SPL Weekly Update

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This Week @ St. Paul's

10.27 Sun	9:30a 10:30a	Worship Service (Adult Choir sings) Family Bible Hour Worship Service (Adult Choir sings) MLHS BB Camp @ SPL
10.28 Mon	6:00p 6:30p	Trustees Monday Worship Foundations BIC Adult Choir
10.29 Tue	6:30p	Men's Bible Study
10.30 Wed	9:00a 9:15a	Mindful Moms study 2 Thess. Bible study Mindful Moms playdate
	6:30p	Elders
10.31 Thu		Thorpe/Burk Wedding Dartball
11.01 Fri		School early dismissal (pm office closed) Wedding Rehearsal
11.02 Sat	1:00p	Buck/Hartl Wedding
11.03 Sun	9:30a	Worship Service (3K-4K sings) Family Bible Hour Worship Service (3K-4K sings)
11.04 Mon	6:30p	Monday Worship Foundations BIC Adult Choir

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. New Worship Series: "Live each day like it's your last." That sounds wise...an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. Yet that advice is completely backwards, because thanks to Jesus we have the gift of eternal life. In this series...let us consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. Live like you'll live forever!

2. **Veteran Recognition Sunday:** On Sunday, November 10th, St. Paul's will be acknowledging our nation's veterans and military personnel during the Sunday service. *If you are a veteran of our nation's military armed forces or currently serving, we invite you to wear your dress uniform, if at all possible.*

3. Lutheran Military Support Group: Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is a ministry to serve the men and women in uniform, our veterans and their families. You can learn more about LMSG's ministry at: <u>www.lutheranmilitary.org</u>. Veterans Day (as well as Memorial Day) is one of LMSG's main fundraising days. You are invited to support LMSG by placing a freewill donation in the ammo can which will be located in the narthex beginning next weekend.

Announcements & News

1. **PreK Call:** Last Sunday, our voters called Angie Pechman (Pastor Pechman's wife) to serve as our permanent 4K teacher starting in the '25-'26 school year. Please keep the Pechmans and First German in Manitowoc (where Angie currently serves as Early

Childhood Director) in your prayers as Angie deliberates the two calls she now has.

- 2. New Office Administrator: Our leadership has formed a new structure for our office staffing. Mike Leahy has been hired as a part-time behind-the-scenes administrator for promotional, financial, and organizational matters, starting November 1st. We are thankful to the many volunteers who will continue to staff the office desk, phones, doors, and other tasks. May the Lord bless Mike and all who serve in this important area of ministry support staff!
- Living Nativity: Posters are ready for delivery in the member room. We are looking for volunteers for Sheboygan North and Elkhart Lake. Business suggestions are attached. Postcards are in the member room as well. Please take some to handout or mail to your family

and friends. The cookie bakers sign up sheet is in the member room if you would like to help the Living Nativity in this fashion. Needs: There are various spots open for the Living Nativity such as Prophet-Sun, Shepherds-Fri; Outside Greeters-Fri. & Sun, and Adult angels-Fri. Your help is needed, so sign up today; rehearsal is just 2 weeks away. Thank you!

4. **JAM (Jesus and Me):** Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to come JAM with us on Nov 9th from 10am-12pm! Our theme is "Wonderfully Made" and we'll have activities and crafts about our five senses. Some of our stations include a fall touch and smell sensory bin, diy fall shaker, and a light table! Email us at jam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org with any questions. Register using the QR Code.



- 5. Veterans Day: St. Paul's is hosting a Veterans Day event on Monday, November 11th, inviting Veterans (and one guest each) from our congregation and community to attend as our special guests. The schedule for the evening is as follows:
 - 5:00-5:30p | Arrival/Visit Memorabilia
 - ✤ 5:30-5:45p | Welcome/Music
 - ✤ 5:45-6:15p | Dinner/Dessert
 - ♦ 6:15-7:00p | Presentation
 - ✤ 7:00p | Music/Closing

We would be honored to display service uniforms, pictures, medals, and other memorabilia. Please contact Mr. Wieting (michael.wieting@sphg.org or 715.439.9193) if you would like to bring items to display. Please register by calling the school office (920.565.3780) or by going to the kiosk in the narthex as there is a sign-up located there.

- 6. **October Newsletter:** The October newsletters went out by email this past week. Printed copies are available in the Member Room. Please note that we are not putting copies in mailboxes.
- 7. **Calendar Merge:** For those who use our online Google Calendars, we have decided to merge the church calendar into the school calendar, renaming it *"St. Paul's HG Ministries"* to create greater awareness of all our ministries as well as reducing duplicated entries.
- 8. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society: Fall mission offerings are being gathered in the designated box in the narthex until November 4th. Checks should be made out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit. Home mission projects for 2024-25 are tools for outreach in home mission churches and Assistance for WELS campus ministries. World mission projects are for training evangelists in Bangladesh and for ongoing training in Vietnam. These gifts will be given to WELS Missions at the spring convention in June 2025 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Little Lives with Jesus: On October 10th there was a WELS webinar on infant loss and miscarriage. If this topic touches your heart, whether from your own experience or that of a loved one, this webinar is a good resource and can be viewed at <u>https://vimeo.com/1019948860</u>.
- 10. **Christian Aid & Relief | Hurricane Relief:** In worship services lately we have been praying for those affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton. Our church body has a ministry for humanitarian aid, called the WELS Christian Aid and Relief. If you would like to support those affected by the hurricanes either financially or with your time and energy, please check out the options at: <u>www.wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief</u> (locate "give gift" section on page).
- 11. **Forward in Christ**: The renewal for this publication is approaching. Please fill out a renewal form located in the member room and return it with your \$15 payment to the drawer labeled *"Forward in Christ"* by November 24th. Please complete a form even if you are currently receiving it.
- 12. **Christmas Wreaths:** It may seem early, but...the Pioneers are selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths again this year. The wreaths are 24" natural pine boughs decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones and berries. There is a sign-up sheet in the member room until November 4th. They will be delivered the weekend before Thanksgiving (Sunday, November 24th).