \$14,600 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$1,500 – BLACKTOP FUND (\$11,045 RAISED SO FAR). \$250 – FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE: 6/9 & 6/10 – 8:00 A.M. – 156. 10:30 A.M. – 121. 6:00 P.M. – 52.

In our prayers this week...

1. Erwin & Eunice Eickhoff celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary and Erwin celebrating his 90th birthday.
2. Zach Olson & Selena Batt married this weekend at St. Paul’s.
3. Thanking the Lord for the blessing of fathers and asking that they be Christian leaders in their home.
4. Charlee Wallander, son born to Gavin and Nicole Wallander.

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!

1. **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.

2. **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/rtttd/>.
- 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.