

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9/22/2019

Family Bible Hour - 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.

St. Paul's Leadership - recognizes the severe trials our member Dean Strauss is enduring, as well as financial hardship. God's people have been asking to help, and there are several ways to do so. A *go fund me* account has been set up by friends of Dean and Kris. [Go online to gofundme.com and search for Dean Strauss.] You can contribute here at St. Paul's through cash or check and we will get it to Kris. Lastly, you can send it to the following address: Investors Community Bank, Attn: Dean Strauss Benefit Fund; PO Box 700; Manitowoc, WI 54221.

October Voters Meeting - On Sunday, October 13, after late service, we will have our annual chicken dinner and new member welcome. Following that, we will have our quarterly voters meeting at 1:00 pm.

Youth Group Bowling Outing - The youth group will be going to Odyssey Fun Center Sunday, September 29 from 12:00-2:00 pm. \$7 per person will cover the cost of shoe rental, bowling, pizza, and soda. Invite your friends to come along! Contact Luther Curia if you're interested in going or if you have any questions (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org). There will be a carpool leaving from St. Paul's at 11:45 if you need to hitch a ride. Hope to see you there!

Thursday Evening Bible Study is at 6:30 pm in the 7-8th grade classroom. 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. Last week we looked at the *grace of God* revealed in Jesus. This week we look into the miracle person he is: true God and man.

Choctoberfest - Mindful Moms is hosting their second annual Choctoberfest on Friday, October 11 at 7pm. Moms are invited to come enjoy an evening of fellowship and CHOCOLATE. Plan to bring your best/favorite chocolate dish to share, and we will be voting on our favorite! The only rule is that your entry must contain chocolate, so bring a classic dish you love or be creative with something new! Babies in arms welcome. Bessa Theobald is our host (N8474 Rangeline Rd. Sheboygan). Please contact Alycia Cameron (414-736-8966) with questions or to RSVP.

On Thursday, October 24th The Stewardship Committee is hosting another *board and brush* type event. This time it will be decorating a round board or wreath board. The event takes place at 6:30 pm.

St. Paul's Open Gym - Any boys or girls ages 11 and up who would like to play basketball in the gym, can come to St. Paul's open gym on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30. If you would like more information please contact Brandon Lis at brandon_lis@yahoo.com.

Kwik Trip is offering a 10% discount (normally 5%) on their scrip cards through September. Take advantage of this amazing discount to help our school. We have \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards on hand. Larger amounts can be ordered. Scrip can be purchased Sundays between church services in the narthex by the library and in the school office.

Confirmation Classes for 7th-8th graders have begun this fall. We have 17 in our Lutheran school and 6 from the public school currently attending classes. Please pray for our second year students who are scheduled to be confirmed on the first weekend of May, 2020: Dylan Andrews, Mariah Austreng, Claire Dailey, Drew Damrow, Nevaeh Langdon, Allison Leverenz, Colton Panosh, Ava Popp, Brylee Schuenemann, Jonah Walleser, and Ella Wasmer.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally: Saturday, October 19th from 8:30am - 11:30am at Bethany Lutheran Church – 3209 Meadow Lane, Manitowoc WI. Be inspired, encouraged, informed about what does 'Advertising', 'Marketing' and 'Evangelism' look like in our churches today? COST: A donation of school supplies(glue, crayons, markers, lined paper, notebooks, safe scissors and watercolors) to assist outreach to the Oneida Nation. Includes a light lunch. Please bring a friend/daughter who has never been to a MISSION Rally. ALL ages welcome! Men are also invited.

Bible Information Class -- We plan to hold another Bible Information Class this fall. Any confirmed members are invited to take this class as a refresher along with those exploring membership at St. Paul's. Please contact Pastor Bode if you are interested in joining us.

Living Nativity 2019 - St. Paul's 2019 Living Nativity is right around the corner. This will be our 17th year of presenting the Living Nativity to our community and surrounding area. The Living Nativity is an outreach tool that involves approximately 300 congregation members, and we have a spot for you. Participation involves a spot on the cast, a committee before hand or the weekend of, baking Christmas cookies or having a special nativity on display. **A needs email for the cast and committee members has been sent to you.** Please take a look and sign up via CCB or contact Marilyn Eirich 920-782-0208, Sue Vant Hul 920-946-0628 or the church office. We will also have a listing of what the duties for each spot consist of in the member room or see one of the above with questions. Cookie bakers and Nativity display sheets will be in the member room as we get closer to the event.

Living Nativity - Thank you to everyone that supported the Living Nativity's breakfast last Sunday. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. We ask for your continued prayers as we plan and organize this year's Living Nativity. A box is located in the narthex if you still would like to make a free will gift this week. Please continue to think about how you would like to join the fun this year. The needs request are on ccb or call Sue Vant Hul or Marily Eirich to sign up for both the cast and crew spots.

Jiggs Janke was the oldest member of our congregation and had recently turned 97. He died this past week after struggling with pneumonia. Funeral arrangements with Zimmer are being planned. After initial discussion with family, it is possible the funeral wouldn't take place until mid to late October. When we have more information, it will be communicated.