

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 09/01/2019

**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** starting Sept. 22 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 for your support and care for our family. The gift of gas cards really helped balanced our many 5 hour journeys to St. Paul's Regions hospital in Minnesota over the four weeks of travel. Dean was transported to Select Specialty Hospital in West Allis. In the near future (maybe even this week) he will be transported to a long term facility unit closer to home (looking like Manitowoc). 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 you have given to all our 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

**Office Hours** - The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 - 3:30, and Wednesday 8:00 - 2:30 starting September 3.

**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.

**Sweet Corn** - St. Paul's will be picking sweet corn on September 7, and available for pick up at St. Paul's in the shed on September 8. 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.

**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. Contact Alycia Cameron or Amanda Bode for more information.

**Living Nativity** - Please check your email for a committee and cast member sign up. You can sign up in CCB or contact Marilyn Eirich at (920)782-0208 if you need assistance.

**Love to Sing?** - Do you have a love of singing and a love for your Savior? If so, consider joining our St. Paul's Adult Choir! It is open to all high school age students and up. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be **Monday, September 9**. You don't have to have a solo voice or be able to read notes like a pro! We'd *love* to have *you*! Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: 457-4910 or [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).

**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](http://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.

**Back By Popular Demand!** The Stewardship Monday evening after church bonfires this summer were a tremendous success and blessing! The Lord gave us great weather and wonderful people to enjoy grilling a variety of hotdogs or making scrumptious s'mores. We decided to plan one more event on September 16 after the Monday night church service. Bring a lawn chair and come on out for a wonderful relaxing event for all ages.

**Security During School Days** - The school now has a security system at our four points of entry. If you come during the school day (generally speaking), most likely the doors will be locked. When you push a button on the console outside of the door you are trying to enter, that will alert the secretary that you desire to enter. She will see you on camera and push a button to unlock the door and grant you access. She is also able to speak with you through the door speaker. This system is in place at the school entrance, the handicapped door of the church entrance, the back door by the living nativity stable, and the kitchen back door entrance. At any of these the secretary can see you and allow access. For questions, please contact the office.