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### This Week @ St. Paul's

1.12   <b>Sun</b>	Annual Reports Due 8:00a   Worship Service 9:30a   Family Bible Hour 10:30a   Worship Service 2:00p   MLHS Gym Dedication
1.13   <b>Mon</b>	6:00p   Monday Worship
1.14   <b>Tues</b>	6:30p   Catechism R.T.F.
1.15   <b>Weds</b>	8:00a   Mindful Moms Bible Study 9:00a   Bible Study 9:15a   Mindful Moms Playdate 6:30p   Officers 6:30p   Evangelism 6:30p   School Board
1.18   <b>Sat</b>	9:00a   Early Childhood New Classroom Visits
1.19   <b>Sun</b>	8:00a   Worship Service 9:30a   Family Bible Hour 10:30a   Worship Service
1.20   <b>Mon</b>	6:00p   Monday Worship 7:15p   Adult Choir Practice

### Grow with Christ

#### Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Crazy Busy!** Someone asks, "How are you?" The instinctual, canned response is often: "Good. How about you?" Have you noticed the increasingly common response is: "Busy!" In our 24/7/365 world...no one even dares to question such an answer. Who isn't busy? Who of us hasn't felt the pinch of more demands than we have time? Who of us hasn't wished we could find some sort of way to be less busy? The "*Crazy Busy!*" study is designed with that ambitious goal in mind! The series is designed to help you discover the spiritual dangers of busyness, apply God's Word to this intensely practical issue, and in the process refresh your soul.


2. **MLHS Dedication:** This afternoon at 2:00p is the dedication service for the new gym at Lutheran High. Preservice music starts at 1:30p and there will be an open house reception following the service. Pastor Unke will be preaching for the service.

3. **Habakkuk Bible Class:** Starting Wednesday, we will be studying the prophet *Habakkuk*. Have you ever wondered why the LORD allows injustice

to continue in this world? Or why he allows certain people to be in positions of power? Habakkuk complained to the LORD multiple times about the situation in Judah. And each time, the answer he received is not what most people would want to hear. Come and learn from the LORD how we can live through troubling times.

4. **Men of His Word Conference:** On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, in Oshkosh, a wonderful opportunity for growth in faith and leadership will take place. Speakers include WLS President Earl Treptow and other pastors & teachers. Topics include marriage, grieving, worship, relationships within congregations, military veterans, Christian businessman leadership, fatherhood, and more. Registration cost is \$35/youth, \$75/adult (or \$60/adult if registering a group of 5 or more). More info at [menofhisword.org/oshkosh](http://menofhisword.org/oshkosh). If you're interested, contact Luther Curia by **January 20<sup>th</sup>** to reserve your ticket and join our group. A carpool will be organized once we know who's attending. **Contact Luther:** Phone: 920.287.8575 \* Email: [luther.curia@sphg.org](mailto:luther.curia@sphg.org)
5. **Sing and Make Music to the Lord:** Join our adult choir as we strive for excellence in leading worship and creating beautiful music that honors the One who is worthy of our highest praise. Practices for the second semester begin **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15p**. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or simply love to sing, all who are high school age and up are welcome to participate in this meaningful ministry. Questions? Contact **Luther Curia** for more information.

## Announcements & News

1. **Communion Distribution:** This morning, we begin trying something just a little new for communion distribution. Instead of dismissing one side and then the other, both sides will all be served as one group and dismissed together. Then the next group of communicants will come up to receive the sacrament, about 16 in each group.
  2. **Worship Dismissal:** Last Sunday we began not having ushers formally ushering people out after services. This allows families with little children near the back to leave sooner if needed, and allows those who would like to listen to the post-service music or greet each other in the pews more time to do so.
  3. **Thank you!** Many of the shut-ins have expressed heartfelt thanks for all the cards and also the gift packages sent by the congregation members. Your encouragement for these homebound saints is greatly appreciated!
  4. **Cookie Containers:** There are still several cookie platters / containers left in the back of the kitchen from Living Nativity. If you would like yours back, please grab it by Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The rest will be donated.
  5. **Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>, after late service. Please have reports submitted to Mike Leahy by January 12<sup>th</sup>.
  6. **JAM (Jesus and Me) January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to come JAM with us on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10a-12p! We will be looking at how we are "*Wonderfully Made*" with activities and crafts about our five senses. Some of our stations include a snow sensory bin, make your own instrument, washing station, and a light table! Email us at [jam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:jam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) with any questions. Scan the QR Code to register or [click here](#).
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7. **PTF Pizza Fundraiser:** The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating school family between now and February 5<sup>th</sup>. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office with payment by Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Katie Meyer ([katieb82@hotmail.com](mailto:katieb82@hotmail.com)) or Megan Bramstedt ([megan.bramstedt@gmail.com](mailto:megan.bramstedt@gmail.com)) with any questions.
  8. **Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance St. Paul's church and school families! This is for young adults, older adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us Tuesday nights (January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & February 4<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30p for indoor fun and fellowship in the gym! Whether you have game experience or this is your first time playing, all are invited! Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use. Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at 608.498.7605 or [molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)
  9. **Bulletin Board Pictures:** In January we will be taking new pictures of all committee members to update our bulletin board. Karen Bode will be taking pictures between services. Committee leaders are encouraged to help get all committee members connected with Karen to have a picture taken.
  10. **Gathering Around the Gospel:** On 01.05, 213 souls came to worship in the early service, and 184 in the late service. On Monday 01.06, 20 souls came to worship.
  11. **Gifts of Love to Jesus:** From 01.05-01.06, \$16,900 was given toward the General Fund (\$19,200 needed each week to meet our projected income, \$21,900 needed to meet all projected ministry expenses), \$725 for Growing Forward, \$500 for Shut-In Gifts, and \$335 for the School Fund.