

The Visitor

Rev. Karl J. Koeppen,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Roger A. Drinnon,
Associate Pastor

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Interim Principal

Rev. David Baker,
Missionary to Mongolia

Mary Weber, LCPC,
Family Counselor

June / July 2022



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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

Summer Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Church Website: www.stpaulslutheran.net



Next Newsletter Deadline July 15th

SPECIAL DATES

- Pentecost - June 5
- D-Day - June 6
- Trinity Sunday - June 12
- Flag Day - June 14
- Father's Day - June 19
- First Day of Summer - June 21
- Independence Day - July 4



2022 Confirmation Class



Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

BE THE CHURCH KICK-OFF PROJECT

We are excited to announce our major kick-off project - a bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). SHP is a national organization that believes no child should sleep on the floor, so they build beds and give them to families in need. The local chapter of SHP finds a financial sponsor and then sets up in a parking lot or large, indoor open space where they show and teach volunteers how to make beds. On **Saturday, June 11th from 8 am to noon**, St. Paul's will be the financial sponsor for a bed build and we will be the host site for the build at the school campus in Bourbonnais. You are invited to join us for the bed build. There are a couple of ways you can help in this large service project. One way is financial assistance in sponsoring beds. We hope to build 30 beds at \$250 per bed, so we need to raise \$7,500. You and your family could donate the money for a bed or donate any funds you are able to help us reach the goal. The other way to help is to volunteer to build beds on June 11th. You and your family can help with the early morning shift of 8-10 am or the late morning shift of 10am-noon or help all day. Children can build beds too with a parent working beside them. There will be sign-ups for building closer to the event, please watch for those details.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Galatians 5:13 "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature ; rather, serve one another in love."



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ!

In July, we celebrate the greatest of all gifts - our freedom! Oh, and there is the Fourth of July - Independence Day - as well ☺!

This month, as Americans, we celebrate our freedom that has been bought and paid for by the blood and lives of American soldiers over the years.

What an appropriate time for us in the church to be reminded of our freedom in Jesus Christ!

But freedom can be a dangerous thing in the hands of those people who don't know how to use it. That is why we have barbed wire, steel bars, and concrete barriers keeping many criminals confined. Or think for a moment about a campfire that is allowed to spread in a dry forest. It freely becomes a blazing inferno.

Unchecked freedom can create all kinds of chaos.

This happens all the time in the lives of believers! In the life of a person saved by the grace of Jesus Christ, the believer is free from the law's curse, its penalty, and its guilt-producing power. The fear, anxiety and guilt that so paralyze the Christian, are now replaced by peace, forgiveness, and liberty. Who could be more free than the one who is free in the depths of their soul? But it is often here, where we fail. We use (or really, abuse) freedom's luxury to live selfishly and pridefully claim ownership over those things of which God has merely entrusted to us.

The proper use of freedom is "faith working through love" to serve one another (Galatians 5:6,13). When we rely upon God's Holy Spirit, and expend our energies on loving God and helping others, the destructive works of the flesh will be restrained by God (Galatians 5:16-21).

As we celebrate our freedom in July, we remember the price paid by the American Soldiers of years past as well as those who currently serve around the world. But let us also remember the freedom we possess by the Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! So, as we celebrate our freedom we use our liberty to build up and not tear down. Like a raging fire, freedom without limits is dangerous. But when controlled, it is a blessing to all.

Blessings in Him!
Pastor Karl Koeppen



SUMMER THOUGHTS

Time to Grow

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

Well, . . . it is that time of year again! Even though the cold weather has delayed many outdoor plans, the warmth has now arrived. Gardens and flower beds are starting to really take off. Getting a handle on the grass (and other greenish things that grow in our yards) has again taken center stage. It is time to start taking part in all kinds of outdoor activities now that the weather is nice. And last, but certainly not least, it's time to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I can hear you . . . "Here goes Pastor Koeppen with his church talk again." You are right, and I'll keep on repeating it because our relationship with God is far too important to let it slide any part of the year - - - and that especially includes the summertime.

But it is sad that many people will take this time of year to do exactly the opposite of

what Peter talks about at the end of his second letter.

Peter has saving faith in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! He not only wants other people to come to faith, but for the faithful to grow in faith. He urges the readers (that's us!) to make every effort to add to the faith which they have been given. This means, first of all, staying faithful in worship.

How can one grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ if they take the summer off from worship?

Worship keeps us grounded and feeds us during our entire lives - and this doesn't change in the summer season.

It also helps us stay close to the Lord and His teachings. *We need to stay close to Him because the devil doesn't take the summer off!* He comes at us everyday, trying to get us to be complacent about our faith. He wants us to believe it's no big deal to take some time off. He knows that the more we are away, whether it be church attendance or reading the scriptures, the more opportunities he has to attack us and our faith. Without the Lord's grace and knowledge to make us strong, we are powerless against the forces that wish to tear apart our foundation and faith.

You might be reading this and think that I'm being too harsh or that I don't understand. I do understand all too well. But that's not the only reason I write this note. I have written this message because I, too, need worship. I need to speak those words of confession! I need to hear those comforting words of forgiveness! I need to hear God's powerful Word spoken to me so I can be a light to others! I need His love and the strengthening of my faith in communion! I need His blessing as I follow His call as a pastor to the people of St. Paul's!! I know I need this - and as a Pastor and fellow brother in Christ - I know that you need it too!

So, when we go on vacation, let's not take a vacation away from God! Because our souls need to be regularly recharged with the refreshing promise of God's forgiveness in Christ. Jesus extends to us the invitation, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28). If we want to come back from vacation feeling better than when we left, we need to take Jesus with us, that is, we need to take time for the spiritual refreshment that God offers us



through His Word and Sacrament.

Here are few things you can do to make your vacation spiritually uplifting (and pleasing to God):

1. Determine the location of an LCMS congregation nearest your vacation destination. To find it, go to (<https://locator.lcms.org/church>) put in the town and/or the zip code and search, or you can talk to me. Visiting a church while away can create fond memories and connect you with the larger body of believers.
2. If there are to congregations near you, consider having your own personal worship service - you can join our livestream worship during the 8:30am worship service at (<https://stpaulslutheran.net/live-stream-services/>).
3. Don't forget to support the Lord's work while you're on vacation. Whether you're giving your gift to the church your visiting, or your saving up your offering envelopes to put in the basket when you return, or giving online, remember that the need for God's gifts to us don't stop when we're on vacation. Therefore, neither should our gifts to Him.

I pray that we all will be encouraged to not put our faith lives on the shelf this summer. Just as flowers need sunlight and rain to grow, so also do we need to stay active to keep our faith from being choked out.

I look forward to seeing you often this summer. But when I don't (when either of us are on vacation), I pray that we will still be taking time to find in Jesus the spiritual refreshment that only He can give.

Let's stay connected to Him this summer through devotions, Bible Study and Worship!

Blessings in Him!

Pastor Karl Koeppen

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A NEW FISCAL YEAR - WALKING WITH JESUS!

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Greetings in the name of our Chief Steward, Jesus Christ!

I hope and pray you are having an enjoyable summer spending some time with your family. Outdoor activities in the summer with friends and family can be great fun. If you are doing some traveling, I encourage you to attend worship services wherever your travels take you (*more about that in earlier articles*).

Your financial gifts, your prayers, and your partnership in the mission and ministries of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School couldn’t be more encouraging! I thank God for you, and all He is doing through the stewardship of the resources He has given you to manage.

You may know that our fiscal year begins on July 1st. Through the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, He encourages us to partner together to do the things Jesus did: **PREACH** the Word of God, **GIVE** generously, **FEED** the hungry, **CARE** for the hurting, **WELCOME** the outcast, **ENCOURAGE** and disciple each other in the faith.

In all these things, we reach out with God’s precious abundant love.

Your support through the giving of your time, your abilities, and your money - expresses your love and makes it possible for us to extend God’s forgiveness, strength, love and care to our members and out into the community. Thank you!

The budget we passed at our May Voter’s meeting is ambitious.

We voted on a budget of over \$2,000,000.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

This is a big number. But it is a number that reflects the continued ministry opportunities for our church and school! It reflects our care for all of our church and school workers. It especially reflects the growing ministry opportunities our school is experiencing with fuller classrooms and waiting lists in many classes. Praise God!

My prayer is that God continues to provide for us, lead us, and empower us to be His light and life into our community. There is no greater impact that we can make in this world than to change lives for eternity by the power and the Word of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel, for your encouragement, and for the love you so openly express through word and deed.

Serving Christ together, Pastor Karl Koeppen

Redeeming Easter from Pagan Lies

During the Easter season in the checkout line, I find my eyes drawn to periodicals that claim to have the true origins of Easter. In many magazines, the claim is that Easter is a holiday taken from German pagans. The story is that the word Easter is taken from the Germanic goddess, Ēostre, and that the celebration of Easter is linked to the spring festival celebrating this goddess. As with many lies, there is some truth to this claim. The Anglo-Saxons that settled England appropriated the name of the German spring festival Ēostre as the name for the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. Why this was done, no one really knows. In the 8th century, the Venerable Bede, a British monk, speculated that the word Easter was adopted because the festival fell during the Germanic month of Eosturmonath (Ēostre’s month). Similarly, the word Lent derives from the ancient German word for “spring.” The German Christians settling in England in the 5th century simply did not see a problem of adopting the term Easter to refer to the Festival of Resurrection of the Lord – even if it is problematic for some in the 21st century.

Finally putting the myth, Easter has pagan origins, to rest, most of Europe and the world refer to the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord as Pascha. In 1 Corinthians 5:7, Paul refers to Jesus as the Passover lamb. For Paul, the resurrection of our Lord is the new Passover where God passes over our sin as a result of Jesus’ defeat of sin, death, and the Devil. In the early church, Pascha became the default name for the day of our Lord’s resurrection. Another traditional name for Easter is simply Resurrection Day. These names are rooted in the Scriptures, are more widespread than the English name Easter, and were the names for Easter long before Germans settled England.

The festival of Easter is in no way related to Ēostre. In fact, the very fact that the German Christians were comfortable with the name Easter shows us that, while the pagan names remained, the life of the pagan cult was already dead by the time Christians adopted the name Easter. Christians simply baptized the name, and it has been in use ever since. There is no need to get rid of the word Easter even if it originally had pagan origins. Easter is a completely acceptable name for the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord.

I think this problem of the name “Easter” points to a greater controversy. Easter will always be controversial because the message of Easter is that Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and the Devil. The cross is a scandal to the world, “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Cor. 1:18) We should expect controversy regarding Easter because Easter changes our entire perspective on life. Death no longer has the final say. As Paul proclaims, “Death is

swallowed up in victory.” O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 15:54-57)

The reason for the Easter season is to celebrate Christ’s victory over death – the death of loved ones in the faith and our own death. He comes in victory to give life. “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.’” In the resurrection of our Lord, we find truth – that God has swallowed up death once and for all. (Is. 25:8) Rejoice in the truth of Easter! Jesus’ truth sets us free from the tyranny of death. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen.

God’s Blessings,
Pastor Roger Drinnon



**BIBLE
STUDY &
FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

“GALATIANS” BIBLE STUDY

When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am

Location: Room 131

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

“To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.”

– Dr. Martin Luther

What is the purpose of the Law? What is the power of the Law over a Christian? Come and join Pastor Drinnon on a journey through Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians. In this epistle, Paul gives one of the clearest defenses of the Gospel against the Judaizers – a group that sought to bring Christians back under the Law of Moses. Paul unpacks the implications of Christ’s incarnation, life, death, and resurrection – that we are saved by grace alone. The greatest gift we have is Christ’s righteousness.



“ROMANS” BIBLE CLASS

When: Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Location: Fellowship Hall, Downtown

Teacher: Roy Cordes

Paul’s letter to the Christians (Jews & Gentiles) in Rome was designed to assist them in their Christian walk to help them witness while living in a very corrupt society during the 1st century. The class will apply all of these Christian living principles to the same corrupt society during the 21st century. We will study God’s Word to help us become witnesses to the Gospel and lead others to Christ by our Christian walk.

“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 work room. **We will pray together again on June 7th & July 5th.**

MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled “Christianity in the First Three Centuries” by Paul Maier.

Please join him on **Saturday, June 25th and July 23rd at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God’s Word over coffee and breakfast.

“THE PARABLES OF JESUS”

HOME BIBLE STUDY

Jesus’ parables are timeless and powerful. Their characters are memorable: the Good Samaritan, the shepherd who searches for the lost sheep, the noble man who invites society’s outcasts to his banquet after the elite turn him down. Here are extraordinary insights and illustrations explaining 11 parables Jesus told on His way from Galilee to His death in Jerusalem. You will “see” the stories come alive through Middle Eastern eyes. Dr. Harry Wendt’s 40 years as pastor, writer and teacher around the world; Dr. Kenneth Bailey’s 40 years as a Professor of New Testament in seminaries in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus and author of several well-known books for laypeople on parables; and Kenarelle Beard’s gift for memorable illustrations combine to make this Bible study a treasure-trove of biblical insights for any layperson. **Pastor David Bottorff will lead participants through this Bible study each fourth Tuesday at 7pm at his and Marilyn’s home at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais with food served afterwards.** Please call 815-304-4553 if you would like to come to this home Bible study for 12 participants.



LWML NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 2023

LWML will celebrate 80 years of mission support at its 40th biennial convention in Milwaukee in June 2023. Part of the Scripture verse for the convention is "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12a). Share the joy by attending and/or signing up to help with this special event in our "Cooler by the Lake" LWML districts! It's going to be fun! You can order a convention logo polo shirt and sign up to experience the joy of serving as a convention worker. Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.



PRAIRIEVIEW GOLF OUTING

Come join the fun or sponsor a hole at the 33rd Annual Prairieview Golf Outing on **Friday, June 10th**. The \$75 fee includes green fee, cart, dinner by The Longbranch, range balls, lunch, and 2 free drink tickets. Register by June 1st. A \$150 donation will feature your company at a hole, on a promotional flyer, our website and Facebook, and in our Annual Report. Call 815.269.2970 or go to www.prairieviewlutheran.com (use the Donation tab and select Golf Participant or Golf Sponsor in the drop-down box).

BUILDING 429, I AM THEY & APOLLO LTD.

The Iroquois County Fair presents Building 429, I Am They, and Apollo LTD on **July 23rd at 8:00 pm**. Tickets are \$25 each and include gate admission for the day.

Building 429 has garnered widespread popular and critical acclaim, receiving numerous accolades all while delivering hit songs with a consistent message of hope along with high-energy concerts in sold-out venues internationally.

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, June 10th at 6:00 pm**. Location to be determined. Watch the weekly announcements for details.

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. Also, you won’t want to miss the Oberammergau Passion Play! For more information about this special opportunity contact Pastor Clayton at pastor@zionmascoutah.org. Act now to be included in this wonderful opportunity!





LWML SERVANT EVENT

LWML will once again be collecting used eye glasses, sun glasses and eye glass cases for MOST Ministries. The glasses will be cleaned, sorted and used at vision clinics on various mission trips. The people being served are excited to receive a new pair of glasses whenever the mission teams arrive in their villages. Many times they walk several miles just to receive a new pair of glasses. Please bring your contributions to the school site and drop them in the box marked LWML EYEGLASSES COLLECTION. There will also be a box by the elevator at the church outside the sanctuary. Glasses will be collected from June 1st - June 30th. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to "Serve the Lord with Gladness"!



PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

The Prairieview Fall Festival is Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th. St. Paul's is once again doing the used book booth. Sign-up sheets will be out later this summer to haul and set-up the books Thursday, work the book booth both days, and pack up the books after the festival. We also need 6 pies.

Right now, we are collecting books! (No textbooks please) They can also use items for other booths: scarves, purses, jewelry, plants, produce & baked goods. Items can be brought to the school or downtown site.

The Fall Festival is Prairieview's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds go towards different project to improve the facility. One of the biggest projects completed was the construction of a new dining room.

The Fall Festival is a great small-town festival. Some of the activities are a 5K walk/run, quilt auction and petting zoo. There will be a Woodworth fish fry on Friday and grilled pork chops on Saturday. Booths are open both days, along with a bingo tent, silent auction (with different items each day) and various entertainment. A detailed schedule will be available later this summer.

If you have any questions about helping with the Fall Festival or you need books picked up from your home, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855 or 815-216-0240.

COUNTY FAIR ORGANIZER

August 3rd -7th is this year's Kankakee County Fair. This summer will be the last year that Dee Cordes will organize St. Paul's booth at the fair. She is willing to have a new person work through the process with her this year so they can be prepared for that responsibility for the summer of 2023. This could be used toward partnership hours for school families. Volunteers will also be needed to work the booth this year. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please call the church office at 815-932-0312 or Dee Cordes at 815-212-0405 (cell) or 815-304-5002 (home).

BUILDING FUND PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS

Just a friendly reminder that all payments made to the building fund through June 30, 2022 will be applied to the principal of the loan. Please consider using tax refunds/mandatory distributions towards a payment to this fund. Thank you for your consideration.

INSTALLATION WEEKEND

All new Board Members and Directors will be installed on Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th at the worship service they attend. Present officers and board members will be rededicated.



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, June 5th, the Youth are hosting a Car Wash While You Worship fundraiser. For a donation you can drop off your keys as you enter church and the youth will wash your car while you worship and return your car to the parking spot all clean and ready for you as you leave worship.



OLD TOWEL DONATION

Car washes use so many towels that no matter how many we have, it never seems to be enough. So, if you have old towels you would like to donate to the youth for car washes, please drop them off at the downtown church or school location.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming back **Sunday, June 12th through Wednesday, June 15th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm** and it's going to be better than ever! Take a 3-day journey with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith and how to serve & love others. On the 4th day, we will wrap up the adventure with a mystery family event.

VBS will be open to the public so please feel free to invite your kids' friends and register your nieces, nephews and grandkids too! Please call the church office at 815-932-0312 to register or stop by the registration table between services on Sunday, May 29th.

The youth's *Be The Church* mission week will run parallel to VBS so there will also be mission-based activities for all ages throughout the week!

BE THE CHURCH 2022

Be The Church Local Mission Week is coming soon to St. Paul's. **June 11th - 15th** there will opportunities for 7th-12th graders to do service projects in our community and at St. Paul's church and school. There will be a variety of projects each day - from landscape work to cleaning to painting to blanket tying to care box packing to helping at Vacation Bible School. There will be many opportunities to serve while hanging out with other youth and adults. All current 6th graders through high school grads and even college students and adults are invited to participate in Be The Church Local Mission Week. You can participate as much or as little as your schedule allows because all projects will be local and we do not require a full week commitment. Come participate in any of or all the days of Mission Week. The cost to participate is \$25 and will cover the cost of food and extra fun. You can find participation forms and a sign-up sheet at the VBS sign-up table between services on Sunday, May 29th or contact Sarah Cherry at sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or 815-651-6864.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
At work in the community



2022 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

St. Paul's is sending 8 youth and 4 adults to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in July. This synod wide event happens every three years and we are excited to send a group again. Please pray for the group as they travel and that they may grow in their faith as they do Bible study and worship with 20,000 other youth and adults in Houston, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

While Children's Sunday School is on hiatus until after Labor Day, there will be several opportunities to attend Family Sunday School in July and August. Please watch the weekly announcements for details.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Andrew Kubal and Seth McHugh, who share the title of Co-Valedictorians of this year's 8th grade class and also to Sophia Brandenburg, the Salutatorian. God's blessings to the entire class as they embark on this new adventure.

TUITION ASSISTANCE DRIVE

Over 158 years ago, St. Paul's Lutheran Church opened its school doors and we have been a cornerstone in this community ever since. It is especially important today that a Christian education is accessible to everyone. For this reason, we have extended the tuition assistance drive in the hopes that we can help make this a reality for more families. After all, "if we don't teach the children to follow Jesus, the world will teach them not to". There are still lots of envelopes left! If you feel so moved, please grab an envelope off the giving board in the school lobby, fill it with the corresponding dollar amount and drop it off in the office. Thank you!



SUMMER GARDEN CLUB

A garden is a great place to learn about God’s creation and have fun. In 2009, St. Paul’s received a grant to start a Children's Garden. Since then, an Eagle Scout has given our garden a facelift .

Garden Club meets once a week to work on the garden. The time begins with a devotion. The rest of the time is divided between working in the garden, making a craft project and enjoying a snack.

Garden Club returns this summer. Students entering first grade and up who are interested in gardening are invited to join us. We will meet on Tuesday mornings in June and July from 9:30 until 11:00. Parents are welcome to stay and help. A \$15 fee will be charged to cover expenses. Our final meeting time on August 3rd will be a trip to visit Morton Arboretum. If you are interested, please contact the church office for a registration form and more details.

WELCOME AMBER OLNEY!

If you stop by the office, please give Amber a warm welcome as our new school secretary. Amber has three young children that attend St. Paul’s and she brings valuable experience as well as a compassionate spirit. We are delighted to have her on our staff!

SUMMER TRIP ORDERING

What is TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)?

* Raise money by using gift cards to pay for everyday purchases. Choose from hundreds of your favorite brands and retailers!

* Pay face value for gift cards and a portion of what you spend will be credited to St. Paul’s and a portion will be applied to your school account to be used for tuition, lunch or extended care.

* If you do not have children that attend St. Paul’s, you may donate your share to a school family or to St. Paul’s.

How do I order?

* Contact Julie Salzman at 815-530-7320 or juliesalzman@stpaulslutheran.net. She will place orders weekly. Submit your request to her by Thursday for delivery no later than the following Friday.

* Install the RaiseRight app and order your gift cards electronically. This can even be done while waiting in the checkout line!

APRIL MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Baptized	1792
Communicant	1328
Communing	380
Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship (as of the end of the month):	
Month	338
Year-to-date	247

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES

(through April)

Thankofferings

Receipts: (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School + Electronic) \$63,649.23

Needed Monthly: \$74,266.83

% of Need: 85.70%

Building Fund

Receipts:(Envelopes+Electronic) \$11,946.00

Monthly Total Needed: \$13,333.33

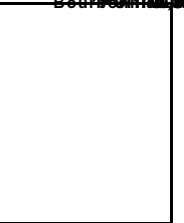
% of need: 89.60%


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.

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4 5:00pm Worship (C) 	
5 8:30am Worship (S) 9:50am Youth & Adult Bible Study (S) 11:05am Worship (S) 	6 7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (S)  MEETING	7 10:00am Adult Bible Class (C) 6:00pm First Things First (S)	8	9	10	11 BE THE CHURCH 8:00am SHP Bed Build (S) 9:00am LWML Board Meeting (C) 5:00pm Worship (C) 	
12	13	BE THE CHURCH MISSION WEEK & VBS			16	17	18 5:00pm Worship (C) 
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Serving our Lord in June

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., June 5	8:30 am 11:05 am	Carter Stell, Zoey Goranson Pippa and Rowen Dunnill
Sun., June 12	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lillian Bloomquist, Seth McHugh Ryan Sarkozi, Cecily Richardson
Sun., June 19	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hope Brammer, Archie Schutters Natalie and Joshua Cherry
Sun., June 26	8:30 am 11:05 am	Carter Stell, Ethan Anderson Haley O'Keefe, Yasenia Rios-Alvarez

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., June 4 Sun., June 5	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Dee Cordes Melody Trudeau	Sat., June 11 Sun., June 12	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Dennis Hess John Veers Sharla Ronchetto
Sat., June 18 Sun., June 19	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Bill Balgeman Ruth Fabbro	Sat., June 25 Sun., June 26	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Georgia Hess Roy Cordes Debbie Turrell

TRUSTEE SCHEDULES

Sat & Sun., June 4 & 5 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Jim Trudeau 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Sat. & Sun., June 11 & 12 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Brian Porter 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Sat & Sun., June 18 & 19 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Bill Ostrowski
Sat. & Sun., June 25 & 26 5:00 pm - Fred Langelett 8:30 am - Nathan Raloff 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau		



Serving our Lord in July

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., July 3	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lex and Emma Bourassa Natalie and Joshua Cherry
Sun., July 10	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lillian Bloomquist, Archie Schutters Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
Sun., July 17	8:30 am 11:05 am	Seth McHugh, Hope Brammer Benjamin and Andrew Kubal
Sun., July 24	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ethan Anderson, Haley O'Keefe Lex and Emma Bourassa
Sun., July 31	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hailey Porter, Cooper Bade Alena LaGesse, Ryan Sarkozi

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., July 2 Sun., July 3	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Richard Engel Loree Yoakum Donna Ray	Sat., July 9 Sun., July 10	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Georgia Hess Bill Balgeman Melody Trudeau
Sat., July 16 Sun., July 17	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert JoAnn Hess Karen Beatty	Sat., July 23 Sun., July 24	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Dennis Hess Dee Cordes Debbie Turrell
Sat., July 30 Sun., July 31	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Pat Hatch Roy Cordes Dave Bottorff			

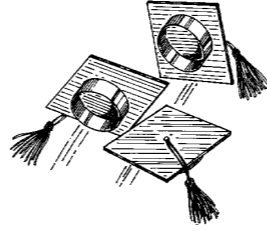
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Graduates

If your son or daughter is graduating this spring or was a mid-year graduate, we ask that you please provide the church office with the following information. Your help is appreciated.



Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, June 5th, 2022.

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Student's name:

Graduating from: 8th grade High School College

What Grade School or High School graduated from:

What High School or College attending:

What College graduated from:

What type of Degree received:
