

Congregational Announcements: June 23, 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 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
Wednesday, June 26	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Open
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Friday, June 28	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, June 30	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, July 1	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Summer Sunday 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. This Sunday we continue our topic, the "Formula of Concord". Today's study explores justification by faith. How are we saved, declared righteous before a holy God? Join us to deepen your understanding of Lutheran doctrine and its foundational texts. 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.
- 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. (Due to scheduling conflicts, the class will not meet on 6/24 or 7/1.)
- 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>



A paper signup is in the member room.

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

In Other News

1. **Divine Call Returned** - On June 10, 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 on June 11-12. We learned about many exciting things happening with World Missions. The WELS has mission partners in 46 countries and we have 47 missionaries working to spread the gospel in places where you and I cannot be. There are 34 groups meeting regularly for worship and Bible study in Latin America. The TELL network of online missions is expanding rapidly in Africa. There is a new church launching in London, and outreach happening in Australia. You can learn more at wels.net/missions.
4. **Funeral Planning Form** - This morning in our Gospel lesson, we heard about the death (and resurrection!) of Jairus' daughter. We encourage our members to plan for the day each of us will fall asleep in death by preparing a testimony of faith for those left behind. You may also consider Scripture lessons and hymns that will relieve loved ones of the extra pressure of planning at that time and reassure them of our risen Savior's promises. There are paper copies of our funeral planning booklet in the member room.
5. **Building Security** - In recent months, there have been a few times that various doors around the church or school have been left open or unlocked overnight. If you or a committee you are on is using the building, please double check that the doors are securely closed and locked before you leave.
6. **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>.

Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;

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7. **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 17, we have received over \$13,000. Thank you to all who have contributed! If you have further questions, please speak with Trevor Wehrmann or Eric Eickhoff.
8. **Member Assistance Meals** - When families in our congregation are going through a difficulty or transition of some sort (such as a health struggle or the birth of a baby), we try to offer them some meals for a few weeks. If you would like to be notified of these opportunities to provide meals for others, please contact Megan Bramstedt at 920-627-3819 or megan.bramstedt@gmail.com.
9. **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!
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **Summer Office Hours** - Please note that the office hours have shifted this week. The office will be open on Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - noon and Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon.
13. **Mindful Moms** has a few open gyms planned for this summer in the Garden Gym at St. Paul's. The next one is June 26th from 9:30-11am. Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers are all welcome with their little ones! Hope you can join us!
14. **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 920-207-8186. The phone number listed last weekend was incorrect. So if you tried to reach out to Lynn and haven't heard anything back, please try calling again with the correct number listed above.
15. **A special thank you** for all of your prayers, cards, food, and flowers during recovery. We have the best St. Paul's family. ~Bonnie Baumann.