

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 08/18/2019

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 Monday Through Friday during school hours starting August 26.

Tennis Rackets? - Calling all bored tennis rackets! If you have a tennis racket (or more) that is sitting around waiting to be used, Mrs. Mueller would be thrilled to put them to good use in teaching our students how to play this exciting sport! Donated tennis rackets can be dropped off in the school office. Thank you!

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!!

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.

August Youth Group Meeting - We will be picking up our regular monthly Youth Group meetings at the end of August. We will meet Sunday Morning, August 25th, during Family Bible Hour. All High School students are encouraged to attend!

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.

Sweet Corn - St. Paul’s will be picking sweet corn on September 14, and available for pick up at St. Paul’s in the shed on September 15. We are in need of 4-6 people to help pick corn. If you are interested please talk to Jim Van Alstine at 565-4294. A sign up sheet is available in the member room for you to order corn.

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 for more information and to register.

Mindful Moms - Thanks to all the moms who were able to make it to our summer studies on Luke’s Gospel, as well as the various outings. We meet every Wednesday at 10 am. The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month are Bible studies with volunteer-staffed child care. The other Wednesdays include a little craft or reading for the kids while moms supervise and offer each

other Christian friendship and encouragement. On August 28, we will begin a study on helping our young ones get more out of Sunday worship. Contact Alycia Cameron or Amanda Bode for more information.

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.

-- Pastor Jon Hein, director of the Commission on Congregational Counseling, presented an essay "For the Generations to Come". He examined several reasons for the decline of Christianity and membership in our synod, including secular humanism redefining morality and the breakdown of the family. He then emphasized that we must seize more opportunities to share God's powerful gospel with others as we develop relationships with others around us.

-- The WELS has an opportunity to train Hmong pastors and leaders in Vietnam. We have received over \$1.5 million of the \$2 million needed for the ministry center building and two years of education operations.

-- WELS President Mark Schroeder encouraged the synod to hold onto the truth of God's Word, defending against false teaching, to share God's Word with those around us and the world, and to recommit to supporting these efforts together, placing our trust in our almighty Lord.

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