

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9/25/19

Family Bible Hour - Bible study today continues our deeper study of Bible readings for the following Sunday. Come and grow in God's Word!

Wednesday Bible Study - begins September 11 at 9 am. Our study first semester is led by Pastor Mueller and our topic is: *Idols We Never Knew*.

Kicking off our Sunday 9:15 Adult Bible Study on September 8th is Rev. Wayne Mueller. He is teaching two Sundays on one of the chief New Testament ethical principles: *Self-control*. One Sunday will approach the subject from the perspective of having self control when God says no to us. The following Sunday addresses the issue when God says it's good in his Word to us, but hasn't necessarily given it to us.

Sunday Bible Study First Semester is a Bible study on a variety of topics through a study of what's called *Rainbow Savior*. It will support us in understanding what God says about homosexuality. It will particularly help us reach out to those who struggle with it.

Thursday Evening Bible Study is at 6:30 pm in the 7-8th grade classroom. We will only meet for 8 or so classes prior to Thanksgiving and then break until January. The topic this semester is Christology (a study of the person and work of Jesus Christ). I try to make each class a stand alone class so that if you do miss a class you can jump right back in. Pastor Mueller teaches this beginning on September 19.

Dean Strauss Update: The Dean Strauss family would like to thank you the church for your support and caring of our family. Also for the gift gas cards given that helped balanced out our many 5 hour journeys to St. Paul's Regions hospital in Minnesota over 4 weeks. Dean was transported to Select Specialty Hospital in West Allis. In the near future (hopefully) he will be transported to a long term facility unit closer to home. Watch our Majestic Crossing website for more information in the near future. But mostly we want to thank our church family for the love and support given to all family members. We know God's Presence is with us. Isaiah 12:2 Trust Me and don't be afraid for I am your Strength, Song, and Salvation.

The Strauss family

Summer Office Hours - The office will be open Monday through Friday 8:00 - 3:30, starting August 26. The office will be closed Friday (8/30) and Monday (9/1) for Labor day.

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: 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 starting today during Family Bible Hour. All High School students are encouraged to attend!

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.

Save the Date -- We are planning a new event this year called "Christmas at St. Paul's." It will be a combination of (and take the place of) our children's Christmas service and adult choir Christmas service as well as our normal Word and worship ministries for that morning. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15 from 9:00 - 10:30 am in our gym for Christmas music and the Christmas message. All are welcome!

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. *Payment needs to be to our church office by August 31.* 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.

-- WELS Congregational Services exists to assist congregations in ministry areas such as strategic planning, evangelism, worship, discipleship, stewardship, youth, day schools, and special ministries.

-- Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, our college of ministry, is rolling out a new 2-year campaign marking its 25th anniversary entitled "Equipping Christian Witnesses". The three-pillars of focus are students recruitment, student financial aid, and student facilities. We are seeking to raise approximately \$15 million for this effort.

-- Through the 21st Century Lutheran Principal Initiative, we are trying to address the growing need for leaders in our WELS schools.

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

Things To Participate or Be Involved with: St. Paul's has a prayer chain that sends out prayer requests via email whenever members request as needs arise. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact the secretary.

St. Paul's School sends out a weekly newsletter of correspondence to parents. If you would like to be on this list, please also let the secretary know. The newsletter can also be found on our website every week.