

# Congregational Announcements: December 19, 2021



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
HOWARDS GROVE, WI

Pastor Adam Bode - Pastor Aaron Mueller - Principal Chad Marohn - Staff Minister Luther Curia

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, December 19	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. <a href="#">Link to Online Weekend Worship Services</a>
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, December 20	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 21	LES Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, December 22 NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED	8:45 a.m. YES! BIBLE STUDY After this we will resume January 5th, 2022
	10:00 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
Thursday, December 23 NO SCHOOL	Office Open in the Morning
Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve	1:00 Christmas Eve Worship <a href="#">Livestream Link</a>
	3:00 Christmas Eve Worship
	5:00 Christmas Eve Worship
	7:00 Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day	9:00 Christmas Day Worship <a href="#">Livestream Link</a>

- Office hours over break: 12/20 & 12/21** 7:30a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. **12/23:** 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m..  
**12/29:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m..
- Sunday Morning Bible Study** - After Thanksgiving, we dedicated our new hymnals to the glory of our saving God. As with anything new, it will take a little time to adjust. During Family Bible Hour on December 19, we will continue exploring the new hymnal, especially the service settings, and all it has to offer for public worship and home use. Come and learn more about this great blessing for God's people. There will be no Bible class or Sunday School on December 26 and January 2.

3. **2022 Sunday Bible Study** - Starting January 9, our Sunday morning Bible study will take us through the book of James. James warns against a dead faith that does nothing. He encourages us to be active in faith, whether going through sufferings or speaking with love, whether in praying boldly or planning humbly, helping the poor or practicing good works. Come and receive guidance in living your faith!
4. **Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 78 students in Sunday School this year! We still welcome having more. If they haven't yet registered, that may be done [through this link](#), or by speaking with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode.
5. **Shut-in & Harvest Home Gifts:** St. Paul's shut-ins as well as the residents of Harvest Home will be receiving a small Christmas gift from our St. Paul's family. The gifts for Harvest Home residents will be delivered by our St. Paul's students as they go Christmas caroling Dec. 21. If you'd like to make a donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office or put it in an envelope in member mailbox B1. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
6. **Mindful Moms Playdate** - We are having an open gym next Wednesday, December 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the gym. Bring out your kiddos to help get the wiggles out before Christmas!
7. **Christmas Eve Worship:** On Christmas Eve this year we will have four opportunities to go with the shepherds and find the Savior lying in a manger. The 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 services will involve several musicians. The 7:00 service will be a candlelight lessons & carols service.
8. **Christmas Eve Cleanup:** We are looking for several volunteers to help cleanup after the 7:00 Christmas Eve service (candles, vacuuming, decorations, etc.). Thank you for considering if you may help! If you have any questions, please contact Luther Curia: 920.287.8575; [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
9. **If you have interest in helping the people affected by tornados** and extreme weather recently, these people need three things. They need our prayers. They need help financially. They also need blood donations to help them medically. You can donate to WELS Christian Aid and Relief directly (<https://wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/>) or you can donate to St. Paul's with this noted and we will send it in (up to January 3).
10. **December Communion Schedule Changes** - Since Christmas at St. Paul's happened in the gym on what would have been a communion weekend this year, we will offer communion in services on December 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, as well as the normal New Years Eve Communion service, which will be held at 6:30 pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
11. **The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry** is pleased to announce that beginning on December 11, 2021, the pantry will be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. This is in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Patrons are welcome to visit the pantry once each month. We look forward to continuing to serve the communities of: Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags, Face masks (required to enter the pantry).
12. **Called Worker Gift Box** - If you would like to remember our Called Workers with a monetary gift for Christmas, a box is located in the narthex for you to do so. This box will remain out for the month of December.
13. **Free Hymnals** - Now that we have the new blue hymnals in place, we are giving away our old red hymnals. Hymnals are a wonderful resource for home devotions, singing around the piano or playing with brass and woodwind instruments. If you'd like to take any with you, the red hymnals are located in the balcony behind the organ in medium-sized boxes.

14. **A change to our typical schedule**, please note the January voters' meeting is on Saturday, January 29th at 9:00 am. There will be a breakfast served at 8:00am. We are planning an open forum during the Bible study hour on January 23.
15. **Tuesday night basketball** will be running again starting on January 11, 2022. It will run every Tuesday night from 7-8:30. Everyone ages 12 and up are welcome to join us.

## **MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **MLHS Campaign-Building Our Future on Christ** -We thank you Lancer Family! We not only met our goal to raise \$75,000 in the month of November, but we surpassed it! Thank you for prayers, support, and donations you gave to Month of Giving promotion! Our job as a federation is not done! We are moving forward with our plans. We have a final design (cf. the latest video with the 3-D rendering at [www.mlhslancers.org/campaign](http://www.mlhslancers.org/campaign).) The more we can raise up front the better! To find out more about that, please call our mission advancement office at 920-682-0215. Thank you for your support and for considering a generous contribution to the campaign!
2. **MLHS Call Update** -The MLHS Federation called Pastor Aaron Dolan for the theology department. Aaron is brother to MLHS teacher Jeff Dolan. Aaron is married with 3 children. This call is to replace Pastor Jon Meyer who took a one-year call to serve this year. Thank you for keeping Aaron's family and your high school in your prayers.
3. **MLHS Christmas Concert:** The music department of Manitowoc Lutheran High School will be holding its annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 22nd at the Capitol Civic Centre in downtown Manitowoc. The concert, entitled "Joy Has Dawned!" will feature the three high school choirs and the MLHS Symphonic Band. Also featured will be the Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale, an adult ensemble made up of members from the WELS Lutheran Churches along the Lakeshore. The concert's closing anthem, "O Come, All Ye Faithful", will feature a special Christmas orchestra and the combined voices of the MLHS choirs and the Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale. All students from the area WELS Lutheran Elementary Schools and Churches are invited to join in singing this anthem that they learned for the recent choral festival at MLHS. Concert times at the CCC are 4:30 and 7:30. The concert is free and open to the public; however, a free will offering will be gathered.
4. **MLHS Newsletters and More:** Stay in touch with your high school and subscribe to various newsletters by going to [www.mlhslancers.org/subscription](http://www.mlhslancers.org/subscription). After subscribing you will receive the newsletter(s) you signed up for. **Be sure to check your junk mail** as the first one may go there instead. The alumni newsletter is one of the options listed. You will not want to miss reading what a recent alumni shared in the December Alumni newsletter. ENJOY! For any questions contact [mlhs@mlhslancers.org](mailto:mlhs@mlhslancers.org).
5. **SCRIP** – Visit [www.mlhslancers.org/scrip](http://www.mlhslancers.org/scrip) today for your Christmas shopping list or stop in to see the friendly SCRIP ladies today and place your order!
6. **Junior Lancer Basketball** -Registration is OPEN for Jr. Lancer Basketball. Please register today! Go to: [www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers](http://www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers). Then click on Junior Lancer Basketball!
7. **Charitable Giving Through Estate Planning** - Estate planning (also called a will or trust) is a collection of documents that specify how you want your money and other assets distributed after your death, making it easier for your loved ones to handle your affairs during a time of grief. This one-on-one coaching is sponsored by MLHS and is confidential. Due to a generous donation, when you complete the one-on-one coaching through SFC and you will be reimbursed up to \$500 for the attorney fees! Individuals will be responsible for

paying other attorney fees if applicable. This is simply a gift from the MLHS Foundation to you and your family for your love and support of Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Coaching can be done one on one or via zoom call. More information can be found on the MLHS website or contact Ryan Hulse – [rhulse@mlhslancers.org](mailto:rhulse@mlhslancers.org)

#### 8. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 12/22-Christmas Concert
- 1/14-1/16/2022-Grade School B-Team Bball Tournament
- 1/21/2022-Lancer for a Day
- 1/21-1/23/2022-Grade School A-Team Bball Tournament
- 1/24 & 1/26/2022-Freshman Information Night