

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/02/2018

Family Bible Hour: Today we finish a few things...like lesson two, which we left hanging a few weeks back, recap lesson three, the advice of Job's friends, and begin lesson four: Job's Crisis - I'm Innocent!

The Windows to Ministry initiative reached the goal the Long Range Committee established. God's people here generously gifted over \$90,000 to accomplish: 4K and Kindergarten furniture, redo a website, renovate the carpeting and tile throughout the school, a hot lunch warmer, portable basketball hoops for the gym, and a gym floor scrubber for extending the life of our gym floor! Thank you for your generosity to St. Paul's, your labor to physically accomplish some of these things (carpet removal), and your dedication to seeing the Lord's work furthered among us in these ways. How blessed we are! We now consider this fund closed and ask for no further donations to the Windows to Ministry Campaign.

Ladies Aid Christmas Party - All ladies are invited to the Ladies Aid Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13 at 1:30pm. Please sign the sheet in the member room if you plan to attend. Pastor Mueller will lead a devotional program and the school children will provide entertainment, followed by refreshments.

Mindful Moms - Mom's Night Out Christmas Gathering - Join us for our first annual Christmas Gathering! Come enjoy a relaxing evening out with mom friends, complete with cookies, a devotion, and a "favorite things" gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped item (\$5 or less) that's one of your favorite items. Tea, chocolate, lip balm, your favorite kind of pen or pencil, anything as long as you enjoy it. There's sure to be laughter and fun. Please join us Thursday, December 6, 7:30-10 at Alycia Cameron's house 2539 N 13th St. Sheboygan.

You are Invited! Please join us Sunday, December 2 as your fellow church members present the good news of our Savior's birth during our Living Nativity. Sunday is from 4pm - 7pm. The presentation runs every 20 minutes. We also have warm drinks, Christmas cookies galore and wonderful holiday music in the gym and a beautiful display of members nativities in the commons. There is no cost to our visitors. We hope to see you there.

Living Nativity Lawn Signs - If you have a Living Nativity lawn sign in your yard, you can leave it there. All signs will be picked up sometime on Monday. Thank you!

Mindful Moms - Even as the holidays are approaching there's still lots of time to enjoy playtime and Bible Study together. Moms and tots, please join us Wednesdays at 10!

December 5 - Winter Fun playdate

December 12 - Bible Study

December 19 - Happy Birthday Jesus

Martin Luther College Scholarship Winners - Jacob Ungemach and Noah Melso are the 2018 recipients of the Marjorie Toepel Scholarships at MLC. Both are from Manitowoc and graduates of Manitowoc Lutheran High School, and they are blessed with musical talents which they use to glorify God. Noah said that music is an amazing gift from a gracious God. Jacob had the privilege to sing with a men's quartet that sang the national anthem at WELS night at Miller Park.

Boy Pioneer Christmas wreaths - There are a few extra wreaths available for pickup today between services at the shed across the parking lot. The price again is \$19.00 and helps support the boy pioneer activities. Please pay for them in the office, envelopes are available on the desk. Thank you!

St. Paul's Scrip- If you are planning on purchasing scrip for Christmas gifts, your orders should be in by **Friday Dec. 16th**. I will be placing the bulk order on this day to ensure delivery before Christmas. Thank you!

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

With the recent closing on the former parsonage, the Marohns are delighted to be first time home owners! We feel so blessed!

Ann and I want to pass along our thanks to each member of St. Paul's for the love they have shown us throughout the home buying process. The entire experience has revealed the heart of St. Paul's people. In the current market, there is no question St. Paul's could have negotiated and received a higher selling price for the home. That obvious truth did not go unnoticed by us.

We are not really sure how to say thank you for that . . . other than thank you!

We love the house! It is a perfect fit for our family. There is so much space and the entire property has been so well maintained. I absolutely love the open basement with all of its storage space. Ann loves that the kids' mess can stay upstairs and hidden from company:) We all love the big kitchen and considerable living space on the main floor. It makes for a very family

friendly environment. We also appreciate that the location is close to church and school.

We understand that the parsonage has served the congregation well for many years and means a lot to the people of St. Paul's. It means a lot to us that we were allowed to purchase it. Even more, that we were treated with such love and kindness. Thank you!

In His Service and Yours,
Chad, Ann and kids

Christmas Concerts and Special Worship Services:

Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale Concert

Saturday, December 15 at
3:00pm
St. John St. James, Reedsville
& Sunday, December 16 at 3:00
pm

Grace Lutheran, Manitowoc

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Sunday, December 9 at 3 & 7 pm
Seminary Auditorium

St. Paul's Choir Concert

Sunday, December 9 at 8:00 &
10:30am

Children's Christmas service

Sunday, December 16 at 4pm

MLHS Concert @ Capitol Civic Center

December 21 at 4:30 & 7:30

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 at 3:00 & 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship

December 25 at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Worship

December 31 at 6:30 pm

The background of the top section is a dark blue field with intricate, glowing white Celtic knotwork patterns. The word "Christsong" is written in a large, white, gothic-style font with a slight glow, centered in the upper half. Below it, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, is the text "A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT".

Christsong

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra

When: Thursday, December 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
441 Millersville Ave.
Howards Grove, WI 53083**

Why: Take some time away from the hustle and bustle of the season to relax and refocus on the wondrous gift of our Savior Jesus. Enjoy the songs and carols of Christmas, played on traditional Irish instruments.

Cost: freewill offering appreciated