

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School*  
*Announcements - January 1, 2023*

**"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.



**Please note the church and school office will be closed on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.**



**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm** at the school. The Church Council will be announcing its selection of qualified voting members who, together with the pastor(s), shall serve as the Nominating Committee. At this meeting, the voters may submit to the committee the names of possible candidates for the various boards. Please contact the church office if you would like more information about the different boards.

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 of the congregation.



**CIRCUIT-WIDE EPIPHANY SERVICE**

You are invited to celebrate Epiphany with other worshippers from our circuit at **3 pm on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Momence. The lessons-and-hymns service will be followed by a dessert reception.

**TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

**When: Every Tuesday at 10:00 am**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

**Teacher: Roy Cordes**

*"What The Bible Says About the Holy Spirit"* Adult Bible Class will continue at 10 am on Tuesdays in the Church Fellowship Hall this week. Enter at the downtown facility through the alley doors into the atrium. As we study the Holy Spirit of the Old Testament, we find various activities by Him before Pentecost. And after Pentecost His responsibilities multiply and effect every believer for the rest of our earthly lives - and of course will continue to be the third person as the Triune God into eternity. It is never too late to join - if you are looking for a New Year's resolution - here it is!

**"GOSPEL OF MARK" BIBLE STUDY**

**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **January 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**"FIRST THINGS FIRST"**

This prayer ministry, led by Pastor Dave Bottorff, meets on the **first Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm**. at St. Paul's Lutheran School in the cafeteria. **We will pray together again on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

If you have a child in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, they are invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday between the early and late church services. Sunday School begins at 9:50 am and ends at 10:45 pm. Each hour will include a Bible lesson and a game and/or activity that relates to the story. Children should bring their Bible to Sunday School.

Preschoolers and kindergartners meet in the extended care room at the west end of the school. Elementary age children begin in the music room just outside of the gym and then disburse to different classrooms in the upper grade hallway. Children will be rewarded for attending Sunday School with small prizes throughout the year.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night is coming back on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Mark your calendars - you don't want to miss it! It is a great night of fun, laughs, and trivia. You don't have to know much trivia to be part of a team - good teams are filled with people of varied backgrounds and knowledge bases. Start building a team today and get ready for some trivia - some questions even created by the youth of the church. More details to come.



All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the school campus. The next Youth Night will be next **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Each Sunday morning there is Youth Bible class between the church services (9:45-10:45am) and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



If you have an announcement or article that you would like published in the February/March newsletter, please submit your request to the church office **no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may email it to [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call 815-932-0312.

## AN INVITATION

### TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's but not yet become a member? If so we warmly invite you to consider joining our congregation.

If you are:

- ▶ **A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Congregation**, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you need to attend our New Member Orientation Class
- ▶ **A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church**, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes
- ▶ **A member in good standing of another denomination**, we need a release of membership from your church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes
- ▶ **Not a member of another church**, you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes

The next Faith & Membership class will be starting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet at 6:30 pm every Tuesday through March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please check the box "Looking for a Church" or "Interested in Joining" on the attendance card or call the church office at 815-932-0312.

## ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION & PORK CHOP DINNER



The PTL's annual Spring Auction and Pork Chop Dinner will be on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. The auction committee is well underway

working on this event! The silent auction will begin online March 3<sup>rd</sup> and end March 11<sup>th</sup> during the live dinner. If you work for or own a business that would be willing to donate a basket, service, or sponsorship, please let the school office know and we will provide you with the proper paperwork for tax benefits! If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products or experiences for the auction! All donors will be advertised on our auction website, as well as in our Thank You Video, which will run on our school website and Facebook page, and during the live dinner. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. All proceeds from the event will be used to provide teaching supplies for our teachers and to start replacing the outdated smartboards in the classrooms. All donations are due by February 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!





**FELLOWSHIP DINNERS**

We are all part of the family here at St. Paul's, but in this day and age, we often don't know much about each other. One way to overcome this is to join in the Fellowship Dinners that take place about once a month. We visit a different restaurant each month and share a great couple of hours eating and getting to know each other better. No special commitment--you come when you are able. Anyone who has come at least once will tell you how much fun we have. We will meet next on **January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at El Mexicano on the south side of Kankakee. If you would like to join us and have not come before, call Nancy Eden, 248-842-2837, just as a heads up. We look forward to seeing you as we begin 2023 together!

**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!



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The chart will be posted at the downtown church through January 8th and then will be moved out to the school site. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or some special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. **When you sign up for flowers please include your phone number next to your name.** Thank you! The cost is \$25.00 for one vase or \$50.00 for two. **Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church"**. Checks can be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you have any questions regarding altar flowers, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 932-1545 or [lykoeppen@comcast.net](mailto:lykoeppen@comcast.net).



**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay. Please let your friends know that we will be hosting an **Open House on January 5<sup>th</sup>** if they would like to tour our facility and meet the teachers.

Lynda and I want to extend our thanks to everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for the many cards, notes, and gifts over the Christmas season. We are truly humbled by your encouragement and thoughtful generosity. We are so very thankful for the blessing of our church family here at St. Paul's! May the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours in this New Year.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Karl and Lynda Koeppen*

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

*December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Worship Attendance:**

<b>Advent, Dec. 21</b>	<b>49</b>
Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm	229
Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm	127
Christmas Eve, 10:00 pm	83
<b>Christmas Eve Total</b>	<b>439</b>
<b>Christmas Day, 10:00 am</b>	<b>73</b>

**Offerings Given (includes Advent):**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$25,841.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>.\$3,421.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$162.50</b>

A big thank you from the Drinnons to all from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School who sent cards, candy, and gifts this Christmas season. We are certainly blessed to be a part of this church family. May the gift of Jesus Christ this season fill your hearts with joy into the New Year. *Love, Pastor Drinnon and Katrina*

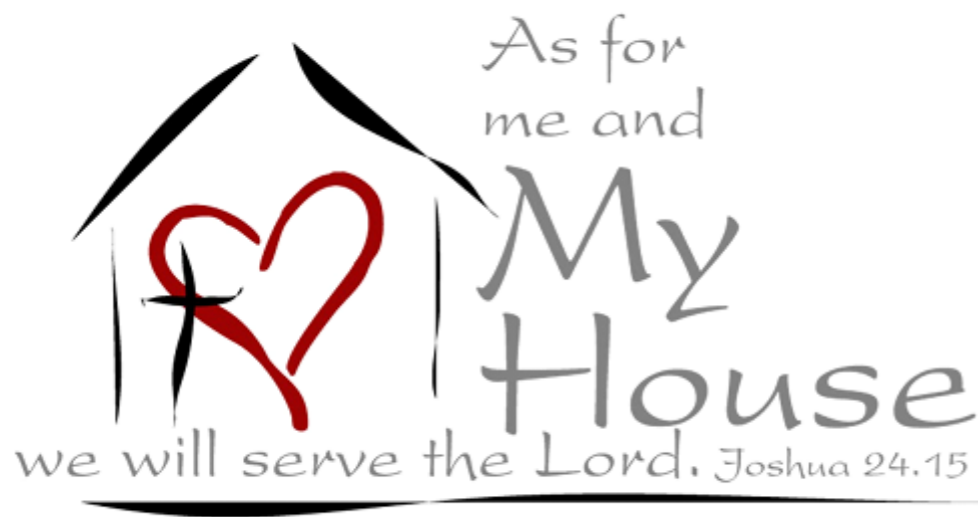
Thank you to Jeff Johnson, Jim Sharper, Bill Krones, Mike Hatch, Rob Wood, Brian Milton, Kim Williams, Joe Kubal, Chris Tomblin, Brandon Tomblin, Judy Browning, Ken Capps, Fred Langelett, Barry Gadbois, Terry Treece, and Kirk Anderson, who ushered for the Christmas services. Their names were inadvertently left out of the bulletin.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon  
**Organist/Pianist:** Nadine Engel  
**Audio/Visual:** Todd Engel  
**Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Gloria Morocho-Loja  
**Lay Ministers:** Greg Deck & Rich Engel  
**Acolytes:** Emma & Lex Bourassa  
**Trustees:** Greg Wheeler  
**Ushers:** Mike Callan, Ken Capps, Bruce Clark, Todd Engel

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Jan. 1</b>	10:00 am	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b> Worship Service - Communion (Downtown)
<b>Mon, Jan. 2</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL / OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Tue, Jan. 3</b>	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>RE-ENROLLMENT OPENS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS</b> Adult Bible Class (Downtown) First Things First Prayer Group (Bourb) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Jan. 4</b>		
<b>Thur, Jan. 5</b>	5:00 pm	Enrollment Open House (Bourb)
<b>Fri, Jan. 6</b>		
<b>Sat, Jan. 7</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Jan. 8</b>	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.**