

ST. PAUL'S HOWARDS GROVE

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - OCTOBER 28, 2018

Family Bible Hour: We will finish our study on the mission and vision of our school ministry. We invite all St. Paul's members to join the conversation. The purpose of the study will be to further discuss and scrutinize our work as a school and congregation. We hope to clarify our school's identity and establish clear direction for our ministry moving forward. Please plan to join us between services. This will take place of our regular Sunday Bible Study. There will still be Sunday School for the kids.

Next Sunday for Family Bible Hour we begin an eight week journey into the book of Job.

Parent Bible Class - Do you struggle to fit devotions into your family's schedule? Have you found devotions that fit your situation in life? Come and be built up in your devotional life. We'll have tips and options. Most importantly we'll explore how God wants to feed our souls and bless our families through consistent time in his Word. We'll meet for the last time on Tuesday evening, October 30th, from 6:30-7:30. Childcare will be available.

Showing of New WELS Video *To the Ends of the Earth* will happen on Monday, Oct. 29th at 6:00 pm in our Sanctuary. The video is 45 minutes, detailing the spread of the gospel in the early Christian church. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Group Meeting – Our next Youth Group Meeting will be on Sunday November 4th, during Family Bible Hour. All high school students are encouraged to attend!

Urban Artique - Thank you to those of you who came to the Urban Artique event this past Wednesday. Everyone had fun and we made a lot of neat looking boxes.

Mindful Mamas - Join us for playdates the next two weeks! October 31 will be a small Halloween party. Come dressed in your costume and we will parade around the building. Then join us again November 7 for some letter fun featuring Chicka Chicka Boom Boom! As always there will be time for play and chat. Join us in the gym and bring a friend Wednesdays at 10am!

Forward in Christ – Magazine renewals are coming due. If you would like to receive Forward in Christ mailed directly to your home, please fill out a form in the member room. Cost is \$14.00 for each subscription and please put subscription and payment in the payment box. If you plan on discontinuing your subscription, please fill out the form letting us know to cancel your subscription. Last day to order is November 4.

Living Nativity - Living Nativity 2018 will be here before we know it. We are still looking for a Mary and Joseph on Friday night, an announcing angel on Saturday, a prophet on Sunday, a couple of Shepherds on Sunday, a star carrier on Friday and

Sunday and **a lot of adult angels** on Sunday night. If your dream has been to be a greeter or Roman Guard there still are openings there too. Either sign up on ccb or give Sue Vant Hul or Marilyn Eirich a call and we will sign you up. We still have openings on various committees too. Cookie baking and Nativity Display sheets will be out in the next couple of weeks.

Living Nativity Clothing - An online order form for the Living Nativity clothing is now available. <https://livingnativity.itemorder.com/sale> Please have all your orders in the system by the week of November 5th. If you have an questions, please let Sue Vant Hul know. susanvanthul@gmail.com.

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies - We could sure use cookies. The cookie baking volunteer sheet is now in the member room. We are asking our volunteers to bring 3 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookie or candy for living nativity. They may be left in the kitchen on Thursday or Friday, 11/29 or 11/30. Disposable containers are the best.

Living Nativity Posters – Living Nativity Posters and Postcards are available in the member room. Take postcards to mail to your family and friends. If your place of employment allows you to hang a poster, please do so.

Nativity Sets – We again are asking for members who would like to share their special and unique nativity sets to be displayed in our commons during living nativity. Please sign up in the member room, so we can prepare tables. They may be set up by you on that Thursday afternoon and evening or Friday morning. Pick up is Sunday night or Monday morning. Please provide a brief description of your set and turn it into the office. Please turn it in before Nov. 30. We will display that info also.

Boy Pioneers Christmas Wreaths - It may seem early, but... The Boy Pioneers are taking orders in October for Christmas wreaths. The wreaths are 24” natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price again is \$19.00 and sales help support the boys' activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday, November 25th.

Brochure on WLS - In the member room there is some information on Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, where our pastors were trained and have opportunities for continuing education. If you are interested, please pick up a pamphlet.

Poinsettias for Christmas Display - I know it's early to start thinking about Christmas, but if you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia or fresh evergreen for our Christmas display in front of the church, there is a sign up sheet available in the member room. The cost of the poinsettias range from \$5.95 to \$36.00. This year you can also purchase fresh evergreens in a wreath, swag or hanging basket. Please have your order placed by Nov. 15. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Perronne at (920.838.4307).