

Congregational Announcements: February 6, 2022



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

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.
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.
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 6th** 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 8th 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 6th, 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 Nesemann, Elissa Nesemann,

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 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 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 24th** 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
Totals	142	20
Parish	124	18
Retirement Calls	5	
Foreign Mission	4	1
Prof./Teaching	4	1
Other	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 15th 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 15th 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.
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 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. **Junior Lancer Open Registrations-Baseball** Please register today! Go to: www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers
8. **MLHS Newsletters and More:** Stay in touch with your high school and subscribe to various newsletters by going to 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.
9. **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. For a schedule of practices go to: www.mlhslancers.org/volunteer and scroll down to The Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale section.
10. **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