

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/11/2019

**Family Bible Hour This Morning** – We continue our preview of the coming weekend’s Scripture lessons for worship. Children from 3rd grade on up are welcome! Child care available in the PreK room for the younger ones. Bible study takes place in the sanctuary at 9:20 am.

**Summer Office Hours** - The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 1:00.

**The beginning of school is almost here!** The preschool is looking for some donations of supplies or time. We would be SO thankful if you would consider the following: Sand for the outdoor Sandbox, New or Gently used tricycles, bikes, big wheels, scooters etc... for outdoor use. Classroom Volunteers! We love extra, helping hands, especially at the beginning of the day, and at center time!

Please contact Ann Marohn (ann.marohn@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) with questions or if you are able to help out! Thank you!!

**Calvary Sheboygan VBS** - All children from 4K - 6th grade are invited to Calvary in Sheboygan for their 1 day VBS on August 15 from 9am-4pm. Lunch is provided! There are sign up sheets available in the member room. Please help yourself!

**Sunday School Registration Now Open!** Sunday School will be held on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:15 am again this year, beginning September 8. We welcome children from 4K through 8th grade to come and listen to our Lord’s voice. Please click the link on our website to fill out a registration form for each of your children who will attend. Volunteer-staffed childcare will be offered for younger children (0-3) so that parents can attend Bible class during that time.

**Stewardship Holds** the third and final bonfire night on Monday, August 19th after the Monday evening worship service. Come on out - we’ve had two fantastic bonfires already. There are play areas for kids, bonfires for hotdogs and smores, and great people for fellowship.

**Marriage Enrichment** - How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a two-day marriage enrichment event September 20-21, 2019. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes a traditional Spanish family-style dinner Friday evening & lunch catered by Olde Madrid of Racine, continental breakfast Saturday morning, and all enrichment sessions. Spend two days learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God’s grace. The result? A healthier marriage. There are a limited number of spaces left. Visit [www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment](http://www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment) for more information and to register.

**Living Nativity Leaders Meeting** - Will be held on August 13 at 6pm. Contact Sue Vant Hul or Marily Eirich with questions.

**Mindful Moms Moms Night Out** - Need a night out away from the kids to relax and enjoy time with friends? Join us at 7pm on Friday, August 16 at Emily’s House 439 Pioneer Road, Sheboygan WI 53081 for a fun night learning about and trying some essential oils. There will be a take home project so please bring a small sealable container like a mason jar pint. Feel free to bring a snack to pass. Please contact Alycia Cameron (414-736-8966) with questions or to RSVP.

**New Bible Translation** Our synod’s publishing house is rolling out a revised translation of the Bible. This new Bible, the English Heritage Version (EHV), will be used in many of our WELS churches and schools in the coming months. At St. Paul’s, we plan to introduce this translation in worship and Bible classes as soon as it is available in print and digital format. We will be evaluating it for potential use as our primary translation. If you would like to purchase a personal

copy of this new Bible, you may sign up this month in the member room to be part of a bulk order, which will reduce the cost from \$23 to \$18 per copy. The Bibles should arrive in September. There is no large print version available at this time, but the editor has found the print size to be readable for most people.

**WELS Convention Highlights** - In the coming weeks, we will highlight various aspects of our synod's biennial convention held at the end of July. Our teacher, Mr. Luther Curia, was a delegate this year.

-- Martin Luther College (MLC), our synod's college to prepare ministry candidates as well as provide continuing education, hosted the convention. About 35 members of MLC's staff volunteered to help at the 4-day event, which is only one of 100 events hosted by MLC each year.

-- The opening worship service introduced music and liturgy from the upcoming new hymnal project. WELS President Mark Schroeder presided, and Pastor Jonathan Bauer preached about a big picture for our church and a big prayer for our church, based on Ephesians 3:14-21.

-- President Schroeder was re-elected for the next two years. He has served in this role since 2007. Pastor Joel Voss, from Centerville, OH, was re-elected as the synod's 2nd vice president. He has served in this position since 2009.

For more complete information on the convention proceedings, visit [wels.net/2019synodconvention](http://wels.net/2019synodconvention) or pick up a summary packet from our member room.