

The Visitor

Rev. Karl J. Koeppen,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Roger A. Drinnon,
Associate Pastor

Mrs. Jamie Stirnaman,
Interim Principal

Rev. David Baker,
Missionary to Mongolia

Mary Weber, LCPC,
Family Counselor

February/ March 2022



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Please also see us online!

Worship & Bible Study Opportunities

Traditional Worship:

Saturday 5:00 pm @ the Downtown Church
located at 348 E. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL

Sunday 8:30 am @ the School
located 1780 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, IL

Contemporary Worship:

Sunday 11:05 am @ the School

Adult & Youth Bible Class:

Sunday 9:50 am @ the School
Classes for Adults & 6th - 12th grade

Children's Sunday School:

Sunday 9:50 am @ the School
Classes for Pre-K through 5th grade

Church & School Office: 815-932-0312

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Church Website: www.stpaulslutheran.net

Next Newsletter Deadline March 15th

SPECIAL DATES

- Black History Month, February
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- Presidents Day, February 21
- Transfiguration of our Lord, February 27
- Women's History Month, March
- Ash Wednesday, March 2
- World Day of Prayer, March 4
- Daylight Savings Time begins, March 13
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17
- First Day of Spring, March 20



Wednesdays 7:00 pm -
3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 & 4/6 -
Downtown



**Don't forget to spring ahead on
March 13th!!**

ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION & PORK CHOP DINNER

The PTL's annual Spring Auction and Pork Chop Dinner is set for **Saturday, March 12th from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm.** Pork chops will be provided by and prepared on-site by the Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers. Dinners will be available for pick-up on a drive-thru or walk-in basis.

The silent auction will begin online March 4th and end March 12th at 7 pm, immediately following the dinner. User-friendly options will include auto-bidding, proxy bidding, text notifications and easy check-out.

We are still in the process of building our auction inventory so if you work for or own a business that would be willing to donate a basket, service, or sponsorship, please let the school office know and we will provide you with the proper paperwork for tax benefits! If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products or experiences for the auction! All donors will be advertised on our auction website, as well as in our Thank You Video, which will run on our school website and Facebook page, and during the live dinner. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. All proceeds from the event will be used to provide teaching supplies for our teachers and rubber mulch for our large playground. **All donations are due February 7th, 2022.**

Watch the weekly announcements for ticket sales. We are looking forward to another successful event thanks to your support!

Surprises, Fears, and a Faithful God

We are now well in to 2022. Perhaps you have already set aside your New Year's resolution as many do (many drop their resolutions after 17 days!).

During this new year, significant new things are in store for you and me. New surprises. New friends. For some, new jobs. For others, new family members.

We have started the new year with a new pastor, Pastor Drinnon. We are looking forward to having a new principal, Lord willing. We are getting ready to help people plug into new areas of ministry with our upcoming ministry fair and elections later this year.

But we know the NEW things may not always be joyful things. Some of us may experience new losses through which we can grow our trust in God and strengthen our walk with Christ.

We will all have new opportunities to share Jesus and to reflect His character with those whose only way to get to know Him is through us.

Every morning we wake and rise with an attitude, either good or ill.

We can either rise with a sense of burden for the problems that we face without any clear solutions. . . . OR we can wake with a prayer, turning those burdens over to the One who knows all about them and already has a plan to help us through them.

We can rise reciting in our minds the ever growing list of things that we need to do and should have gotten done last week. . . . OR we can rise giving that list to God, asking Him to show us what is on His agenda for our day and praying that we accomplish His purposes for our lives that day.

We can rise bitter and angry over the hurt we felt when someone whom we had once loved and respected violated our trust and betrayed our love. . . . OR we can look in the mirror and see the state of our own sinful souls and appeal to God on the basis of His promised mercy to forgive us. We can ask Him to change us on the inside and to enable us to look at our offender through the loving eyes of Jesus.

We can rise worried about the many uncertainties of the future. . . . OR we can rise with eager anticipation to see the great work that God will do.

As we navigate through a world corrupted by sin, we quickly recognize that we daily



face unexpected challenges. Temptation is placed in our path at some of our most vulnerable moments. Feelings of guilt come unexpectedly back into our hearts, even months after we thought we had put such regret aside. Friends disappoint us by failing to keep their promises to us. It doesn't always take much prodding before sinful thoughts, words and deeds once again become part of our daily lives. Every single day provides another unexpected challenge.

Thankfully, unlike the people and events of this world, our God never disappoints us. Our God is faithful.

His Word never disappoints us. Romans 5:3-5 promises, ***“We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.”*** God's power is always at work to make sure that what He has promised will always come to pass.

Our God is faithful AND our God is at work in our lives every moment of every day, in big ways and in little ways. If we have trouble seeing it, it may be because we are simply too busy to look, or it is because negative emotions - fear, anger, lust, or pride - have clouded our eyes like thick cataracts.

THAT has been our struggle these last two years, hasn't it?

THE UNKNOWN and the FEAR. Especially fear.

Fear has kept us away from friends and family and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

At a certain point, we need to replace FEAR with FAITH. We need to step into this new year, trusting in Christ in faith and turning from the voices of fear.

WE MISS SEEING YOU IN CHURCH!

I MISS SEEING YOU IN CHURCH!

I pray that you are able to walk in faith and trust in 2022. And, if you have not already done so, to join us for in-person worship, for it is there where we receive encouragement from our brothers and sisters in Christ. ***Consider this my invitation to you to come home and join us as we worship our faithful God!***

I pray that you are able to set aside the voices of fear and live for Jesus!

My friends, God's concern for you and me is greater than the love and concern of a mother and father for their child. How did Jesus instruct us to pray? ***“Our Father.....”*** So as a father, your Heavenly Father knows what you need and has an answer for that need. As a father, He covets your affection and cherishes your appreciation.

We may not know WHAT the future holds. But we know WHO holds the future.

May we find comfort, encouragement and strength in these words from St. Paul: ***“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son..... If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?..... Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:28-39)***

Let’s step into this new year together, in the loving hands of our faithful God!

Blessings in Christ!
Pastor Karl Koeppen



Moving and Promise

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (Gen 12:1-4)

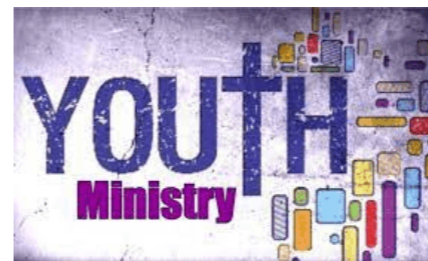
Katrina and I are very blessed to be at St. Paul’s. As I write this, we have been here little over a month, and we have felt the love, generosity, and friendship extended to our family. Thank you to all who have made us feel so welcome and loved during this time of transition. Heading home after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service, Katrina said to me, “This is home.” We left one home and arrived in another. Throughout the Scriptures, God’s people move. God calls Abram to move from the city-state of Ur in modern-day Southern Iraq to Canaan. When Abram moves from Ur, he cuts contact with all of his business associates, friends, and family. When Abram arrives in Canaan, he will have to start all over building partnerships, friendships, and a new family with Sarai.

God calls His people to move again when Israel and his sons move into Egypt. Against all odds of a famine, God provided for His people through the wisdom of Joseph. And they move again, leaving Egypt in the Exodus. They move again in the Exile after Babylon destroys Jerusalem and return to the holy land after Cyrus defeats the Babylonians. In short, God’s people move a lot. Transitions and moves from Abraham, to the Exodus, to the Exile, and to the present bring anxiety. The future is uncertain. Taking that first step forward requires faith. Faith that Jesus has all of your life in His hands. He calls on us to trust in Him just as Abram trusted that God would provide for him in Canaan. In transitions and moves, God calls on us to remember – to remember His promise never change even as times and circumstances change. When we are placed in a new home, God opens opportunities to meet new people to share the Gospel.



Katrina and I are very blessed to meet all the saints of St. Paul's. I have been so blessed to get to know all the sick and shut-ins. Each new person God has placed in my life to serve as their pastor. I am so thankful for the opportunity to bring Word and Sacrament to God's people – the forgiveness of sins through the power of Jesus Christ. Even as I unpack, rewire the house, and complaining from soreness in the morning from all the work, I know that Jesus provides for me and forgives me all of my sins. In this season of Epiphany, Jesus continues to reveal what it means to be the Messiah. He too has a journey He goes on – from the womb of Mary, to the newly hewn tomb, to His resurrection and ascension. At each step, Jesus trust in His heavenly Father to provide. Jesus reveals Himself to be the fulfillment of the promise of Abram – that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through him. Jesus is the blessing to every family, tribe, and nation. Through Christ's death and resurrection, He made us to be His very own people. Jesus has certainly blessed me in getting to know each and every one of you. I am blessed to call St. Paul's my home.

In Christ, Pastor Drinnon



YOUTH NIGHTS

All 7th through 12th graders are invited to Youth Nights. The youth will be meeting from **6 pm to 8 pm** on the following Sundays - **February 6th, February 20th, March 13th and March 27th**. Bringing God's Word to life in a fun and interactive way!

CONFIRMATION YOUTH RETREAT

On **March 5th**, there will be a retreat for Confirmation students and older Youth. The retreat will take place at St. Paul's school campus from **9 am to 4 pm**. This year the theme is Worship. Please bring \$5 for lunch and be ready for a day of fun and learning!

BUTTER BRAIDS



The youth will be selling Butter Braids again this spring. You can order from the participating youth of the church or during Coffee Hour. The sale runs from February 16th to March 9th. They will be delivered on March 30th - just in time for Easter! Butter Braids make a beautiful breakfast or dessert for your holiday celebration. Please contact Elise Styck at 630-518-1291 with questions.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2022

Do you like trivia? Do you need a night out with adults? Do you know lots of Disney love songs, movie



quotes, or current events? Can you figure out the birds eye view of famous world landmarks? Are you a history buff? Are you a fount of useful (or useless), general knowledge? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you won't want to miss Trivia Night 2022!

On **Friday, February 4 at 6:30 pm**, the Youth of St. Paul's and their families are hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser in the school gym to help offset the costs of the LCMS National Youth Gathering coming up this summer. There will be 8-10 rounds of trivia, plus extra fun games. Prizes will be awarded to the winning table. Trivia Night will be a Bring Your Own event - bring your own snacks and drinks (please be responsible if you choose to bring alcohol). Small snacks and drinks will also be available to purchase.

Tickets are \$100 per table - with a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 8 - or \$15 per person. Find people to play with you and sign up as a table, or simply sign up to play and we will put you on a team. Sign-up today between Sunday services or on Facebook via the Sign-Up Genius link or by contacting Sarah Cherry at sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or 815-651-6864.



**ADULT
BIBLE
STUDY &
FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

**DISTRICT-WIDE BIBLE STUDY:
“INCARNATE COMMUNITY”**

God created you to be in community with Him. That relationship takes place through your faith in Jesus Christ. It happens through communicating with God through prayer, daily devotions, worship, and sharing His word in a community of believers studying the Bible. St. Paul’s offers many small groups. During the month of February the majority of them will be joining all of the churches in the Northern Illinois District in a Bible study entitled “Incarnate Community”. This will last for four weeks. Please contact the church office at 932-0312 if you would like to register. There are multiple days, times and leaders available from which to choose.

**“THE CHOSEN”
will resume in March**

Sundays 9:50 am in Classroom 129

Ever wonder what it was *really* like to be a disciple of Jesus? What it was like to live under Roman rule? A new multi-season series, delving into the life of Jesus and the disciples, called “The Chosen”, is the basis for a new adult Bible class taught by Nancy Eden.

“FIRST THINGS FIRST”

This prayer ministry, led by Pastor Dave Bottorff, meets on the **first Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm.** at St. Paul’s Lutheran School in the cafeteria. **We will pray together again on Tuesday, February 1st & March 1st.**



TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

*Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall*

During the month of February, the Tuesday Adult Bible Class will be one of the groups studying the district-wide emphasis on Incarnate Community. Beginning the first Tuesday in March, we will begin a study of the Book of Romans. You may join the class at any time because the lessons are all independent from each other. If you have questions you may contact our Bible Class leader, Roy Cordes at 815-304-5002.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



We will meet again **Sat, February 26th & Sat, March 26th at 7:30 am** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Join us as we study God’s Word.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else and join us for some food and fellowship! The first fellowship dinner of the year will be **Friday, February 4th at 6:00 pm at Sammy’s Pizza in Bourbonnais** (12 Heritage Plaza). Call Bob West at 815-325-1816 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

LENTEN DINNERS

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd, which means our Lenten Dinners will begin the following week. Dinners will be serviced in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 pm prior to the midweek services, which begin at 7:00 pm. Dinners will include an entree, salad or veggies, dessert and drinks. A freewill offering will be taken to either cover the cost of the meal or to go toward a ministry of the board/group serving. The schedule of dinners is:

- March 9th** - Youth Board - Taco Bar
 - March 16th** - To Be Announced
 - March 23rd** - Outreach & Connections - Loaded Baked Potatoes
 - March 30th** - Parish Fellowship - Lasagna, Salad, Bread
 - April 6th** - Human Care - BBQ Sandwiches, Chips, Applesauce
- Please join us for good food and fellowship and then worship afterwards!

How many of you sit back at Christmas and watch as your family opens the gifts that you have bought for them? Being generous is not only a blessing for the receiver, but also for the giver. In Acts 20:35, Paul quotes Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” God gives us wealth so we can share it with those around us. Have you noticed that sometimes when you think you are stretching the budget by giving to a charitable organization, God blesses you unexpectedly by providing what you need?

There are two ways to look at tithes and offerings. The tithe is the first ten percent of all our earnings. When we give that to God, it affirms His ownership of all He has given us. Beyond the tithes are offerings given at our own discretion. These can be for charitable organizations, helping the homeless, or blessing someone close to you. Generosity is the offering that exceeds the tithe. As many of you know, the Board of Stewardship is asking all members to give that “offering” of 3% more than your usual tithe for this fiscal year. Remember, “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).



PROJECT COMPASSION / GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Project Compassion Visitors & Gabriel's Callers will have their quarterly meeting at Chicago Dough on **Wednesday, February 9th at 6 p.m.** Visitors & Callers will meet for fellowship, sharing and food. Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend. Please call the church office at 815-932-0312 to RSVP.

HOMELESS MINISTRY

Fortitude is a grassroots nonprofit in Kankakee County that provides emergency shelter (Oct-May), street outreach, transitional housing, and workforce development for the homeless. They serve hundreds of homeless individuals each year with the help of multitudes of volunteers! With winter upon us, they are in need of help. You can sign up to volunteer on the Fortitude website: <https://fortitudecommunityoutreach.org/volunteer/>.

HOMELESS MINISTRY BIBLE CLASS

For the last 8 weeks, I have been teaching a Bible class on Monday nights at the Fortitude Shelter housed in our old school. "A Quiet Place," located in the hallway space in front of the double doors of the gym gives us a place to meet and also provides a reading area along with a CD player used only for Christian music.

The capacity at the shelter each night is 18, however, it is not always the same 18. I have met and talked to 41 homeless individuals in the last 8 weeks. The smallest Bible class has been one and the largest has been 6. There have been 13 different individuals who have attended. Three of those have attended 2 of our church services with me.

Numbers mean very little, but the experience of sharing who God is has been rewarding. At least half of the attendees give credit to their Grandma for introducing them to church or Sunday School attendance as a child. William told me that his parents were atheists, and 3 out of 4 of his grandparents were also atheist. But his Grandma on his mother's side insisted that until he was 12 years old he was going to church every week with her. So far I have not discovered any of the homeless that are regular with their worship, but there are some who claim to read the Bible every day.

As I walked out of the building this week, Jesse who is a regular Bible class participant, said to me, "Thank you Roy that was a great lesson tonight." What a reward! Praise the Lord!

~ Roy Cordes



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school is now open to everyone! We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay. If you have not already registered, please stop by the school office during the week or call 815-932-0312.

FINANCIAL AID PROCEDURES

If you are applying for financial aid for the 2022-2023 school year, there are **TWO** places you must apply. The first is with Empower Illinois at empowerillinois.org and the second is through **FACTS** at online.factsmgt.com/signin/4HP07.

Empower Illinois registration opened Jan 12th at 7 pm and is a two-part process. It is important to get step one done as soon as possible. **FACTS opens Feb 1st.** Getting your financial aid requests in early is imperative as funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERING

The month of February's chapel offering will be for "Hearts for Jesus". The 'Hearts for Jesus' mission project this school year will be the Belize Mission Society Scholarship Program. The Belize Mission Society is proud to be in partnership with the LCMS Northern Illinois District. We are many faces, but one faith. Serving the people of Belize for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Feeding Program - \$1 a day feeds a student protein-enriched food
 - Scholarship Program - \$2 a day sends a student to high school
- Make a Difference in a Life Today!*



8TH GRADE BABYSITTING NIGHTS

Parents, are you ready for a night out? Or maybe just a quiet night at home? The 8th graders will be offering their babysitting services just in time for Valentine's Day! On **Friday, February 11th and Saturday, February 12th**, babysitting will be available for a fee at the Bourbonnais campus from 5pm to 9pm. The proceeds earned over the course of both nights will help fund the 8th grade class trip so it's a win-win! Watch future announcements for more details and an opportunity to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE!
DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
COMING SOON!

Dads, shine your shoes and practice your moves! Girls, find your twirliest dress! On **February 19th**, the PTL will be hosting the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Bourbonnais campus. The theme will be announced next week so watch the announcements for more details.



SOUTH SUBURBAN SPELLING BEE



On Saturday, **February 26th**, St. Paul's will be hosting the South Suburban Spelling Bee at our Bourbonnais campus. We are in need of volunteers to help the day of the event. If you have a student at St.

Paul's, please check your Fast Direct account for the Sign-Up Genius. If you do not have a student here and would like to help, please call the office at 932-0312. The deadline for partnership hours will be here before you know it and this would be a valuable way to earn some hours!

READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

There have been many nominations for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in the Daily Journal's Reader's Choice awards.

- * **Children & Education - Private School** - St. Paul's Lutheran School
- * **People & Places - Educator** - Adele Hinze, Jamie Stirnaman, and Steve Brammer
- * **People & Places - Pastors** - Pastor Koeppen and Pastor Hanel
- * **People & Places - Place of Worship** - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Nominations are in and voting has begun. To register and vote, go to www.readerschoicecontest.com/contestid/123. Let the Daily Journal know what you think! You are allowed to vote each day. **Voting ends January 29th**.



ATTENDANCE REPORTING

The church office is looking for one or two more people who would be willing to donate 2-3 hours a week to enter church attendance records in our computerized database. This task can be completed at your convenience and would be on a rotational basis with two or three other volunteers. Please contact Karen Beatty at 932-6304 if you are interested.

LAY READERS



Would you be interested in reading the Old and New Testament lessons at any of the church services? We are in particular need of more readers in the contemporary service. Please contact Karen Beatty at 932-6304 if you are interested.

TRUSTEES

We are looking for one or two more people to share the responsibility of either locking or unlocking the doors of the Bourbonnais campus on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 932-0312.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION



The Board of Parish Fellowship is hosting a Volunteer Recognition Reception during coffee hour on **February 13th**. St. Paul's volunteers give countless hours of

service to our congregation and the Lord and we want to show our gratitude! Our volunteers will also be recognized during our worship services that weekend, so we encourage you to join us for worship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynda Koeppen, Elizabeth Kubal, Colleen LaGesse or Mellody McDonald.

ALTAR FLOWERS



The Flower Chart for 2022 is now up at the Bourbonnais campus. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or some special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. When you sign up for flowers please include your phone number next to your name. Thank you!

The cost is \$25.00 for one vase or \$50.00 for two. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Checks or cash payments may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 932-1545 or lykoeppen@comcast.net.

**DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP
STATISTICS**

Baptized	1790
Communicant	1330
Communing	462
Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship (as of the end of the month):	
Month	207
Year-to-date	222

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES
(through December)

Thankofferings
 Receipts (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School +
 Electronic): \$410,598.70
 Budgeted Amount: \$445,601.00
 % of Need: 92.14%

Building Fund
 Receipts(Envelopes+Electronic): \$80,153.37
 Budgeted Amount: \$80,000
 % of need: 100.19%

2022 GIVING ENVELOPES

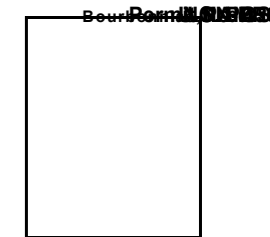
All of the remaining 2022 giving envelopes are now available for pick-up from the Bourbonnais campus. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries!

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

If you would rather receive St. Paul's bi-monthly newsletter via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call the church office at 932-0312. The newsletter is also posted on St. Paul's website at stpaulslutheran.net.

BAKER BULLETIN

The latest Baker Bulletin is enclosed and posted in the entryway at the school. Rev. David Baker and his family are doing missionary work across the globe and love to share their stories. Please note that because of the nature of their ministry, we cannot post the bulletin online.



The Lutheran Witness Subscription

February 28, 2022 is the deadline for either starting a new subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* or renewing your subscription through the congregation's bulk subscription.

The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This monthly publication contains feature articles, news, and devotional materials about the life and work of our parent church body. It is an excellent way to keep up to date on the happenings of the church at large.

Subscriptions are handled in bulk through St. Paul's. If you would like to subscribe for the year beginning May 2022, please complete the bottom portion of this bulletin announcement and place it along with a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the amount of \$15.96 either in the offering plate or in the Lay Ministry mailbox in the church office by no later than February 28, 2022.

***The Lutheran Witness* subscription**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please include a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the amount of \$15.96 for the annual subscription payment and place it either in the offering plate or in the Lay Ministry mailbox in the church office.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional SAT 5:00 pm - Downtown Site (C)
 Traditional SUN 8:30 am - School Site (S)
 Contemporary SUN 11:05 am - School Site (S)



February

Sunday School/Adult & Youth Bible Class SUN 9:50 am - School Site (S)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month 		1 10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (S) 6:00pm First Things First (S)	2	3	4 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Sammy's) 6:30pm Trivia Night (S)	5 5:00pm Worship (C)
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month 		1 10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (S) 6:00pm First Things First (S)	2 7:00pm Lenten Worship (C) 	3	4 	5 9:00am - 4:00pm Confirmation Youth Retreat (S) 5:00pm Worship (C)
6 8:30am Worship (S) 9:50am Youth & Adult Bible Study (S) 9:50am Children's Sunday School (S) 11:05am Worship (S)	7 7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (S) 	8 10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 7:00pm School Board Meeting (S) 	9 5:30pm Lenten Dinner (C) 7:00pm Lenten Worship (C) LAST DAY OF BUTTER BRAID SALES	10	11 Early Dismissal (11:15 / 11:30) 	12 5:00pm Worship (C) 
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 8:30am Worship (S) 9:50am Youth & Adult Bible Study (S) 9:50am Children's Sunday School (S) 11:05am Worship (S) 6:00pm Youth Night (S)	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (S)	16 5:30pm Lenten Dinner (C) 7:00pm Lenten Worship (C)	17 	18 GRANDPARENTS DAY Early Dismissal (11:15 / 11:30) 	19 5:00pm Worship (C) 
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27 8:30am Worship (S) 9:50am Youth & Adult Bible Study (S) 9:50am Children's Sunday School (S) 11:05am Worship (S) 6:00pm Youth Night (S)	28 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (S) 	29 10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (S)	30 5:30pm Lenten Dinner (C) 7:00pm Lenten Worship (C) BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY 	31		



Serving our Lord in February

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., February 6	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hope Brammer, Ryan Sarkozi Cooper Bade, Zoey Goranson
Sun., February 13	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ethan Anderson, Seth McHugh Benjamin and Andrew Kubal
Sun., February 20	8:30 am 11:05 am	Emma and Lex Bourassa Lillian Bloomquist, Chloe Butler
Sun., February 27	8:30 am 11:05 am	Cooper Bade, Hope Brammer Joshua and Natalie Cherry

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., February 5 Sun., February 6	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Richard Nordmeyer Richard Engel Melody McDonald	Sat., February 12 Sun., February 13	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Dee Cordes Donna Ray
Sat., February 19 Sun., February 20	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Roy Cordes David Bottorff	Sat., February 26 Sun., February 27	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Loree Yoakum Melody Trudeau

TRUSTEE SCHEDULES

Sat & Sun., February 5 & 6 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am -	Sat. & Sun., February 12 & 13 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Sat & Sun., February 19 & 20 5:00 pm - Terry Treece 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am -
Sat. & Sun., February 26 & 27 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler		

Serving our Lord in March

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Wed., March 2	7:00 pm	Alena LaGesse, Hailey Porter
Sun., March 6	8:30 am 11:05 am	Madison LaMontagne, Ryan Sarkozi Cecily Richardson, Archie Schutters
Wed., March 9	7:00 pm	Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
Sun., March 13	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hope Brammer, Seth McHugh Pippa and Rowan Dunnill
Wed., March 16	7:00 pm	Emma and Lex Bourassa
Sun., March 20	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ethan Anderson, Hailey Porter Alena LaGesse, Yasenia Rios-Alvarez
Wed., March 23	7:00 pm	Joshua and Natalie Cherry
Sun., March 27	8:30 am 11:05 am	Zoey Goranson, Carter Stell Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
Wed., March 30	7:00 pm	Andrew and Benjamin Kubal

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., March 5 Sun., March 6	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Richard Nordmeyer John Veers Deb Turrell	Sat., March 12 Sun., March 13	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Roy Cordes Donna Ray
Sat., March 19 Sun., March 20	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Pat Hatch Richard Engel Melody Trudeau	Sat., March 26 Sun., March 27	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Diane Barber Dee Cordes Bill Dyche

TRUSTEE SCHEDULE

Wed., March 2 7:00 pm - Terry Treece	Sat. & Sun., March 5 & 6 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am -	Wed., March 9 7:00 pm - Fred Langelett
Sat. & Sun., March 12 & 13 5:00 pm - Terry Treece 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Wed., March 16 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson	Sat. & Sun., March 19 & 20 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am -
Wed., March 23 7:00 pm - Terry Treece	Sat & Sun., March 26 & 27 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Wed., March 30 7:00 pm - Fred Langelett