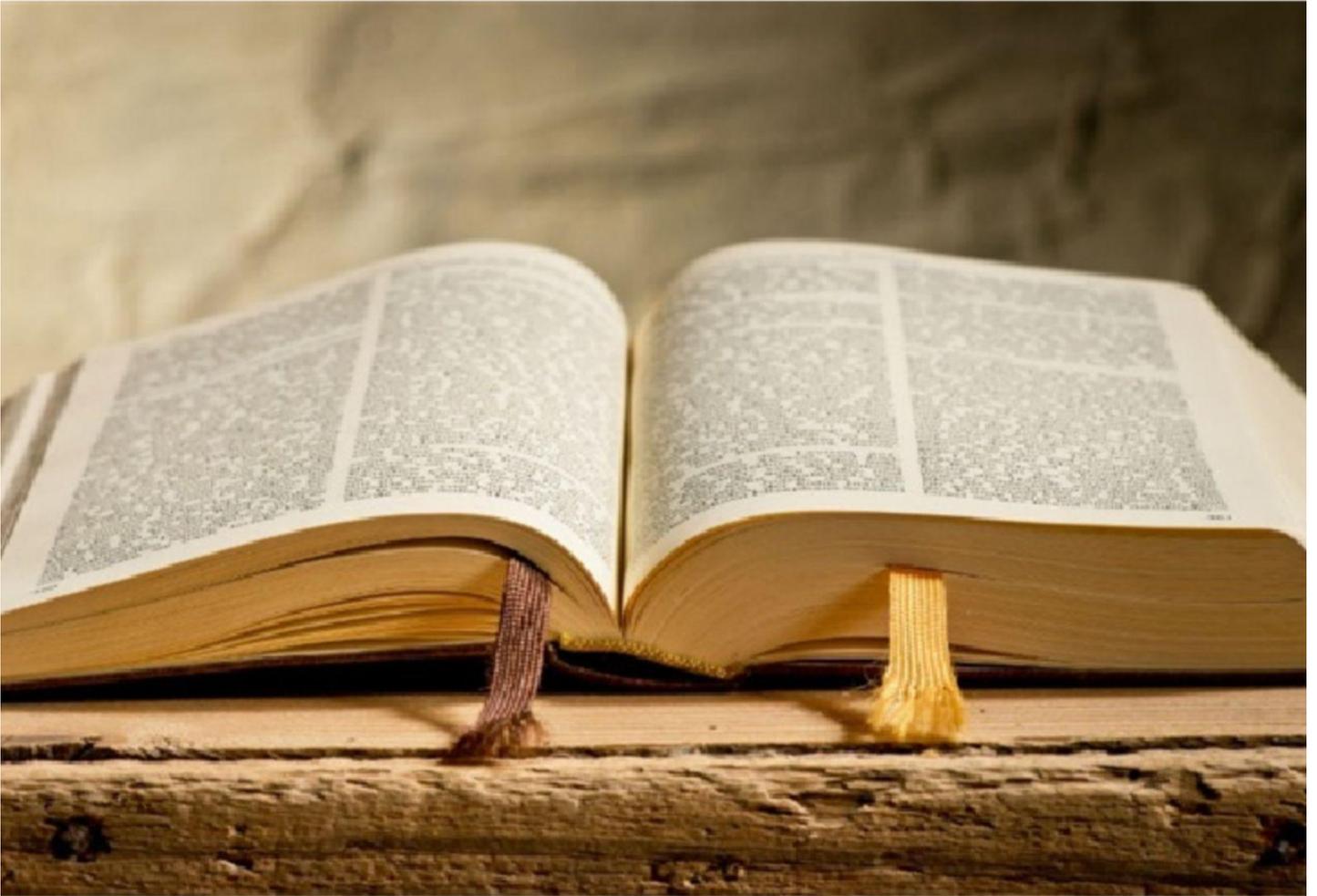


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Worship during these times: All pews in the sanctuary are open for seating. Face coverings are optional -- up to the individual. Bibles and hymnals are in the racks for use as desired. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which may be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

Communion is offered in worship each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship during the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

DVDs: DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you request one.

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 (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.



THE COMMON SERVICE

Today's Worship Focus: *Does it seem to you that there is more resistance to Christianity and its values in recent years? The Bible reminds us that everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people go from bad to worse. Faithfulness to God's Word will lead to suffering in this world. But take heart! This is what our Savior went through. This is what the prophets and apostles went through. This is the path to the glory that Jesus won for us and has awaiting us in heaven. He gives us his Word to strengthen and uphold us every day. So we speak the Word even in rejection.*

HYMN

Led by Small Group

Speak, O Lord | 735

- 1 **ALL: Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**
- 2 Small Group: Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 **ALL: Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
 Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
 That will echo down through eternity.
 And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
 And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
 Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
 And the earth is filled with your glory.**

Please stand.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

C: 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.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

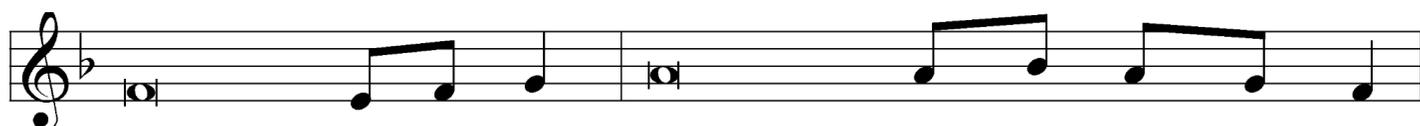
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE



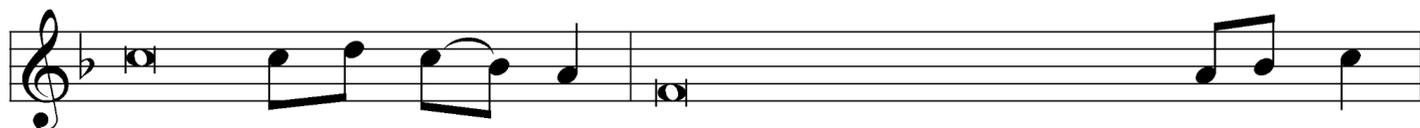
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

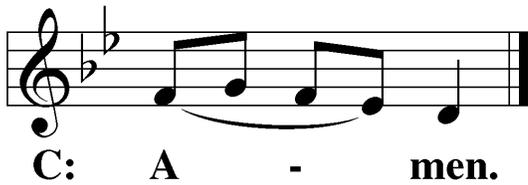
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, your Son Jesus faithfully proclaimed your will and Word wherever he went. Grant that we too may be faithful in our proclamations, even among those who dishonor your Word, until your love reaches all those for whom your Son gave his life. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

BAPTISMS [10:30]

*Khloe, Sophia, and Bentley,
children of Kyle & Erica Hughes*

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4

The LORD gave Ezekiel words of woe to speak to a rebellious people.

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. ⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

⁹ Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, ¹⁰ which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

¹ And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

³Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them.

HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | **465**

- 1 Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.**
- 2 Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me --
Show your face, and all is bright.**
- 3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure;
With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father!
You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.**

4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory;
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story;
Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 8:15

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

After Jesus was rejected in his hometown, he went around teaching from village to village.

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?” ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head | 536

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows, And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!
- 2 O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve you evermore With hearts both pure and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.
- 4 And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

SERMON

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4

Speak My Words!

Fearless among a stubborn people - Filled with a sweet taste

Please stand.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERINGS BROUGHT FORWARD

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.



SPECIAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

Be seated.

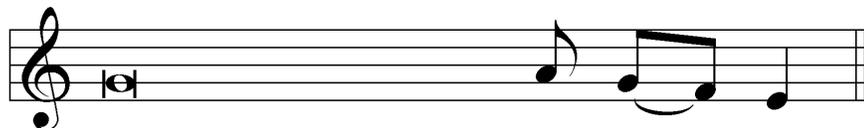
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

How Firm a Foundation | 416

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea—
The Lord, the Almighty, your strength e'er shall be.
- 3 "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 4 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne."

Please stand.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



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

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



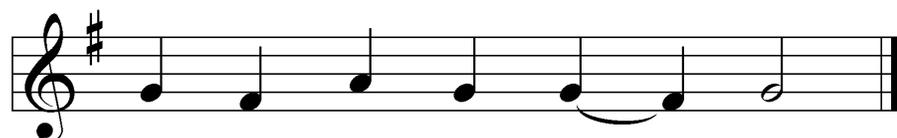
C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

M: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Lead Us On | 422

- 1 Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe To our home we go.

**3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**4 Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us; Still support, console, protect us
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

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10:30 a.m.- Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff.

OFFERING: 6/6 & 6/7: \$16,148 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$16,300).

ADDITIONAL \$11,715 WAS RECEIVED FOR GROWING FORWARD.

\$200 FOR THE FAITH IN THE FUTURE FUND.

ATTENDANCE: 7/4: 8:00-122, 10:30-70; 7/5-23

In our prayers this week...

- 1. The Hughes family, with the baptism of their children Khloe, Sophia, and Bentley.**
- 2. Kevin and Renee Mueller's 25th wedding anniversary.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Office hours:** Erin can be reached at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org. Summer hours have started for the office and will last until late August. The office hours are a bit different this week. The office will be closed on Tuesday. There will be regular hours on Wednesday from 9am - 1pm. Thanks!
2. **Our summer Sunday Bible Study** is a series on *2 Corinthians*. The series will be taught by all the church staff on a rotating basis. We will grow in so many ways through it. There still were dicey issues in the church to deal with, as well as Paul's changing plans. There were financial obstacles to overcome and Paul had a personal obstacle with his thorn in the flesh. There were earthly fellowship ties to build and there was eternal heavenly confidence to give. It's a rich book that will richly bless. Join us weekly in the sanctuary. Child care will be available.
3. **Wednesday Bible study** is a study of Psalm 119. We wrap up the Psalm this Wednesday in our final class!
4. **Men's Crafts-Men Bible Study**. Our next study is on July 15th at 6:30 pm.
5. **Men's Early Bird Bible Study**. Our next study is July 23 at 6:00 am.
6. **Women in the Word** - It's not too late to start the Berean Bible Challenge! Year long reading plans are available in the member room. Contact Alycia Cameron at alycia.cameron@gmail.com to get connected with the Google Chat and get encouragement and answers to questions along the way.
7. **Ages 0 - 5 and a caregiver**, grab a beach towel and a lawn chair and join us Saturday, July 24th from 10:00am - Noon for a Summer Splash Event! We will begin with a Bible Story, then play! Weather permitting, you will find outdoor activities, water play, snacks and fellowship. All are welcome to Join us for this FREE event! Register online on our website or click on this link.
8. **Summer Bonfires:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The stewardship committee is hosting three summer Bonfires (7/12, & 8/9 @ 7:00 p.m.) on the parking lot near the playground.
 - *Family Friendly
 - *Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores - Feel free to bring something else along!)
 - *Bring Your Own Chair
 - *Bring Your Own Beverage

9. **Mindful Moms** - Join us on July 14 at St. Paul's at 10:00 am as we continue our summer Bible Study Book Club, *Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust*. On July 21 we meetup at End Park, Sheboygan for a playdate starting at 10am. Bring your swimsuits for the splash pad too! For more information, join our Facebook page (St. Paul's Mindful Moms) or contact Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com or 414-736-8966).
10. **Moms Night Out - Christmas in July** Moms, join us for our annual Christmas in July party! Thursday, July 15, 7-9:30pm in Amanda Bode's backyard, 1109 Elm St. Cleveland. Bring a snack or dessert to share and a wrapped gift for our White Elephant gift exchange. (This is something fun or funny another guest will open and potentially trade around at the party!) Please see Alycia Cameron or Amanda Bode for more details. This is a great chance to invite a new mom friend!
11. **Adult Basketball** will be on hold until the end of July. There will be an announcement again once it starts back up. Thanks!
12. **Growing Forward Giving Envelopes** are available in the member room by the cabinets or in the office on the top part of the office desk. They can be placed in the offerings boxes in the narthex or in the wooden box on Erin Radue's desk. *We plan to have updates for the congregation coming soon.*
13. **Vacations:** Pastor Bode will be on vacation from June 26 through July 10. Pastor Mueller is from July 2-13. If you are in need of pastoral care from July 1 through July 10, please contact Pastor Dan Voigt from Calvary in Sheboygan at 651-447-3075 (mobile) or 920-458-4822 (office).
14. **The St. Paul's Car Show** will take place August 14 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2 with food trucks serving from 11-2. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *The registration link is now live on our website.* More info to come over the next months. Mark your calendar!
15. **Do you have board games**, card games, or decks of cards collecting dust and taking up precious closet space? If so, one of the FLEX periods this next school year is teaching strategy board and card games to our St. Paul's students grades 1st-8th, and we would be most grateful to receive donations for this. Games such as: Risk, Monopoly, Blokus, Sequence, Rook, Pit, Bananagrams, Scrabble, Settlers of Catan, Uno, Skip-Bo, Clue, Battleship, chess, decks of cards, etc. Please put any donations on desks in the 3-4th grade classroom, and if you have any questions please contact Sarah Mueller. Thank you very much!

16. **Our Quarterly Voter's Meeting** will be held on Sunday, July 25th following the 10:30 a.m. church service. Board and Committee reports will be shared, and we will vote on whether or not to pursue the proposed plan that Long Range Planning has been working on regarding our expansion project. Copies of the document that outlines the proposed plan were handed out after two recent June church services. They can also be picked up in the church office if you don't have one. It is important that as many voting members as possible are present for this meeting as this vote will help determine which direction we take as a congregation regarding expansion.
17. **New Christian Worship Hymnal:** Our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, has been developing a new hymnal, set to be released later this year. We have already pre-ordered copies for our sanctuary. If you would like to order copies for home use, you may sign up in the member room to be included in our congregation's larger order.