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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!

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: Whether it comes slowly or suddenly, each of us must face death. It is the wages of sin. When it strikes someone in our own family, it is devastating. The daughter of a synagogue leader was deathly sick, and he went to Jesus for help. Jesus told him not to be afraid; just believe. Jesus listened to his request. Jesus went with him. Jesus did more than he asked and certainly more than he deserved. He showed his deep compassion to rescue from death. He does the same for us. "Trust Jesus for Life."

Communion Preparation: Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.

Welcome



Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sins to God, confident in his unfailing mercy and grace. Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Hear the good news of God's promise: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. (Psalm 103:8,10)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11-12)

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Song of Praise

Led by Soloist

The final refrain is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time). Soloist: What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins they are many; his mercy is more. *Refrain*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

First Lesson

Lamentations 3:22-33

While lamenting the death and destruction in Jerusalem, Jeremiah realized that because of the LORD's great love, we have life.

- ²²Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
- ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
- ²⁵The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
- ²⁶it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
- ²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.
- ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him.
- ²⁹Let him bury his face in the dust—there may yet be hope.
- ³⁰Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace.
- ³¹For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.
- ³²Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.
- ³³For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

The Lord's messengers were always being given over to death so that Jesus' life would be revealed in their mortal bodies.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to Mark chapter 5.



Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

Jairus pleaded with Jesus to come and help his daughter; Jesus told him to believe and he raised her to life.

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴So Jesus went with him.

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to

them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

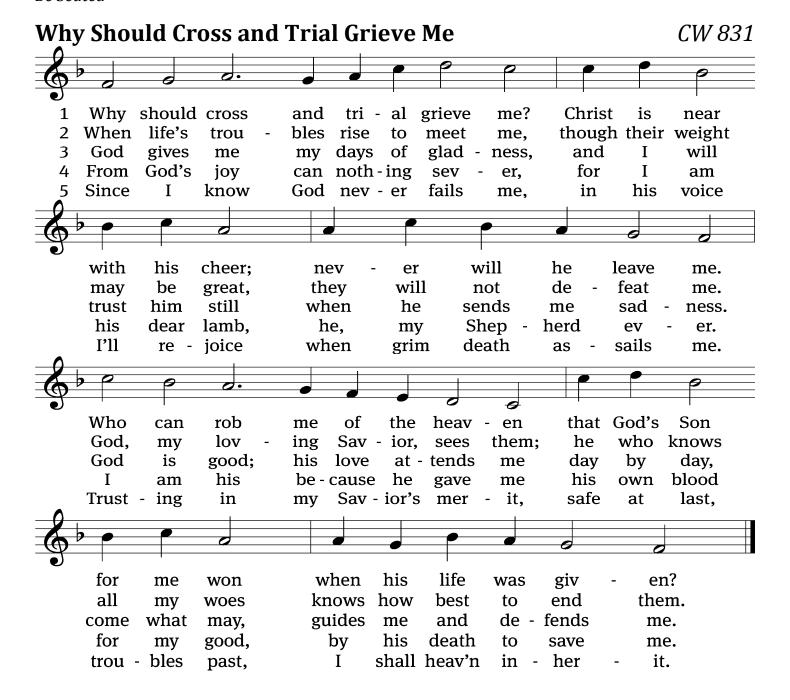
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

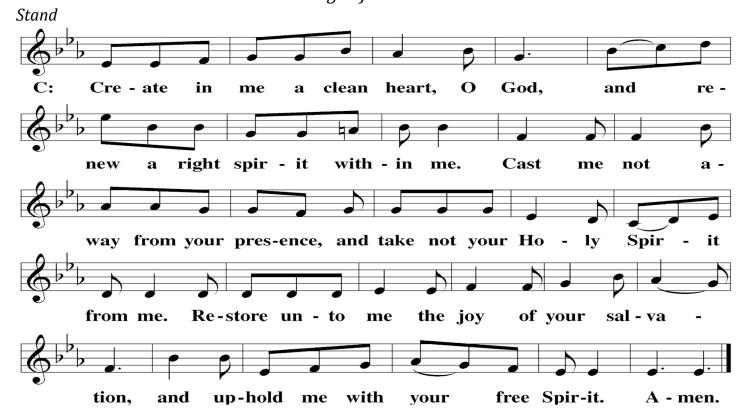
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated



Sermon *Lamentations 3*

Good Things Come To Those Who Wait Good grief – Great love



Special Prayers & 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.

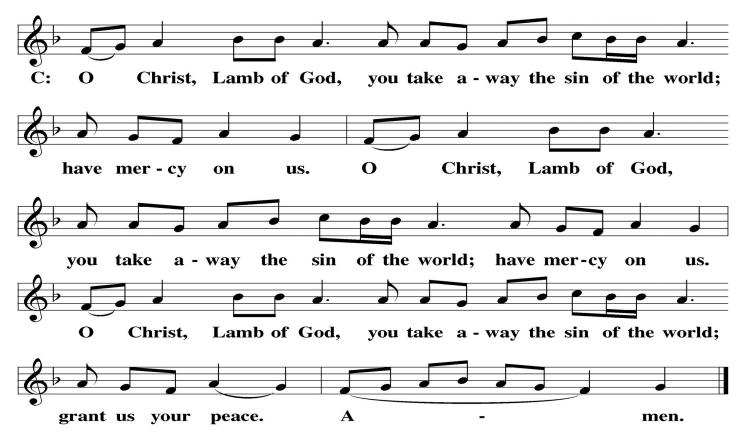
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



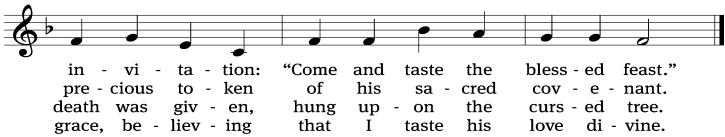


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DISTRIBUTION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: St. Paul's invited up to Communion instructed and confirmed member of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us – just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make that happen.



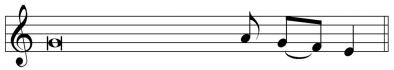


5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation, balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

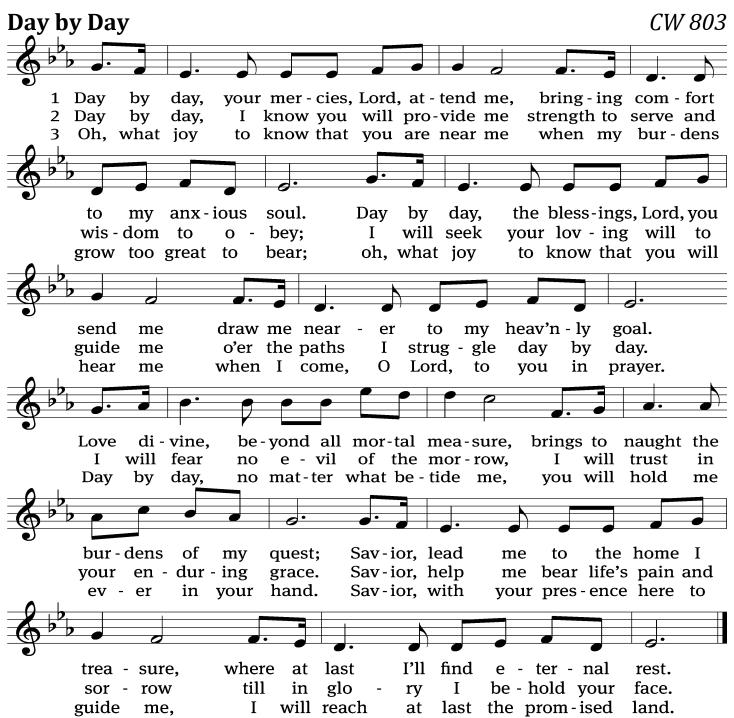
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



Be seated



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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

Presiding Minister and Preacher: Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Gillian Curia

Musicians: Pastor Adam Bode, Stan Grzonka, and Nick & Tanya Scmhidt

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Tim Doro, Dave Wehrmann.

10:30 a.m. - Steve Schueler, Will Belitz.

ALTAR GUILD: Shery 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: 6/16 & 6/17 - \$37,700 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$2,500 - BLACKTOP FUND(\$13,545 RAISED SO FAR). \$5,000 - DEBT REDUCTION. \$5,250 - FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$1,000 - SAFETY PREPAREDNESS.

ATTENDANCE: 6/16 & 6/17 - 8:00 A.m. - 171. 10:30 A.m. - 126. 6:00 p.m. - 39.

In our prayers this week...

- 1. Teens travelling to the Youth Rally in Colorado this coming week.
- 2. Karen Berg, admitted to Sharon Richardson this past week.

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!

- 1. **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.
- 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. (Due to scheduling conflicts, the class will not meet on 6/24 or 7/1.)
- 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 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;

luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

- 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.