

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -09/06/2019

Family Bible Hour This Morning – Rev. Wayne Mueller is here today (and next Sunday) for a two part study on *self-control*. “Do you struggle to give a short and simple answer when asked about the use of cannabis products or medicinal and recreational marijuana? Is God for or against marijuana and related cannabinoid products? What does the Bible say? How should we answer the many polls that are going around? Where should we stand in regard to changing state and national laws? What should we tell our children about it?” Come and grow in the Word! Our study takes place in the gymnasium.

There Have Been Cases In Our Area where scammers have spoofed the phone number of the pastor (spoofing is calling you or texting you from one line, but they alter the phone number so it looks like it is coming from a trustworthy place). Then they text members in the congregation asking for money or gift cards for needy people/situations. Please know that our St. Paul’s staff will never solicit funds in this way. When in doubt, please double check!

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*.

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!

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.

Sunday School - Sunday School will be held on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:15 am, beginning today. We welcome 3-year-olds through 8th grade to come and listen to our Lord’s voice. If you have not done so yet, please use the link on our website (one eform per child) or fill out a paper form in the school hallway this morning (one per family) to register your children. We offer volunteer staffed child care for younger children so that parents can attend adult Bible study during this time. Please speak with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode if you have questions.

Sweet Corn - is available for pick up today in the church shed. Bags are available for you to use.

Mindful Moms - Mindful Moms is a group for all moms with kids at home, either in school or babies/toddlers. They meet every Wednesday at 10 am in the gym or commons. 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. Our current Bible study is focused on helping our children get more out of Sunday worship. Contact Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) or Amanda Bode (mrsabode@gmail.com) for more information.

Living Nativity 2019 - St. Paul’s 2018 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 Breakfast - Please join us for the annual Living Nativity breakfast on **Sunday, September 15th** at 9 am, just before Bible Class. Join us on that day as we provide a breakfast of egg bakes, fruit and muffins. There will be a collection box available. This breakfast is the only way we are funded each year. You can also sign up for a cast or committee spot then.

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.

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!

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 starting September 17 from 7:00-8:30. If you would like more information please contact Brandon Lis at brandon_lis@yahoo.com.

New Pew Cards - We have changed our pew card color to pastel pink for increased visibility, so that visitors can fill them out and ushers can collect them.

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.

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.

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.

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.