

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - November 26th & 27th

"THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST"

When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am

Location: Room 131

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

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. 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.

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.

"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 so that we may send them back. Thank you so much!

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!

ADVENT DINNERS

We do the cooking, you do the eating! Our first Advent midweek service, and along with it, our first Advent dinner is this **Wednesday, November 30th** in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church. The dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm prior to the 7:00 pm worship service. Lasagna, salad and garlic bread will be provided by and served by Parish Fellowship. Coffee, lemonade and dessert will also be available. A freewill offering will be taken. Please join us for food and fellowship and then worship!



ATTENTION 5th - 12th GRADE BAND STUDENTS!

We are coordinating a youth worship band for the **8:30 am worship service on December 18th**. This opportunity is open to St. Paul's and public school musicians. 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 respond by Friday, December 9th and include the student's first and last name, grade, and instrument, along with your preferred email address.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

The Lutheran Hour Ministries' devotions, called "A Son Is Given", is now available for pick-up before and after all church services. 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.

BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY

If you ordered Butter Braids from our Youth Group and have not picked them up, they may be picked up on Sundays from the upright freezer in the cafeteria.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES



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!

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.



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.

BRADLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

On **Friday, December 2nd**, the Village of Bradley will present their annual lighted Christmas parade beginning at 6:30 pm. This year's theme is "Candy Land Christmas" and St. Paul's PTL is doing a float for the first time. There will be a limited number of seats on the float but if you would like to walk alongside the float as a witness for our ministry, please contact the church office at 815-932-0312 for details. The more walkers we have, the bigger impact we'll make!

TABLES OF EIGHT 2023

Have you ever said "hello" to someone at church on Sunday morning and thought "They seem nice. I'd like to get to know them better."? Well, now is your chance! St. Paul's Tables of Eight 2023 begins in January and so it is time to sign up for this fun social event! Four randomly grouped couples meet once a month for four months in each others' homes for dinner. This is a purely social event and a great way to get to know each other better. The dates for this year's dinners are January 21st, February 18th, March 18th and April 15th (all Saturdays). You need to be able to host 8 adults for dinner. This event is for adults only, giving parents a night out on their own. If you cannot host 8 people or cannot attend all four dinners, we always need substitutes and you are welcome to sign up on our alternate list.

Sign ups will take place after services November 27th, December 3rd & 4th and December 17th & 18th. Stop by our table in the cafeteria during coffee hour or talk to Lynda after church on Saturdays to find out more about Tables of Eight and sign up for the fun! If you have any questions or are not able to sign up at church, contact Lynda Koeppen at 592-2701 or lykoeppen@comcast.net by December 22nd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On **Sunday, December 18th**, we will have a birthday party for Jesus. There will be no Sunday School on December 25th or January 1st. Regular classes will resume on January 8th.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

PTL has graciously donated 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.

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Join Clove Alliance, formerly known as KC-CASA, at the Kankakee County Museum (801 S. 8th, Kankakee) on **Thursday, December 1st from 5 pm to 7 pm** as they celebrate 35 years of providing hope and healing. Help them honor their growth and commemorate their bright future. View their interactive history timeline, learn how to support survivors of sexual violence, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and live music. For more information, send a message to info@clovealliance.org.



SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)

Going Christmas shopping? Hosting Christmas dinner? Buying gift cards for the people on your list that are impossible to shop for? Shop T.R.I.P. first! It's easy to make money for your child's or grandchild's school account and St. Paul's while paying face value for gift cards from over 750 retailers including Amazon, Walmart, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Old Navy, Target, Jewel-Osco, i-Tunes, Barnes & Noble! Call or text Julie Salzman at 815-530-7320 to place your order.. The last order will go in on December 5th in order to get them before Christmas break. We do carry a stock of cards so you can still place orders after that but there is no guarantee that what you want will be available. You can also download e-cards from the Raise Right app at any time (just make sure you select an e-card and not a gift card)!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

On **Saturday, December 3rd**, Zion Lutheran Church in Chebanse will be hosting their 15th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Everyone is invited!

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

When: Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Location: Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Roy Cordes

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart for 2023 is now up. The chart will be posted at the downtown church through January 1st and then will be moved out to the school. 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. Please include your phone number next to your name.



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.



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

On Sundays, there is Youth Bible class between the church services and the 6th graders are invited to join as well as they study various topics. Watch for details on special events and fundraisers throughout the year! 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.

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 19th & 20th

Worship Attendance:

Sat., 5:00 pm	55
Sun., 8:30 am	136
Sun, 11:05 am	73
WEEKEND TOTAL	264

Adult Bible Class	6
Youth Bible Class	10
Family Sunday School	79
(including 8 preschool/kindergarten children and 25 elementary age children)	

Offerings Given:

General	\$28,245.42
Building	.\$1,157.00
School Ops	\$337.50

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, Brody Brinkmann

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

Lay Readers: 5:00:
8:30: Bill Balgeman
11:05: David Bottorff

Acolytes: 8:30: Andrew Kubal, Trenton Stephens
11:05: Pippa Dunnill, Shana Price

Trustees: 5:00: Mike Hatch
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Elizabeth Kubal, Mellody McDonald
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Nov. 27	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult & Youth Bible Studies	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, Nov. 28			
Tue, Nov. 29	10:00 am	Adult Bible Class	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Non-St. Paul's)	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:30 pm	Charitable Giving Seminar	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Nov. 30	8:30 am	Christmas Tree Lighting/Chapel	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	5:30 pm	Advent Dinner (Lasagna)	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship Service	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Thur, Dec. 1			
Fri, Dec. 2	6:30 pm	Bradley Christmas Parade	<i>(Broadway)</i>
Sat, Dec. 3	9:00 am	Christmas Program Practice	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Dec. 4	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult & Youth Bible Studies	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)

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