

# The Visitor

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Family Counselor

## April/May 2022



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

**#changinglives**  
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 & 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade*

#### Children's Sunday School:

*Sunday 9:50 am @ the School  
Classes for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

Church & School Office: 815-932-0312

#### Office Hours:

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

Church Website: [www.stpaulslutheran.net](http://www.stpaulslutheran.net)

Next Newsletter Deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>



#### SPECIAL DATES

- Maundy Thursday - April 14
- Good Friday - April 15
- Easter - April 17
- Earth Day - April 22
- National Day of Prayer - May 5
- Mother's Day - May 8
- Ascension of the Lord - May 26
- Memorial Day - May 30



#### Lenten Services & Holy Week - Downtown Church

Wed., April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
pm

Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:05 pm  
and 7:00 pm (Tenebrae)

NO SERVICE on Sat., April 16<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 am,  
9:00 am, and 11:00 am



#### VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

The regular May Voter's Meeting is scheduled for **May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m.** in the school gymnasium. The main item on the agenda will be voting on our new board directors and members. These positions are critical to the functioning of our church and its many ministries so if you are interested in participating on any of our boards, please contact Brent Eden at 248-895-2012 prior to the meeting to have your name added to the nomination list. If you would like more information on the different boards, please refer to the insert in this newsletter.

Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly meetings in a one-year time period, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges then continue as long as you remain a member .

PLEASE NOTE: Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed at the late service on **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This service will take place at the downtown church rather than the school. The early service will be at the school as usual.

## CHURCH IS HARD

I had seen this on facebook a while ago and thought it was a good thing to share. I did make a few additions and changes.

God's blessings

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### **CHURCH IS HARD.**

- Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.
- Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.
- Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.
- Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.
- Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire drive to church.
- Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.
- Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.
- Church is hard for the leader with an estranged child.
- Church is hard for the person singing hymns and worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.
- Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.
- Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.
- Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.
- Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying that God leads them to a mate.
- Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.
- Church is hard for the sinners.
- Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.



- But, here is the beauty of the church - the Body of Christ:
- † Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.
  - † Church is a body.
  - † Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.
  - † Church is a group of people who have been marked by God in Holy Baptism.
  - † Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by Christ's eternal love.
  - † Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.
  - † Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.
  - † Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration by God's grace and mercy.
  - † Church is a lesson in faith and trust.
  - † Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.
  - † Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgiving past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.
  - † Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He promises to be present.

So even on the hard days at church - - The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, Jesus has never failed to meet me there.♥

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Dear friends, What a joy to gather as God's people!

I pray that you are able to join us in-person for worship and that you can know the blessing and comfort of God working through Word and Sacrament, through worship, and through His people.

Blessings in Christ!  
Pastor Karl Koeppen



## THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

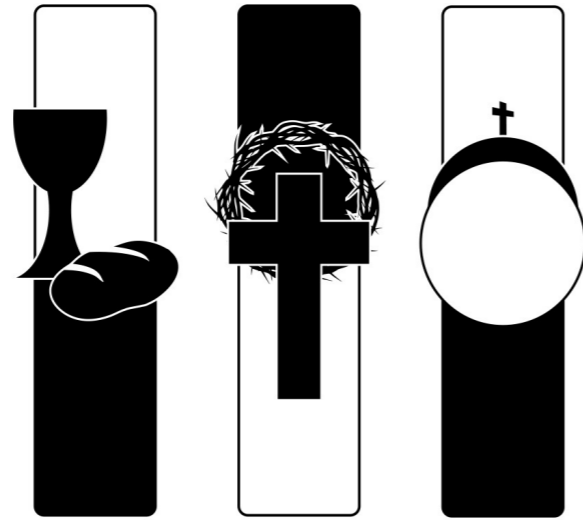
The Pascal Triduum is the three days of Jesus' Passion ending Lent and moving us into the Easter Season. The Triduum begins on Maundy (Holy) Thursday and ends with Easter Day. These three days incorporate three (or four if some observe the Easter Eve Vigil) separate services that are actually part of one, whole worship service. Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve Vigil, and Easter. There is no benediction (final blessing) on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday since these services are not concluded, but anticipate the next worship service as part of the whole three days of worship - The Pascal Triduum.

### Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday begins our worship with Corporate confession and Absolution. The focus for this part of the Triduum is on Jesus and the disciples celebrating the Passover - His Last Supper with His disciples. It is from within the Passover that Jesus instituted and gave us His Holy Supper. It was here that Jesus washed the feet of His followers and taught them (and us) humility and service to one another. The celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar bestows the grace of God and the forgiveness of our sins upon us which was won by Christ on the cross. We conclude this worship part of the Triduum with the stripping of the Altar in preparation for Christ's death and burial on Friday.

### Good Friday

Good Friday carries on the Triduum with a noon service and in the evening we have a Tenebrae service - a service of darkness. This is a day of joy as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. This service is not a funeral service, but we do worship with restrained joy and minimized music. It is, after all, GOOD Friday - good for us, that is, as our sins were paid for by Jesus. We leave this day of the Triduum in silent, somber, joyful reflection of the God/Man's death in our place, and anticipate the unrestrained joy of



## TRIDUUM

Easter Day when we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

### Easter Eve Vigil

In some churches, the Vigil of Easter is celebrated. The vigil is a “keeping watch” through the night in anticipation of Jesus’ resurrection early on Sunday. A worship service on Saturday evening may end the Triduum with the benediction and the Easter Acclamation, “Christ is Risen!” When the Vigil is observed, this would then begin the Easter season for those worshiping and keeping the vigil. Worshipers gather on this evening in expectation for the news of Christ’s resurrection. Some churches in our area do have Easter Vigil services.

### Easter Morning

Easter does certainly bring the Triduum to a joyful and glorious conclusion. The resurrection of our Lord means nothing without His death in the sinner’s place. And His death would mean nothing without His resurrection to life and His victory over the grave, sin, and the devil. He is Risen, indeed.

**IF YOU HAVE NEVER TAKEN PART IN ALL OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY THEM OUT THIS YEAR - You have to go through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in order to get to Easter Morning.**

- 4/14 Maundy Thursday - 7pm - we walk with our Lord and Join Him at the Last Supper
- 4/15 Good Friday - noon - We consider the suffering of our Lord
- 4/15 Good Friday - 7pm - TENEBRAE - a service of darkness as we contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus....
- 4/16 SAT - NO WORSHIP SERVICE
- 4/17 EASTER SUNDAY - 6, 9, 11am - Celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection.

During our midweek services we have been walking with Jesus - the “*Places of the Passion*” Continue walking with Jesus throughout Holy Week!

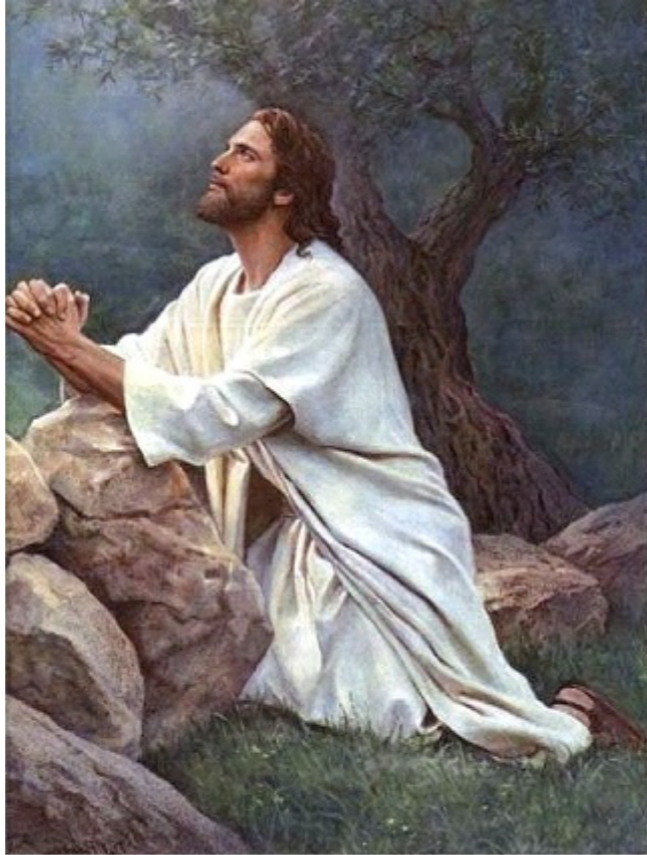
May God bless this time of worship as we receive His gracious blessings in Christ Jesus - our Savior and our Lord.

Blessings in Christ!  
Pastor Karl Koeppen

### No Care is Too Small for Jesus

Jesus withdrew from the disciples about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Lk. 22:40-43

Lent is a season where we intentionally focus on prayer and fasting. In Luke 22:40-43, we see Jesus praying. He is praying to God the Father to remove the cup of wrath from Him, but at the same time, the Father's will be done. Jesus knew He had to go to the cross to redeem mankind from slavery to sin, death, and the Devil. (Lk. 9:21-22, Lk. 9:43-45, Lk 18:31-34) So, why did He pray to the Father to remove this cup from Him knowing that this was the will of the Father for Him? What does it mean for us to pray to "Our Father, who art in heaven?"

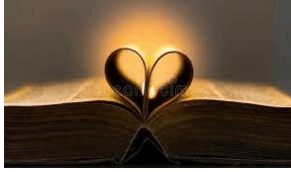


Luther writes in the Small Catechism, "God would thereby with this little introduction tenderly urge us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father." Jesus came to the Father and His Son with full assurance of the Father's love for Him. This love of the Father brought Jesus into this world to free the world from sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Jesus has no death wish to go to the cross, but humbly accepts the cross as the Father's will for Him.

When we pray, we can earnestly come before God with all of our hurts, cares, and concerns. This world is full of them. None are too small or too insignificant for the Father's attention. Our heavenly Father loves and cares for us. God is indeed omniscient – He already knows what you are going through, but He bids us to pray so that we trust in Him for all things. As a child obeys his or her parents, so too, when we pray obey our Lord when He commands us to pray in the 2nd commandment. Prayer shows where we go to for all of our meaning, purpose, and security in this life. Even if we don't pray, God's kingdom will continue to advance, and His will be done on heaven and on earth even without our participation. When we pray, we pray to make all the petitions in the Lord's Prayer true among us as well. Prayer is a living and active conversation with God that has been established through our great high priest Jesus Christ.

For we celebrate this Lenten season, the depths to which Christ won our freedom – freedom to pray, freedom to talk to God, freedom to put all our cares and anxieties on Him. This freedom was won on the cross where our Lord took the wrath of the Father on our behalf – where justice and mercy meet. Here, Christ intercedes for the whole world crying the Psalms on the cross. Pray with freedom. Pray with joy. Our Lord wants us to talk to Him, to put all our hurts and pains on Him, to trust in Him fully with both our hearts and our mouths. "Out of the depths I cry to you oh Lord," (Ps. 130:1), "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20)

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Roger Drinnon



**BIBLE  
STUDY &  
FELLOWSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**“EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS”  
BIBLE STUDY**

*Location: Room 131*

*When: 9:50 am*

*Teacher: Pastor Drinnon*

Jesus was fully and truly human like you and me. In many of their day to day situations, all that the disciples could see was that Jesus was human like them; they couldn't begin to comprehend that He was at the same time the perfect and holy Son of God. As His outward appearance transfigured before them, they were given a glimpse of the full glory of who Jesus is as both 100% God and 100% Man. We have not seen the transfigured Jesus with our human eyes, but we have seen Him with our eyes of faith, and that vision of a beautiful, powerful Savior helps us to share clearly and boldly the hope we have in Jesus. Come join Pastor Drinnon to learn ways to witness and share your faith to friends, family, coworkers, and everyone we meet. Share who Jesus is and what He has done for us!

**“THE CHOSEN” BIBLE STUDY**

*Location: Room 129*

*When: 9:50 am*

*Teacher: Nancy Eden*

Viewing and discussion of Season 2 of The Chosen is back and it's never too late to join us!! You will be thankful when you do. You will grow in understanding of what it was like to be a disciple of Jesus in the first century, and you will grow in your faith. God is using this series throughout the world in reaching the unsaved, as well as helping believers deepen their faith and love for our Savior. Several people here at St. Paul's have said, "I'm sorry it took me SO long to start watching The Chosen. It is amazing!!"

**“FOLLOWING IN THEIR  
FOOTSTEPS”**

**TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS**

*Location: Fellowship Hall, Downtown*

*When: 10:00 am*

*Teacher: Roy Cordes*

What would it have been like to walk with Moses, Joshua, Peter and Jesus? You can experience that feeling by attending this Bible Class. We will discuss how it felt to be each person mentioned above and use their example to let God lead us each day on our Christian walk. Each week we start a new lesson so if you can't come every week you are welcome to join us when you can.

**“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 April 5<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**



Pastor Koeppen will be starting a new Bible Study entitled "Christianity in the First Three Centuries" by Paul Maier. Please join him on

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.

**YOUTH NIGHTS**

All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Youth Nights. The youth will be meeting from **6 pm to 8 pm** on the following Sundays - **April 10<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>.** Bringing God's Word to life in a fun and interactive way!

**VBS & BE THE CHURCH**

We are excited to announce that we are bringing VBS back this June! Watch the weekly announcements for details. We will be combining the fun of VBS with the fulfillment of mission-based activities so there will be ways for all ages to participate.



**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else and join us for some food and fellowship! Our next fellowship dinner will be on **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (note new time)** at **Pa-Chan-Ga** (in Meadowview Shopping Center). Call Bob West at 815-325-1816 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

**LENTEN DINNER**

Our last Lenten dinner will served on **Wed., April 6<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 pm prior to the midweek service, which begin at 7:00 pm. The Board of Human Care will serve BBQ sandwiches, chips and applesauce. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen in Chicago. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship!

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

This Easter tradition is returning! The youth will be serving pancakes, sausage, egg casseroles & more in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. A freewill donation will be collected to help with the National Youth Gathering expenses. Come celebrate our risen Lord in fellowship!!



**TOUR GERMANY'S LUTHER SITES AND OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY**

You are invited to experience central truths of the message salvation on a tour to Germany in summer 2022 which will feature both the Oberammergau Passion Play and sites associated with Luther's Reformation. Pastor Kirk Clayton of Zion Lutheran Church, Mascoutah, IL (Pastor Drinnon's home congregation) will be leading a tour called "Reformation and Redemption Oberammergau Tour" from **June 28-July 9, 2022**. Don't miss the chance to visit prominent Reformation sites, including Wittenberg, Eisleben, Eisenach and the Wartburg Castle, Erfurt, Worms, and Augsburg among others. Also, you won't want to miss the Oberammergau Passion Play! Join in before reservations are completely full for this tour! For more information about this special opportunity contact Pastor Clayton at [pastor@zionmascoutah.org](mailto:pastor@zionmascoutah.org) or go to [reformationtours.com/package/rkc22/](http://reformationtours.com/package/rkc22/). Act now to be included in this wonderful opportunity!

**ANNUAL BENEFIT CAR SHOW**

Caleb's Prayer Foundation was formed eight years ago in memory of Caleb Hoggins, who lost his battle with cancer at the age of 15. The foundation helps families in Kankakee and Iroquois counties who are also battling cancer. The main source of income for the foundation is a benefit car show held at Phillips Auto Group in Bourbonnais. This year's event is **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** (rain date June 5<sup>th</sup>). Registration for car entries is from 9 am to 11 am and the entry fee is \$20. Judging starts at 11 am with trophies awarded at 3 pm. This event is open to the public at noon and is FREE. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks are available for purchase. 100% of the profit goes to the foundation. If you would like more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/annualbenefitcarshow](http://www.facebook.com/annualbenefitcarshow), email Jim Baron at [jmb1257@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmb1257@sbcglobal.net) or call Christie in the church office. We hope to see you there!



**PROJECT COMPASSION / GABRIEL'S CALLERS**

Project Compassion Visitors & Gabriel's Callers will have their quarterly meeting at Chicago Dough on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Our congregation has been invited to join other Christians during the 40 Days of Life--40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. It began on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will continue through April 10<sup>th</sup>. The NID-LCMS South Region has signed up to "Adopt-a-Day" on **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** to staff the site with volunteers from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray, sing, hold signs and wave to the community in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood location at 19831 Governors Hwy in Flossmoor, IL for one hour, two hours, even all day if you wish! If you are interested, please email Zion Lutheran Church in Grant Park ([pastorestby@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorestby@yahoo.com)) or text Pastor Estby at 815-258-0537 with your name, email and a phone number to sign-up for a slot.

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER**

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Kankakee is committed to providing excellent care, compassionate support, & honest information to those facing pregnancy decisions. We do this by offering free and confidential ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, options counseling, mentoring, and spiritual support to anyone that walks through our doors! We are currently in the midst of our annual walk fundraising event to raise money to continue to offer free services to the women and families in our community. We are continuing to see an increased need for the resources we provide. Would you partner with us and join us for our annual walk?

*How can our Church join ?*

- \* Register at [k3prcevents.org](http://k3prcevents.org) or with you Church Walk Champion!
- \* Begin collecting pledges!
- \* Walk 2 miles virtually on your own time or join us in-person on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** at Ward Field to walk together!

This is a great way for young children and families alike to learn about the PRC! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like more information! (815) 933-2207!



**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We have certainly been blessed! Our school enrollment continues to increase year after year. We already have several full classes for the 2022-23 school year so don't delay if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) for the next school year. We currently have space in the Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes and we have a waiting list for the classes that are at capacity.

**CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT!**

Culver's will be sharing their revenue with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00-8:00 pm**. All orders (dine-in, drive-thru, and mobile app orders) will go toward the 8<sup>th</sup> graders fundraising efforts. Come show your support and enjoy some delicious food and frozen custard! No flyer is needed.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE DRIVE**

St. Paul's Lutheran School is celebrating their 155<sup>th</sup> +3 anniversary (COVID caused a little delay in the celebration). As part of this celebration, we are asking parents, grandparents, members and non-members to grab an envelope off the giving board in the school lobby, fill it with the corresponding dollar amount and deposit it in the box in the office. All proceeds will go toward tuition assistance to help families who would otherwise be unable to attend St. Paul's.

**SPRING AUCTION & PORK CHOP DINNER RESULTS**

We certainly have a lot to thank God for after our 29th Annual PTL fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who bought meals, participated in the auction, donated items for the auction, sponsored the event, worked in the kitchen or parking lot, helped prepare and set up for the event, or delivered meals. The event was a huge success and a lot of fun and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!! We managed to raise just over \$26,000 with the combined event and are very grateful for your support! These funds will go toward classroom supplies for the teachers, rubber mulch for the large playground, and to support other events we plan.



**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.

**SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST**

Do you know anyone who might be interested in playing organ occasionally for our traditional service on Sunday? If so, please have them contact Nadine Engel at 708-814-4961.

**LAWNMOWING & LANDSCAPING**

Now that spring is here, we are looking for two or three more people who would be willing to help maintain the school grounds. We have a lot of land but many hands make light work so if you have a few hours to spare once a week or even once every other week, we would be very grateful for your help. Please contact Tom Stirnaman (309-531-1370) or Brian Porter (815-549-6653) if you are interested in hrlping. Thank you!

**RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS**

*Earn your Partnership Hours helping at the Rummage Sale!* Anyone can help! We will especially need a few men for heavy lifting. We are scheduling two-hour sessions for set-up help on **May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** and **during the sale on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. We are also accepting donations at this time. If you are interested in helping or donating, please call Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). We thank you for your service and may God bless you for serving so faithfully.

*~ The Tabea Ladies*

**FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP**  
**STATISTICS**

Baptized .....	1791
Communicant .....	1328
Communing .....	256
Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship (as of the end of the month):	
Month .....	226
Year-to-date .....	211

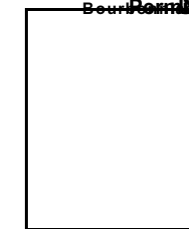
**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES**  
**(through February)**

**Thankofferings**  
 Receipts (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday  
 School + Electronic): \$533,336.96  
 Budgeted Amount: \$594,134.67  
 % of Need: 89.77%

**Building Fund**  
 Receipts(Envelopes+Electronic):  
 \$104,855.87  
 Budgeted Amount: \$106,666.67  
 % of need: 98.30%

**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](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call the church office at 932-0312. The newsletter is also posted on St. Paul's website at [stpaulslutheran.net](http://stpaulslutheran.net).







**LWML ZONE 18 – SPRING RALLY**  
**April 2, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran School**  
**1780 Career Center Rd., Bourbonnais, IL**

**EXPANDING OUR REACH FOR CHRIST**  
**Redeeming the lives of women and babies**  
**with a new maternity home in**  
**Northern Illinois in 2022**

**Jeremiah 1:5**  
**“I knew you before I formed you**  
**in your mother’s womb. Before you**  
**were born I set you apart...”**

***Deaconess Lori Trinche***  
***Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries***  
***Guest Speaker***

Saturday, April 2, 2022  
Registration & Coffee with light breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker at 10:15 a.m.

Offering for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries

Followed by a short business meeting  
and a report from the LWML - Northern IL District Representative

There will be an In-Gathering of diapers for the two  
Pregnancy Resource Centers in our area. We hope to  
collect 80 packages of diapers in all sizes.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 11, 2022 – Special Zone 18 Board Meeting – St. Paul's Church – Fellowship Hall – 9:00 a.m.  
July 16, 2022 – Serve Breakfast & Lunch for NID Meetings – St. Paul's School – 8:30 a.m.  
September 10, 2022 – Zone 18 Board Meeting – St. Paul's Church – Fellowship Hall – 9:00 a.m.  
September 23 & 24 – NID Convention – Holiday Inn & Suites – Carol Stream, IL  
October 15, 2022 – Zone 18 Fall Workshop/OCC – St. Paul's School – 8:30 a.m.  
June 22-25, 2023 – LWML Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – NID is on the Host Committee!

### **NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS for church Board Members**

Every year the congregation needs members to volunteer to be officers and board members that officially run the church for the congregation. That change of people takes place each year in May. We are looking for those volunteers now and are asking you as members to read over the following information and see what gifts God has given you to use for your congregation. The areas we need most help in are:

#### **Board of Lay Ministry**

Basic objectives are the spiritual welfare of the pastors and congregation members and the supervision of everything pertaining to congregational worship. Tasks include distribution of communion (helping the pastors) during worship services or monitoring the chair setup crew, the lesson readers, or the acolytes for the Sunday morning services. We would like to see 3-5 more members on this board.

#### **Board of Trustees**

Basic objectives are the proper maintenance and repair of congregation properties and representation of the congregation in all legal matters. Tasks include contacting contractors for required maintenance of property or monitoring the team for school lawn mowing or unlocking properties for worship services. We would like to see 3-5 more members on this board.

#### **Board of Stewardship**

Basic objectives are collecting and recording of financial giving to the church and initiate programs to encourage member stewardship within the congregation. Tasks include supervising the people that count the offerings from each worship service or talking to new member classes about using their specific gifts within the congregation or organizing special offering programs. We would like to see 3-5 more members on this board and also need a leader/director and a Financial Secretary for the board.

### **Board of Outreach and Connections**

Basic objectives are bringing the Gospel to the unchurched and the assimilation of new members into the congregation. Tasks include being in charge of the church's booth at the Kankakee County fair or organizing with the pastors new member classes or small group bible studies or working with an outside vendor on the church's website. We would like to see 2-4 more members on this board.

The other Boards (Board of Christian Day School, Board of Youth, Board of Parish Fellowship, Board of Human Care, and Board of Parish Education) currently are sufficiently staffed and not requiring more members. We also have members who are willing to take the Executive Director, Assistant Exec Dir, and Treasurer positions for the next 2 years.

Other areas where we would like to have more volunteers are in the areas of the Lawn Mowing group and the Chair Setup group.

Please help our congregation with the Lord's work by praying and considering where you can volunteer and give back to God some of your time and talents. As you consider this, if you have questions or just want more information about a particular area, please email me at [beden@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:beden@stpaulslutheran.net) or call or text me at 248-895-2012

Thank you

Brent Eden

Asst Exec Dir.



**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)

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month</p>					<p>1</p> <p>5:30 pm Family Reading Night (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am LWML Spring Rally (S)</p> <p>5:00pm Worship (C)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Worship (S)</p> <p>9:50am Youth &amp; Adult Bible Study (S)</p> <p>9:50am Children's Sunday School (S)</p> <p>11:05am Worship (S)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (S)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Class (C)</p> <p>4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (S)</p> <p>6:00pm First Things First (S)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30pm Lenten Dinner (C)</p> <p>7:00pm Lenten Worship (C)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SPRING PICTURES</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Fellowship Dinner (Pa-Chan-Ga)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00pm Worship (C)</p>
<p>10 ACCREDITATION TEAM VISIT</p>						
<p>8:30am Worship (S)</p> <p>9:50am Youth &amp; Adult Bible Study (S)</p> <p>9:50am Children's Sunday School (S)</p> <p>11:05am Worship (S)</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Night (S)</p>		<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Class (C)</p> <p>6:00pm School Board Meeting (S)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Worship (C)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>12:05pm Worship (C)</p> <p>7:00pm Tenebrae Worship (C)</p>	<p>16</p>
<p><b>HAPPY EASTER!!</b></p> <p>6:00am Sunrise Worship (C)</p> <p>7:00am Easter Breakfast (C)</p> <p>9:00am Worship (C)</p> <p>11:00am Worship (C)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Class (C)</p> <p>4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (S)</p> <p>5:00pm 8th Gr. Fundraiser (Culver's)</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council Meeting (S)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside)</p> <p>5:00pm Worship (C)</p> <p>TABLES OF EIGHT</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:30am Worship (S)</p> <p>9:50am Youth &amp; Adult Bible Study (S)</p> <p>9:50am Children's Sunday School (S)</p> <p>11:05am Worship (S)</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Night (S)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Class (C)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Spring Program / Art Fair (S)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Jr. Confirmation Breakfast &amp; Rehearsal (C)</p> <p>5:00pm Worship (C)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</b>						
8:30am Worship (S) 11:05am Confirmation/Worship (C) 	7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (S) 	10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 6:00pm First Things First (S) 4th & 5th GR. WAX MUSEUM				5:00pm Worship (C) 
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## *Serving our Lord in April*

### *ACOLYTE SCHEDULE*

Sun., April 3	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lillian Bloomquist, Haley O'Keefe Ryan Sarkozi, Carter Stell
Wed., April 6	7:00 pm	Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
Sun., April 10	8:30 am 11:05 am	Cooper Bade, Hope Brammer Chloe Butler, Cecily Richardson
Thurs., April 14	7:00 pm	Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
Fri., April 15	12:05 pm 7:00 pm	Natalie and Joshua Cherry Pippa and Rowan Dunnill
Sun., April 17	6:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Joshua Cherry, Seth McHugh, Natalie Cherry (crossbearer) Lex and Emma Bourassa, Alena LaGesse (crossbearer) Hailey Porter, Archie Schutters, Andrew Kubal (crossbearer)
Sun., April 24	8:30 am 11:05 am	Chloe Butler, Madison LaMontagne Zoey Goranson, Yasenia Rios-Alvarez

### *LAY READERS SCHEDULE*

Sat., April 2 Sun., April 3	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Richard Nordmeyer Bill Balgeman Dave Bottorff	Sat., April 9 Sun., April 10	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Nancy Eden Ruth Fabbro
Sat., April 23 Sun., April 24	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor JoAnn Hess Karen Beatty	Sat., April 30	5:00 pm	Dan Hendrickson

### *TRUSTEE SCHEDULES*

Sat. & Sun., April 2 & 3 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am -	Wed., April 6 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson	Sat & Sun., April 9 & 10 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler
Thurs., April 14 7:00 pm - Terry Treece	Fri., April 15 12:05 pm - Terry Treece 7:00 pm - Fred Langelett	Sun., April 17 6:00 am - Jeff Johnson 9:00 am - Fred Langelett 11:00 am - Terry Treece
Sat. & Sun., April 23 & 24 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Sat., April 30 5:00 pm - Terry Treece	



## *Serving our Lord in May*

### *ACOLYTE SCHEDULE*

Sun., May 1	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ethan Anderson, Carter Stell Rowan Dunnill, Alena LaGesse, Benjamin Kubal (crossbearer)
Sun., May 8	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hope Brammer, Seth McHugh Ryan Sarkozi, Archie Schutters
Sun., May 15	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lillian Bloomquist, Hailey Porter Natalie Cherry, Zoey Goranson
Sun., May 22	8:30 am 11:05 am	Madison LaMontagne, Haley O'Keefe Lex and Emma Bourassa
Sun., May 29	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ethan Anderson, Cooper Bade Joshua Cherry, Yasenia Rios-Alvarez

### *LAY READERS SCHEDULE*

Sun., May 1	8:30 am	Lauren Lundmark	Sat., May 7 Sun., May 8	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Bill Balgeman Melody Trudeau
Sat., May 14 Sun., May 15	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Pat Hatch Mike Clendenin Ruth Fabbro	Sat., May 21 Sun., May 22	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor John Veers Benjamin Kubal
Sat., May 28 Sun., May 29	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Diane Barber Loree Yoakum Karen Beatty			

### *TRUSTEE SCHEDULE*

Sun., May 1 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am -	Sat. & Sun., May 7 & 8 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Sat. & Sun., May 14 & 15 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Bill Ostrowski 11:05 am -
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