

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - November 19th & 20th

"THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST"

When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am

Location: Room 131

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." *Hebrews 1:1-2a* What is the most important thing in your life? Career, family, friends? While each of these are good gifts of God in our life, there is one person who reigns supreme in our lives as Christians. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the Inspired Author eloquently proclaims Jesus as the supreme fulfillment of the Old Testament. This same Jesus now reigns as the supreme Son of God over the entire world. Please join us as we journey through the Letter to the Hebrews and explore how Christ is supreme over all things in our lives.

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. They will be collected during the offering. If you are visiting, please feel free to include your address and phone number. You may also include any prayer requests on the attendance card.

"GOSPEL OF MARK" BIBLE STUDY

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6-8 pm

Location: Resource Room

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

In this Bible study, we will be going through the Gospel of Mark. Mark's gospel is traditionally symbolized with a lion – recounting the first verses of the gospel, "The voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness." Although the Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the gospels, its message is just as significant as the other three gospels. In Mark, we see Christ coming to inaugurate the Kingdom of God through the preaching and teaching of who He is – the One who will be the ransom for many. While we may be familiar with the story of Christ from the gospel accounts, the Gospel of Mark is meant to be read and reread. There is always something new to discover as we read God's Word. So join us to dig deeper into Scripture and to grow in knowledge, faith, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. We will meet again on **December 8th**. It's not too late to join us!

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Baby Bottle Drive has concluded. If you took a baby bottle, please return it as soon as possible - full or empty. Thank you so much!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be

Sunday, December 11th at 5 pm at our downtown church. All

preschool through 5th grade students are invited to participate. Students will spend some time each week during the Sunday School hour preparing for the program so Sunday School attendance in November and December is critical as we get ready to share the Christmas message. There will also be two Saturday rehearsals at the downtown church on December 3rd and 10th from 9 am to 11 am. (Preschool and kindergarten students need not attend the rehearsal on December 3rd.) We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus through scripture and song!

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, **November 20th**, we will be hosting a Family Sunday School, where we will be preparing an Advent Calendar kit for each family to take home and do throughout the Christmas season. We will meet in the gym at 9:50. Please consider joining us!



ATTENTION 5th - 12th GRADE BAND STUDENTS!

We are coordinating a youth worship band for the **8:30 am worship service on December 18th**. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 am at the school. For more information and to indicate your interest, please email Bill Dyche (bill.dyche66@gmail.com) or text (815-592-0870). Please include your name, grade, and instrument in your message.

BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY

If you ordered Butter Braids from our Youth Group and would like to have them in time for Thanksgiving, they will be available for pick-up on **November 22nd from 4pm to 5pm** at the school. Otherwise they will be in the freezer in the cafeteria for pick-up on Sundays.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Trustees is looking for an additional person to lock and unlock the church downtown and operate the bells, especially over the upcoming holidays. If you are interested, please call or text Tom Stirnaman at 309-531-1370.



The 2023 offering envelopes are now available for pick-up. If you typically attend church on Saturday evening, your envelopes are in Fellowship Hall. If you attend on Sundays, your envelopes are in the hallway outside of the school library. If you have been giving online, you may not have envelopes. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office at 932-0312. We thank you for your generous spirit. God bless you!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



The Youth Ministry is looking for people who love to bake who are willing to donate cookies to our Christmas Cookie Sale. We are looking for people to donate 9-10 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookie but any size donation is welcome. Cookies can be dropped off to the church office on December 15th or 16th. **If you would like to make cookies to donate, please sign up with Sarah Cherry by December 4th.** Sarah can be reached at 815-651-6864 or you may sign up at the cookie ordering table between services on Sundays starting Nov 20th.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On **December 18th**, the Youth Board is hosting a potluck lunch after the late service (approx 12:30 pm). After lunch we will break into groups of adults and youth to go Christmas caroling around our county to visit our shut-ins. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate.



ADVENT DEVOTIONS

The Lutheran Hour Ministries' devotions, called "A Son Is Given", will be available for pick-up beginning on Thanksgiving. In "A Son Is Given", we look at the promise of God to send His Messiah as fulfilled in Jesus. The Heavenly Father made good on His ancient pledge. In Jesus we have the love of God come to earth in the form of a Child, who is for us the Savior of the world.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

When: Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
Location: Fellowship Hall
Teacher: Roy Cordes

When I was growing up, the KJV of the Bible said the third person of God was the Holy Ghost. During my teaching career He became known as the Holy Spirit. When I look up the original text they use the word Paraclete. It doesn't matter what we call Him - **beginning Tuesday, November 15th**, we will be studying and discussing **WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**. We will start with His "job description" and then look up every passage that uses the term Holy Spirit. Where does the Holy Spirit live? I don't know about you, due to God's grace and my faith He lives in my heart! Join us for Bible study!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Don't forget to take time during your celebrations to thank God for all His blessings. Join us for Thanksgiving services at the beautiful downtown church on **Wednesday, Nov 23rd at 7pm** or **Thursday, Nov. 24th at 10am**.



All 7th - 12th graders of St. Paul's Church and School are invited to be a part of St. Paul's Youth Ministry. Each month there are two Youth Nights - on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 6pm to 8pm at the St. Paul's School Campus. **The next Youth Night will be Sunday, November 27th.**

Each Sunday morning there is Youth Bible class between the church services (9:45-10:45am) and the 6th graders are invited to join the 7th - 12th graders as they study various topics. Extra events and fundraisers also happen throughout the year so watch for details on other fun things coming up. Youth are encouraged to bring friends and adults are invited to get involved. Please contact Sarah Cherry at sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or 815-651-6864 with any questions.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

PTL has purchased two beautiful Christmas trees to be displayed during school functions and worship services. On **Wednesday, November 30th**, we will have a special lighting ceremony at the school chapel service at **8:30 am**. Everyone is invited to attend as we dedicate this thoughtful addition to our worship services.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE



Our annual canned food drive **will run through November**. The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry by bringing in nonperishable food and non-food items like: paper towels, toilet paper, foil, wax paper, tissues, canned beans and vegetables, beef stew, canned chicken, tuna, breakfast cereal (hot or cold), pancake/biscuit mix, syrup, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, brownie and cake mix, jello and pudding mix, soups and crackers. No laundry detergent please. As we head into the holidays, now is a great time to reflect on everything that we have been blessed with and to share our gifts with those less fortunate. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church.

LWML MITE SUNDAY

This weekend LWML will once again be available to collect your change to benefit mission grants around the world. This month's mission grant is for **Strengthening the Lutheran Mission Kuna Idaho**. Kuna, Idaho is listed as the seventh most rapidly growing urban/suburban area in the United States. A new church has been planted in Kuna and Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, Boise, is its mother congregation. Kuna Lutheran is currently meeting for worship in the local high school with up to 60 people in attendance. The congregation wants to build their own sanctuary and other facilities from which to conduct growing congregational activities, but they are first in need of a parcel of land. The grant funds will assist in the purchase. The mission of Kuna Lutheran is to celebrate God the Father's love for us in creating us and giving His Son; connecting in faith with Jesus, our Savior; connecting with others in love and care; and communicating God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit.



T.R.I.P. ORDERING

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner? Shopping on Black Friday? Use T.R.I.P. cards to fund your purchases for the upcoming holidays!

What is T.R.I.P. (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.

* Install the RaiseRight app and order your gift cards electronically. This can even be done while waiting in the checkout line (but be sure to select an e-card if you do this)!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 12th & 13th

Worship Attendance:

Sat., 5:00 pm	59
Sun., 8:30 am	125
Sun, 11:05 am	75
WEEKEND TOTAL	259

Adult Bible Class	10
Youth Bible Class	16
Family Sunday School	39

Offerings Given:

General	11,103.82
Building	\$2,430.00
School Ops	\$167.50

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

At the LWML Fall Workshop in October, we packed 150 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. With money received for postage and extra supplies, we were able to add additional boxes making the total number of boxes shipped 230! This is the most boxes we have packed and shipped. God has blessed this ministry with people who donate supplies, postage, their time, and continued prayers. This year, 230 children will be blessed because of what you have done. We praise and thank God for people like you!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist/Pianist: 5:00: Nadine Engel 8:30: Nadine Engel

Audio/Visual: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Melody Trudeau

Live Streaming & Recording:
Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Seth McHugh

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Bruce Clark
8:30: Robert Carruthers, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Bill Balgeman
11:05: Darren Blair

Lay Readers: 5:00: Ken Ebert
8:30: Loree Yoakum
11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Zoey Goranson, Pierce Finnegan
11:05: Hailey Porter, Audrey Nordmeyer

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Brian Porter
11:05: Bill Ostrowski

Ushers: 5:00: Fred Langelett, Jim Sharper, Terry Treece, Rob Wood
8:30: Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
11:05: Mike Callan, Dan Friesner, Dustin Rennewanz

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Debbie Turrell, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Nov. 20	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Studies (Bourb) Family Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon, Nov. 21	7:00 pm	NO SCHOOL Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Nov. 22	10:00 am 4:00 pm	NO SCHOOL Adult Bible Class (Downtown) Butter Braid Pick-Up (Bourb)
Wed, Nov. 23	7:00 pm	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Worship Service (Downtown)
Thur, Nov. 24	10:00 am	THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Worship Service (Downtown)
Fri, Nov. 25		NO SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSED
Sat, Nov. 26	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun, Nov. 27	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Studies (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.