SEEK THE BREAD THAT LASTS

I Am the Bread of Life

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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

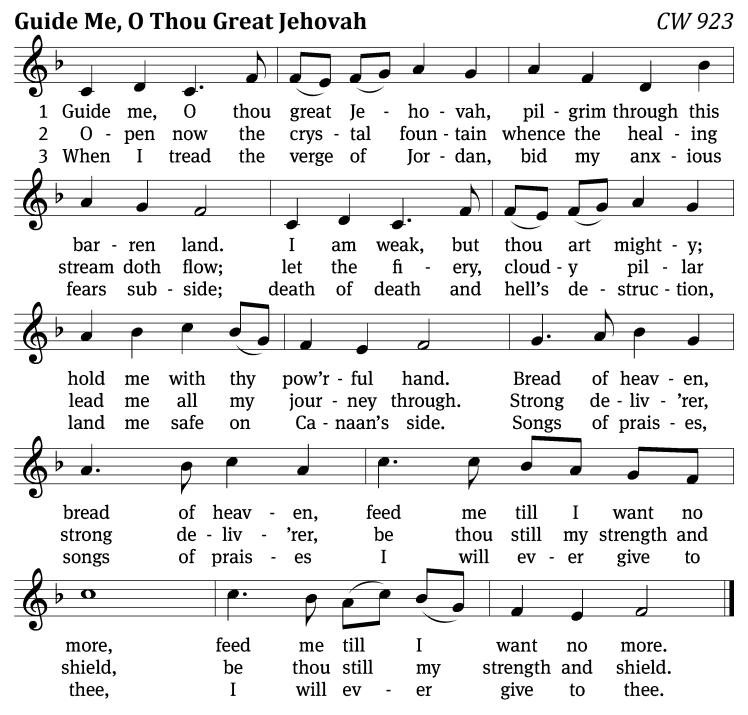
There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off 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: More than a third of all the food produced or imported in the United States goes to waste, much of which is due to expiration dates coming and going. All this costs the average American family over \$1,500 per year. So much wasted food and money, effort and time! Yet it is even more costly when people go through life only working for food that spoils. Today, as Jesus talks to people in Capernaum and to us in Howards Grove, he shows us the eternal value of that which never expires. "Seek the Bread that Lasts."

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



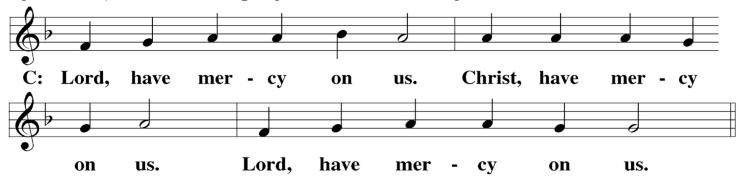
Stand

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



Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

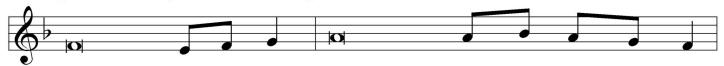
Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



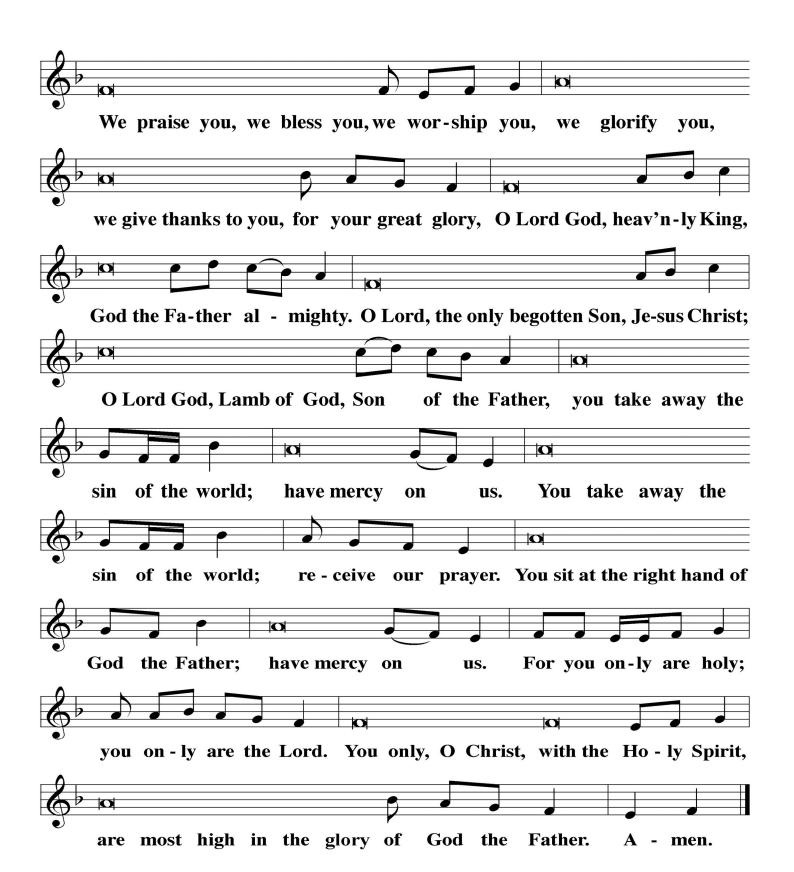
God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



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



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray. Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

Baptism [10:30a]

Bryson James Chappa son of Ben and Tracy Chappa

First Lesson Exodus 16:15–31

The Israelites were more concerned about the manna that spoiled than the LORD's lasting words.

¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent."

¹⁷The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

¹⁹Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning."

²⁰However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²²On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. ²³He said to them, "This is what the LORD commanded: 'Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the

LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning."

²⁴So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. ²⁵"Eat it today," Moses said, "because today is a sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today. ²⁶Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any."

²⁷Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. ²⁸Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? ²⁹Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out." ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1–5, 11–13

In temptation, look to your God's lasting promise for endurance and to Christ who accompanies his people.

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 6.



The crowds sought Jesus out for more food that spoils; Jesus pointed them to himself as the Bread the supplies life.

²⁴Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³²Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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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.

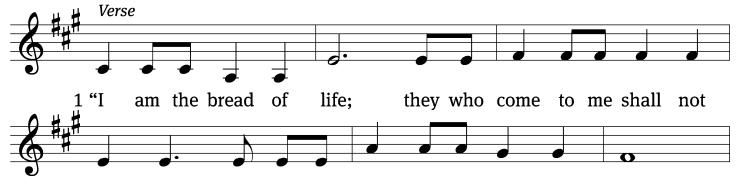
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

I Am the Bread of Life

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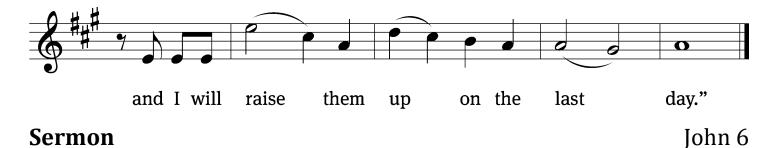
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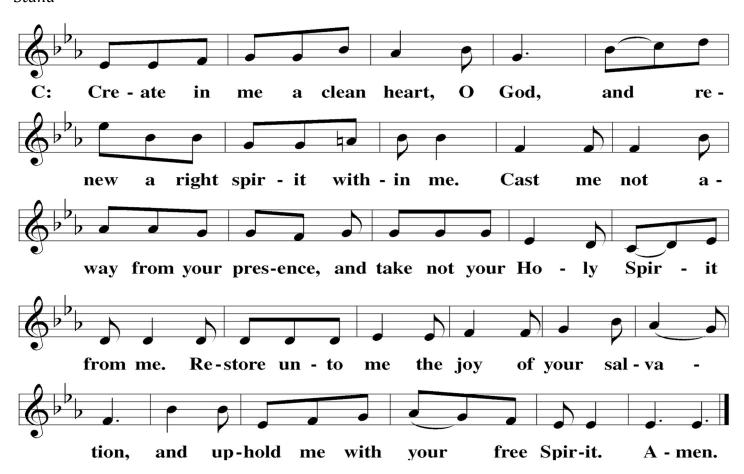


"And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,



Come and Get It! Craving – Cost – Christ

Stand



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."

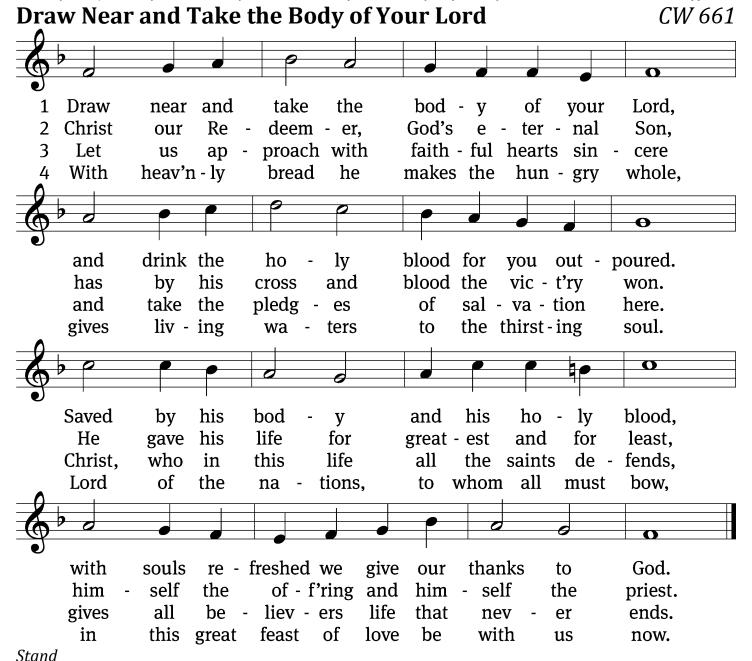
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



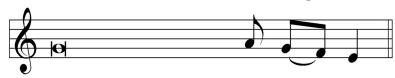
Be seated

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.



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.



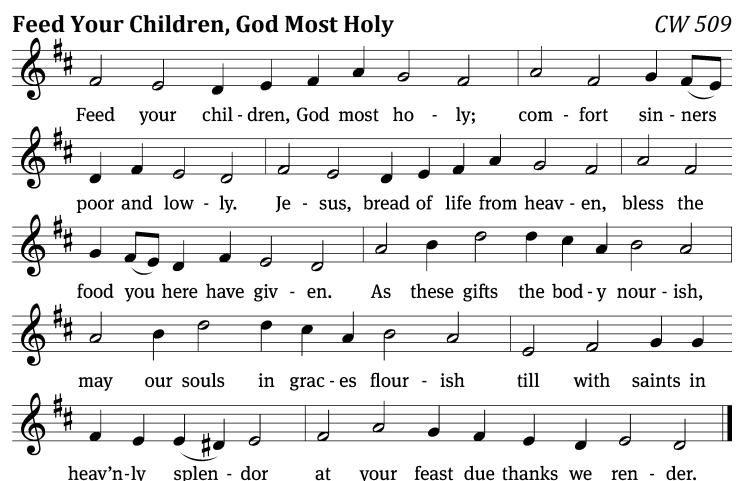
Blessing

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.





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PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER: Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Deb Doletzky

Soloist: Bev Gumm

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

10:30 a.m. – Eric Vant Hul, Doug Mattek.

ALTAR GUILD: Rachel Rehbein, Maryann Hahn, Lori Wehrmann.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Tim Doro, Tom Damrow, Derrick Hermann, Scott Schomberg.

10:30a.m. - Kevin Mueller, Larry Schomberg, Nathan Ledvina, Jeff Ledvina. 6:00 p.m. -

Dennis Sprenger, Trevor Meyer.

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: 8/4 & 8/5 - \$18,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$1,150 - GROWING FORWARD. \$505 - RUTH GRUNEWALD GOETSCH MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE: 8/4 & 8/5 - 8:00 A.M. - 144. 10:30 A.M. - 133. 6:00 P.M. - 32.

In our prayers this week...

- 1. Bryson Chappa, son of Ben and Tracy Chappa, to be baptized today.
- 2. Children of Haleigh Schelk (Juliana, Adrian, Orlando, Isabella, and Gabriella) to be baptized tomorrow.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
Sunday, August 11	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:20a-10:10a Family Bible Hour
Monday, August 12	6:00p Monday Night Worship
	6:00p BIC
Tuesday, August 13	9:00a-1:00p Office Open
	6:00p School/Classroom Orientation
Wednesday, August 14	9:30a Mindful Moms Garden Gym
	6:30p Evangelism
Thursday, August 15	6:00p School/Classroom Orientation
Friday, August 16	8:00a-12:00p Office Open
Sunday, August 18	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:20a-10:10a Family Bible Hour
	11:30a Church Picnic
Monday, August 19	6:00p Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Bible Class Today:** We are in summer Bible study mode. We invite adults, teens, and children down to 3rd grade to join us for study. This weekend, we will look at Article IX of the *Formula of Concord*, which focuses on Christ's Descent into Hell. We confess it often in the Apostles' Creed. When did it happen and why? There was confusion on it in the 16th century and there still is today. More importantly, there is great comfort in this teaching of Scripture. Come and learn more in the Harvest Room between services this morning.
- 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. **School Staff Installations:** Next Sunday, three called school staff members will be installed: Jennifer Hacker (3rd-4th Grade), Greg Johnson (Administrative Vice-Principal/Intervention Specialist), Pastor Norv Kock (afternoon Principal Relief Teacher).
- 4. **Sunday School Registration:** Sunday School for the fall kicks off on September 8th! It will be held each Sunday from 9:15-10:15a. The theme for this year is "The Lord is our Salvation!" We are now enrolling students from 8th grade down to potty trained 3-year-olds. To help us prepare materials and teaching staff, please use the QR code here or click on the link on our website to register.



5. Seeking Jesus Women's Retreat: Join us on Saturday, October 19th for our Seeking Jesus Women's Retreat from 8:30a-4:00p. This full-day retreat includes an opening devotion, two keynote speakers, breakout sessions, beautiful music, fellowship and lunch. We hope you can join us for an enriching day, getting to know other women and growing in God's Word together. Registration fee is \$35. You may register with the QR Code below, you will also find paper registration forms in the member room. If you have questions please speak with Lisa Marten, Amanda Bode or Renee Mueller.



Keynote Sessions:

Amber Albee Swenson "It's Getting Noisy in Here" Naomi Schmidt "Listening and Living at Jesus' Feet"

Breakout Sessions: choose 2
Amber Albee Swenson "Seeking Jesus in a Noisy World"
Naomi Schmidt "The Impact of Jesus"
Anna Wallander "How God Wants Us to Love Our Temple"
Andrea Fischer "Navigating Mental & Emotional Wellness as a Christian"

Announcements & News

1. **Church Picnic**: We're hoping you can enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun with your St. Paul's family Sunday, August 18th from 11:30a-2:00p.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a festive atmosphere filled with the rich flavors and sounds of Germany: bier, wein, kraut, wurst, etc. A prize will be given for the most festive German attire, so dress the part! There will be fun for the whole family!

Does your Oma have an amazing German potato salad recipe? Prove it, and make her proud! We're looking for German potato salads and beverages. Thanks for considering if you're able to bring something to share.

Cost: Free-will offering basket. Please register by Monday, August 12th so that we have enough food for you. :)

Please register using this link: https://forms.gle/HtAfYBiVJb5mXsjs6 or by calling the office by Monday, August 12th so that we have enough food for you. :) Contact Luther Curia with any questions: Luther.curia@sphg.org

2. **MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest"** – This annual event is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation August 25th. So we know how much to pick, please sign up in the member room by August 19th. On Saturday, August 24th, we will need a few helpers to travel to the farm in Morrison to pick the corn. We will leave St. Paul's about 8:00a and should be back by 10:00a. If you are able to help, contact Jim Van Alstine. (920.889.1225) To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 2056 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for over 15 years and much of the just over \$250,000 that has been awarded has been raised through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you can participate in this great program again this year!

3. Travel with WELS Groups: Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS/ELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) is partnering with *Father's World Tours* to offer several trips in the coming months. Spend some time in Duluth and along the amazing Lake Superior shore in September. Embark on a 2-week trip to Texas via America's Heartland in November. Or, ring in the New Year on a Caribbean cruise to visit and encourage our WELS missions in St Lucia, Grenada, and Antigua. All trips originate in MN (New Ulm or Twin Cities), have options to fly-in and meet the group, and are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507.217.1731). from him.