

STEWARDSHIP THAT SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS



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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: *He had lost everything – even the shirt off his back – and was sold into slavery. How could that possibly have turned out well? Yet the Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered. And under his management, so did everything in his master’s household. The circumstances we find ourselves in may lead us to ask how things could possibly turn out well. But the Lord has made us managers (or stewards) of all that he has entrusted to us: our time, our skills, our finances. He blesses us with far more than we deserve and has in store for us far more than we could have ever imagined. Today, we look to our gracious God to learn about “Stewardship that Surpasses Expectations”.*

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

CW 609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

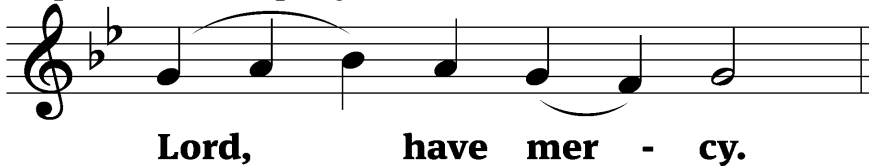
Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

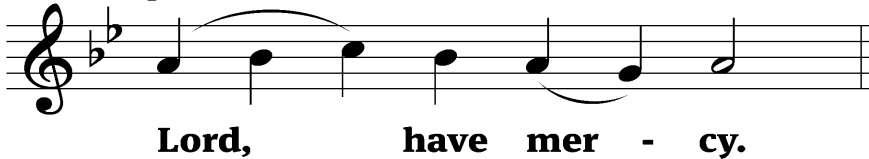
Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

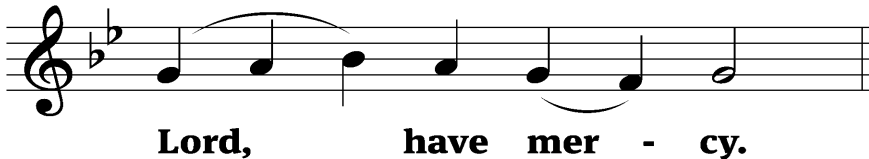
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



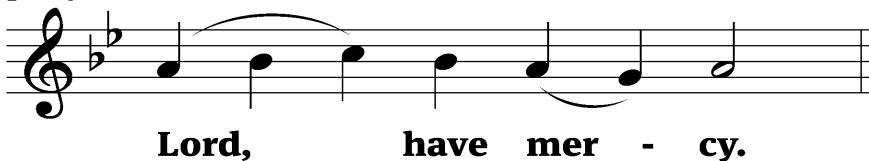
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



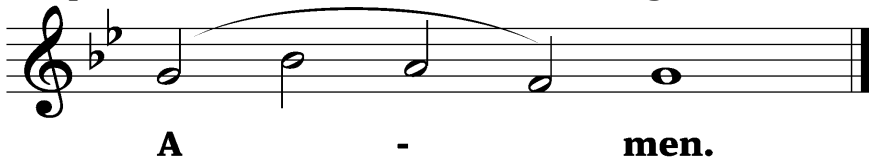
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, for our sakes you became poor so that we, through your poverty, might become rich. Freely we have received from you. Help us to freely give, that in so doing we might show our thanks to you and help in your work; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Malachi 3:8-12

The LORD promised to exceed the Israelite's expectations in blessing those who were devoted to him.

⁸“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. ¹²“Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

As the Deer

Psalm 42A

In times of oppression and want, our souls pant for our Savior and our God, who exceeds our expectations.

1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
2 You're my friend, and you're my broth - er, e - ven
3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly

soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
though you are a King. I love you more than
you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -
lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The Macedonian churches exceeded Paul's expectations in their generosity, all in response to Christ, who made them truly rich.

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

More Like Jesus

You came to the world you created. Trading your crown for a cross you willingly died. Your innocent life paid the cost. Counting your status as nothing, the King of all kings came to serve. Washing my feet, covering me with your love.

Refrain: If more of you means less of me, take ev'rything. Yes, all of you is all I need, take ev'rything.

You are my life and my treasure, the One that I can't live without. Here at your feet my desires and dreams I lay down. I lay it all down. *Refrain*

Oh Lord change me like only you can. Here with my heart in your hands, Father, I pray make me more like Jesus. This world is dying to know who you are. You've shown us the way to your heart. So, Father, I pray make me more like Jesus. *Refrain*

Stand

Gospel

Luke 21:1-4

The poor widow exceeds expectations by giving all she had to live on and trusting the Lord fully to provide.

¹As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³“Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

CW 748



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
 Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
 Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the
 liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
 mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
 right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and
 striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
 free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
 guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in
 then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.
 that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.
 heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Sermon

2 Corinthians 8

"Overflow in the Grace of Giving"

Stand

Apostles' 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place. Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer.

Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.

Teach us to determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.

Special intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. Amen.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CW 753 sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-5



1 My worth is not in what I own, not
2 My worth is not in skill or name, in
3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2
blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain
ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4
Refrain



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

4 I will not boast in wealth or might,
or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross. (Refrain)

5 Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed—my ransom paid
at the cross. (Refrain)

Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

Amen.

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695



- 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER: Pastor Tom Mielke

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Deb Doletzky

SOLOIST: Christina Sprenger

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.–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: 6/23 & 6/24 – \$19,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$800 – FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE: 6/23 & 6/24 – 8:00 A.M. – 203. 10:30 A.M. – 145. 6:00 P.M. – 42.

In our prayers this week...

1. Our nation and government as we give thanks to God for the peace, freedom, and blessings we have in the United States.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
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	9am Office Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 2	9am Office Open
Sunday, July 7	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. Pastor Pechman Installation
	5:00 p.m. Installation Dinner
Monday, July 8	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Worship & Bible Class Today** - 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 stewardship and 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.
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. **Guest Preacher Next Weekend** - On Sunday, July 7, for the morning services, we welcome back a son of the congregation, seminarian Sam Eickhoff, to be our guest preacher.
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. **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.
2. **Northern Wisconsin District (NWD) Convention** - As a congregation of the NWD 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 Home Missions. In the 10 years leading up to 2033, we hope under the Lord's blessing to establish 100 new home missions. In 2023-2024, there have been 15 new starts, including Kronenwetter, WI, and Anchor Church in Marquette, MI. There have also been 17 mission enhancements to established congregations in these first two years of the program, including Good Shepherd in Plymouth. You can learn more at wels100in10.net. In our own NWD, there is Hispanic outreach going on from Menasha to Green Bay and in Greenleaf / Morrison, as well as Hmong ministry in Manitowoc.

3. **Funeral Planning Form** - Last week 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.
4. **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.
5. **Good Shepherd's Pastor Installation** - All WELS members of congregations in the Sheboygan River Circuit (this includes St. Paul's) are invited to attend the installation worship service and meal for Pastor Eli Steinbrenner on Sunday, July 14, at N5990 Country Aire Rd, Plymouth. The service will be at 3:00 pm and a meal will follow in the fellowship hall. For meal planning purposes, please contact Good Shepherd's secretary Nancy Rentmeester at secretary@goodshepherdplymouth.com by June 30 if you intend to attend.
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. **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 Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
11. **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.
12. **Vacation** - Pastor Bode will be on vacation in Green Bay from June 30-July 6. If there is an emergency that requires pastoral care, please contact Pastor Pechman at 530-917-0682.