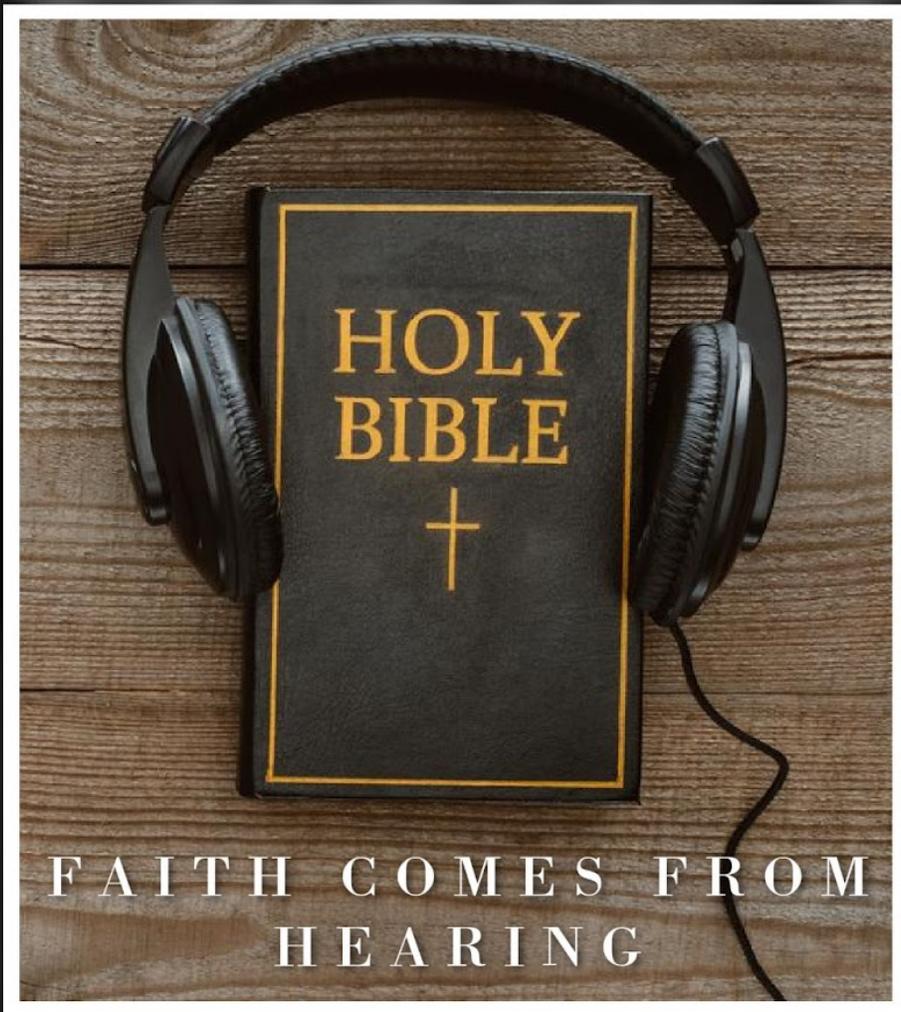


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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
Congregation in the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### 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

**Pew Cards:** We kindly request that visitors fill out a pew card so that we have a record of your visit and can invite you to other events here at St. Paul's!

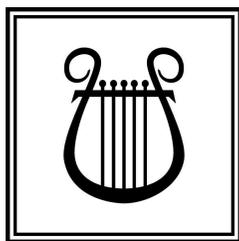
**Little Children:** We love having our little ones in worship with us! If desired, quiet bags and sketch tablets are located near the nursery to the right after you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is there to use if young ones become restless during the service as well.

**Restrooms** are located just off the gathering room.

**Baby changing stations** are in the restrooms down the hall just beyond the kitchen and commons area.

**If you need any help,** our ushers (seated in the back of church) are here to help!

**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.**



## MORNING PRAISE

**Today's Worship Focus:** *If you go fishing, you have to know what you're doing: how to cast, what bait or lure to use, where to let down your line, even what time of day to go. When Jesus called Peter to fish for people, he had so much to learn. He left everything and followed him. Today we will hear what we need to leave behind as well as what we need to take along in fishing for people. We've come Together For Faith To Spread.*

### OPENING HYMN

### *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* | 483



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



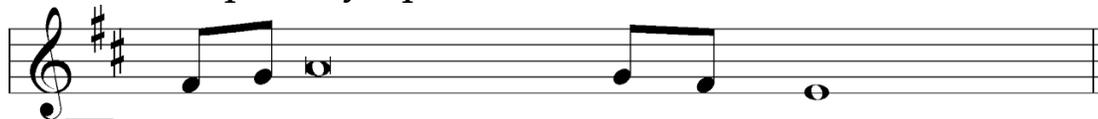
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

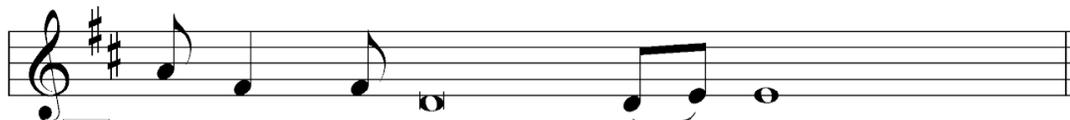
*Please stand.*

M: O Lord, open my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

VENITE: COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

*Refrain*



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our



sav - ing Rock; come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

**Verse 1**



You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the

depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun-tains high,

you made the seas and the dry land.

*Repeat to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

Come, let us wor - shipand, bow-ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has

made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,

we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*Repeat to Refrain*

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we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*Repeat to Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of

your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

*The holy LORD Almighty called an unclean man like Isaiah to speak to his unclean people.*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

## ANTHEM

*Thy Word*

Sung by St. Paul's School's PK & K

*Refrain:* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide, and help my light to shine. Share your love until the end. *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

***Romans 10:12-17***

*The Word of Christ is necessary to keep us in the faith and to bring to others that they too may call on the Lord's saving name.*

<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

<sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

## DUET

*Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive. Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief. Plant your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit. Open up our ears to hear, lead us in your truth.

*Refrain:* Show us Christ. Show us Christ. O God, reveal your glory through the preaching of your Word until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes. Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise. Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave, riches for the needy soul. Come speak to us today.

*Refrain*

Where else can we go, Lord? Where else can we go? You have the words of eternal life. *Refrain*

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

***Luke 5:1-11***

*Jesus called a sinful man like Peter to be at peace and to fish for people.*

<sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard* | 907



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard news of a  
2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place, neigh-bors and  
3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call, con-stant in  
4 "Lord, here am I:" your fire im - part to this poor,  
5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move: Spir - it of



Lord who loved and came, nor known his rec - on -  
friends and far - off lands, preach the good news of  
prayer, through toil and pain, tell - ing of One who  
cold, self - cen - tered soul; touch but my lips, my  
truth, in pow'r come down! So shall they hear and



cil - ing word, nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
sav - ing grace; go while the great com - mis - sion stands.  
died for all, to bring a lost world home a - gain?  
hands, my heart, and make a world for Christ my goal.  
find and prove Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

**SERMON**

***Romans 10:12-17***

*Here's the Message of Your Savior, Jesus Christ*

*God is ready \* God is so willing \* God gives it to you*

*Please stand.*

*Our offerings of thanks to the Lord will be brought forward during the following song.*

# TE DEUM: YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Soloist: First Refrain & Verses

**ALL: Repeated Refrain, Refrains Following Verses & Sections in Bold Print**

## *Refrain*

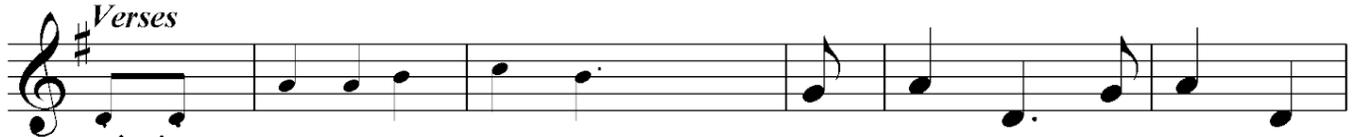


You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac- claim you. To



you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

## *Verses*



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **People: We praise you, we praise you!**
3. O — Christ, King of glo - ry,



With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
O — Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We praise you, we praise you!**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O — Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We praise you, we praise you!**  
You have ris - en to free us;



With the mar - tyrs and your ho - ly Church,  
To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed,  
And with all your saints in glo - ry,



We sing in end - less praise!

(v. 1 & 2) to Refrain  
(v. 3) to Final Refrain

*Final Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac -



claim you. To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers



praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

*Be seated.*

## INSTALLATION OF BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

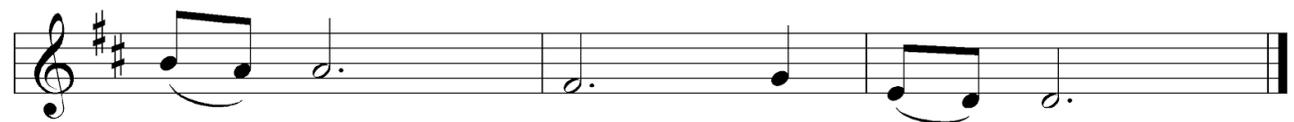
*Please stand.*

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



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

**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks— be to God.

**M:** The Lord bless and keep you.



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

**M:** The Lord's face ever shine upon you.



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

**M:** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C:  
Be seated.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*I Hear the Savior Calling | 743 v. 1-3*



1 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to me;  
2 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He leads a soul to me,  
3 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He gives this charge to me:



my eyes, once closed in blind - ness, are o - pened now to see  
a soul in bit - ter an - guish, one need - ing to be free.  
to serve the best I'm a - ble, what - e'er the call may be.



that I my - self was help - less to live e - ter - nal - ly,  
The gift I have to of - fer is Christ, my Lord's de - cree  
Thus hand in hand with oth - ers who share the gos - pel key



but, dy - ing, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!  
that all have been for - giv - en; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
we spread the gos - pel ti - dings; my Sav - ior calls for me!

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**USHERS:** 8:00 a.m.- Randy Wehrmann, Niel Pahl, Jim Eick, Craig Thiel, Matthew/Zach Prem.

10:30 a.m.- Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald, Jeremy Lecker.

Monday 6:00 p.m.-Dennis Sprenger, Brian Stauss, Kevin Hoppe.

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*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.



**OFFERING: 1/30 & 1/31: \$20,932 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$16,300).**

**ADDITIONAL \$7,955 WAS RECEIVED FOR GROWING FORWARD.**

**\$1,000 SCHOOL FUND FOR THE MATH PROGRAM.**

**\$50 FOR YOUTH GROUP. \$100 FOR THE ARDITH FOELSKE MEMORIAL.**

**ATTENDANCE: 1/30 8:00-193, 10:30-133; 1/31-23**

<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Saturday, February 5</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Parenting/Family Workshop</b>
<b>Sunday, February 6</b>	<b>Pre-K &amp; K Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. <a href="#"><u>Link to Online Weekend Worship Services</u></a></b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
<b>Monday, February 7</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Pioneers Craft Night</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 8</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. BIC</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 9</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>8:45 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate</b>
	<b>4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m. Evangelism</b>
<b>Thursday, February 10 NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Connecting Sinai to Calvary</b>
<b>Friday, February 11 NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Saturday, February 12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Early Childhood Event - Fill Your Heart!</b>

## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Sunday Bible Study** - Our Sunday morning Bible studies 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!
2. **New Bible Information Class** has started for those new to the faith or renewing the Christian faith. We meet on Tuesdays starting at 6:30pm in the commons/lunchroom.
3. **Thursday Evening Bible Study** - "Connecting Sinai to Calvary" @ 6:30 pm 2/3-3/31; Based on the book by the same name, this study of the Old Testament reveals how God was intricately involved in

the lives of his people and how his plan of salvation was carried through generations to be fulfilled through his Son on the cross. All are invited to attend as often as you are able! There is no need to purchase the book. Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions:  
luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

4. **Marriage Enrichment Retreat:** St. Paul's will be hosting a marriage enrichment retreat at the Osthoff Resort Friday-Saturday, March 18-19. Jesus designed marriage and can make your marriage richer than you imagined. Spend a weekend finding out how. Prior to the weekend, you will each complete a confidential online survey and receive a customized report on ten areas of your married life. Then you'll spend the weekend applying the riches of God's grace to the areas of your marriage in which you're strong...and in which you have room to grow. The result? A richer marriage. The retreat will be led by Luther Curia, Staff Minister at St. Paul's. Flyers with event details and registration forms can be found in the office. You can also register online [HERE](#). Contact Luther Curia with any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
5. **PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - Thanks to all who ordered pizzas! The last day to turn in order forms and money to the office is this **Monday, February 7th!**
6. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 19th.** We could use a few additional volunteers for assembly day if anyone would like to join us! We'll begin making pizzas in the St. Paul's gym at 8:00am on the 19th. If you want more details or are interested in helping contact Katie Meyer at [katieb82@hotmail.com](mailto:katieb82@hotmail.com).
7. **Ice Skating/Sledding for ALL** - Join the Activities Committee (formerly the Stewardship Committee) for ice skating at Rochester Park Friday, February 25 from 6:00-8:00! The rink is located on the outfield of the Rochester Park baseball diamond and is a full 84'x144' rink! The park has limited hockey equipment and skates available for use - these items are being offered on the "honor system" so please take care of them and put them back when you're finished. We encourage everyone to bring their own skates if they have them. We also hope to have some snow to do some sledding at the park, so bring along your sleds. We'll have plenty of hot cocoa and apple cider to warm you up throughout the evening! Hope to see you there! Rochester Park is located at 710 Hickory Street, Sheboygan Falls.
8. **Worship Greeters** - We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Kate Schuenemann.
9. **Mindful Moms Bible Study** - Now every Wednesday at 8:30am, there is a 45 minute women's Bible study. We've begun a book on Philippians - Living in the Joy of Christ. All participants will receive a study book. Come to be enriched in God's Word together with fellowship and encouragement!
10. **Mindful Moms NEW Playdate** Mindful Moms is excited to have new playdate activities at a new time! Join us every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 in the school gym for a Music and Movement playdate. Each week there will be a segment including fingerplays, singing, music, and/or movement songs where moms and kids can play and work together. There will also be free play time for the kids to run and explore and moms can enjoy chatting together. Hope to see you there!
11. **Youth Rally Meeting** – Planning is underway for the 2022 WELS Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN. The dates of the Rally are 6/28 – 7/1. We will have an informational meeting on **Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>** after second service for anyone interested in learning more about the rally. Students and parents are

encouraged to attend! Any students that are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through seniors in high school can attend the rally. We will also need several adult youth leaders, so if you are interested in going as a leader, please come to the meeting as well! If you want more information about the rally but cannot attend the meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mike Leahy – mleahy@live.com

- 12. Early Registration** for Preschool and Kindergarten is open! You can register through the St Paul's School website or Click on the links to register for the 2022-2023 School Year. Kindergarten Registration Link - Preschool Registration Link . We encourage early registration to hold your spot!
- 13. 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.
- 14. New Board Members:** St. Paul's held our Voters' meeting last weekend. During the meeting, we voted on new members to serve our congregation. We would like to welcome the new members and thank those who have served. Members will be inducted during the first or second service today.

**President:** Todd Marten

**Financial Secretary:** Jim Eick

Finished term: Joey Balge

**Treasurer:** Jim Van Alstine

**Recording Secretary:** Eric Specht

Finished term: Kevin Reinemann

**Stewardship Committee:** Timothy Bull

New member: Brandon Lis

*Full Committee:* Jeremy Neemann, Elissa Neemann,  
Brittany Bull, Brandon Lis, Melissa Lis

**Board of Education:** Dan Radue, Tomas Cameron

Dan & Thomas were reelected for new terms.

*Full Board:* Zach Theobald, Justin Radue

**Board of Elders:** Bill Reichardt, Peter Hahn, Mark Kolosovsky

New members: Ed Strauss, Steve Schueler, Dave Wehrmann

*Full board:* Head Elder Eric Eickhoff, Mike Austreng, Eric Vant Hul, Don Last

**Board of Trustees:** Clark Klenhans

Finished term: Terry Roehrborn

*Full Board:* John Marten, Trevor Wehrmann, Mark Eichhorst

**Evangelism:** New Chairman: Lynn Litt;

*Full Committee:* Lisa Marten, Kathleen Eickhoff, Dawn Johnson,  
Rose Lindemann, Bev Gumm, Brittney Stromski

**Our Pastors, Staff Minister, and Principal serve on various boards as well.**

- 15. This past week** Pastor Mueller returned the divine call from St. John's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN and will remain serving at St. Paul's.
- 16. Silent Auction Tickets** - Our St. Paul's Silent Auction is coming up on Saturday, March 5. Watch for more details! Tickets are now available for purchase between services as well as during the week at the office up until February 20th. Early Bird pricing available. Please contact Beth Heilman with any questions about the event.

- 17. Silent Auction Donations:** The St. Paul's Silent Auction is coming up fast and we are looking for donations for that night! Not sure what to donate? There are some donation examples on a poster board near the school entrance. Please include with your donation a description, the value, and your name or if you would like to remain anonymous. All donations can be dropped off at the school office. Please contact Beth Heilman with any questions. [bethels\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bethels_2000@yahoo.com) or 920-912-2379.
- 18. Lenten Meals** - This Lenten Season is fast approaching! We are planning on having meals before worship. There are a few groups who have already signed. Thank you to Pioneers, Ladies Aid, and Altar Guild! Please contact Erin in the office to sign-up: [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) or 920-565-3780. The available dates are: March 9th, March 16th, and April 6th.
- 19. Altar Guild** is serving Lenten supper on Ash Wednesday. There is a sign-up sheet in the member room for Altar Guild members to sign-up to help and bring items. Any questions please contact Lisa Specht.
- 20. On Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Andy Dais received a divine call to serve at Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, AZ. The call is to serve as 7th grade classroom teacher. Please keep Mr. Dais and his family in your prayers as he begins to gather information and deliberate where best to serve. You are also encouraged to reach out to Mr. Dais with any ministry feedback or encouragement.
- 21. The Howards Grove Fire Department** is looking for donations of cakes and tortes for their Brat Fry on February 27th! The Brat Fry runs from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.. Donations can be placed in the kitchen, on the back counter, with your name on your pan. Mark Eichhorts will make sure that your pan is returned to St. Paul's for pickup. Please contact Mark with any questions.
- 22. Double Kwik Trip!** Earn funds for our school twice as fast because Kwik Trip is doubling the discount given to us through the month of February. (Now 10%). You can buy your Scrip between services or by calling or visiting the office.
- 23. The following is a report from** our District President Joel Zank to pastors at their January Conference. St. Paul's is a part of the 'NW District,' which stands for *Northern Wisconsin*. That is one of 12 districts in WELS. Synod is pronounced *SIN-ud*. It means 'walking together.' Here it represents all 12 districts.

Pastor Call Vacancies		
	Synod	NW District
<b>Totals</b>	142	20
<b>Parish</b>	124	18
<b>Retirement Calls</b>	5	
<b>Foreign Mission</b>	4	1
<b>Prof./Teaching</b>	4	1
<b>Other</b>	5	

Teacher Shortage Growing. Since March 2020:

- 141 WELS teachers have announced their retirement.

- 256 WELS teachers have announced their resignation
- 5 WELS teachers have gone to heaven while serving
- Over 44,900 students infant-grade 12 hearing about Jesus in our schools
- Increased enrollment for 2021-22 School Year compared to 2020-2021 School Year:
  - Early Childhood: 12%
  - LES: 8%
  - ALHS/Prep: 3%
- The enrollment growth for the 2021-22 has resulted in 84 additional new called teacher positions serving in WELS schools as compared with 2020-21.
- There are over 200 active calls presently. Almost half are for teachers in the Pre-K - grade 2 range.

## **MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **MLHS Call Update** - At the Special Call Meeting in January, the federation called Pastor David Frey to serve in our theology department. Dave is currently serving at Living Word in Mission Viejo, CA. He is married and has five children (the oldest is 13). Dave and his wife Heidi both grew up in Michigan and both are MLS graduates. Dave is 36, and he has been serving the parish where he is since his assignment in 2011. Heidi is a nurse. Please keep them in your prayers.
2. **MLHS Federation Special Campaign Drive!** During the Epiphany season the members of the MLHS federation congregations are encouraged to give support to the campaign with pledges or donations. Information about this drive is being sent to the leadership of the congregations with the request that it then be shared with all members. It is important that as many as possible know about this drive and participate in it as we approach the initial stages of the project itself. Epiphany is a reminder to us of what our mission is...as individual congregations and schools, and as a federation. We want all people to know the light of the gospel that is found in the Baby born in Bethlehem. This project will help our school carry out that mission, which is the heart and core of all we do at MLHS! Thanks for your generous support!
3. **MLHS OPEN HOUSE!** - Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM Manitowoc Lutheran High School is welcoming the public to an Open House in Mid-February. The attendees will be able to enjoy a guided tour of the facilities, meet the staff, learn about student organizations and extracurricular activities, and get an update on the upcoming building project at the high school. The event is geared to anyone interested in learning more about MLHS, not only families with high school students. The Open House will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 7:00 PM, however, the enrollment period for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. Staff will be available to answer questions from any families interested in enrolling now or in the future. Please spread the word!
4. **SPRING MUSICAL:** The Drama Club from Manitowoc Lutheran High School proudly presents *Fiddler on the Roof*. Rich with musical hits you know and love, including “Tradition,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “If I Were a Rich Man,” “Matchmaker, Matchmaker,” plus many more. *Fiddler on the Roof* tells the heartwarming story of father and daughters, husbands and wives, and the timeless traditions that define faith and family. A wonderful cast of forty-nine and a live pit orchestra will entertain you as they bring this story to life on the MLHS stage. Please join us in this family friendly production March 11-13 at MLHS. Production times: Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday at 2:00 P.M. You can reserve your seat/purchase your tickets online at [www.mlhslancers.org/drama](http://www.mlhslancers.org/drama).

5. **MLHS SPRING SHOWCASE:** It is time once again for the MLHS Spring Showcase, and we would like to invite you! This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 19th at Knox's Silver Valley and will include a plated dinner, live & silent auctions, a raffle (with top prize of \$5,000!), and entertainment by Riley Haupt. All proceeds this year will benefit the MLHS Track & Field program as we work to build our own facilities. Go to: <https://www.mlhslancers.org/showcase> for all the details including times. And be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates. We hope to see you there!
6. **Christian Family Solutions Presentation: *What is going on in there? The Teen Brain – presented by Dr. Brandon Hayes*** Lakeshore Lutheran Schools will be offering a presentation for all parents at Manitowoc Lutheran High School on Tuesday March 29, 2022 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend this FREE presentation. Please RSVP at [www.mlhslancers.org/cfs](http://www.mlhslancers.org/cfs) today. Presentation Information: What is going on in there? The Teen Brain – presented by Dr. Brandon Hayes of Christian Family Solutions. Description: The adolescent brain undergoes tremendous growth during the teen years. Parents are often stunned and confused by teen behavior. Teens' brains are changing during the adolescent years. The reaction from teens has been, "Would someone please tell my parents about this?" So, now we are.
7. **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).
8. **Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale** invites any confirmed member from our area WELS congregations on the Lakeshore. We rehearse on the scheduled Sunday evenings at 6:00pm in the Choir Room at Manitowoc Lutheran. Rehearsals are normally 90 minutes (about 1 and a half hours) or less and you do not have to be at every practice to sing! This is a wonderful opportunity to sing in a concert alongside the MLHS choirs! Please consider joining us, if you would like more information, please contact our director Matt Manthe at [am5thof8@comcast.net](mailto:am5thof8@comcast.net). For a schedule of practices go to: [www.mlhslancers.org/volunteer](http://www.mlhslancers.org/volunteer) and scroll down to The Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale section.
9. **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)