

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - January 7th & 8th, 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.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

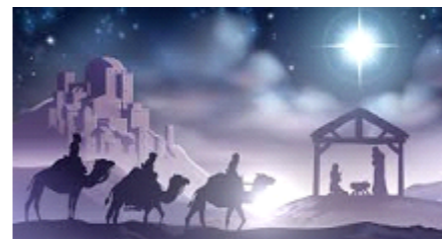
The 2023 offering envelopes are now available at the school location. If you have been giving online, you may not have envelopes. If you cannot find yours or would like yours brought to the downtown church, please contact the church office at 932-0312. We thank you for your generous spirit. God bless you!



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on **Sunday, January 22nd 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 8th** 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: 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 **January 12th**.

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 15th**. You may email it to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call 815-932-0312.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on **Thursday, January 12th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.** We are blessed with a great school, excellent staff and a strong commitment to provide academic excellence in a safe, Christian environment. Please let your friends and neighbors know about St. Paul's and invite them to tour our facility and meet our teachers. St. Paul's has been blessed with increasing enrollment and we are looking to reach more families to join our school and church community. **Enrollment opens to the public on January 17th!**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your have a child in PreK - 5th grade, they are invited to join us for Sunday School every week between the early and late church services. Sunday School begins at 9:50 am and ends at 10:45 pm. There will be a Bible lesson and a game and/or activity that relates to the story.

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 2023

Do you like trivia? Do you need a night out with adults? Do you know lots of Disney songs, movie quotes, or current events? Can you figure out the birds' eye view of famous world landmarks? Are you good at Tribond clues? Are you a fount of useful (or useless), general knowledge? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Trivia Night 2023 is for you.

On **Friday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm** at the St. Paul's School Gym, the Youth of St. Paul's and their families are hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser to help offset the costs of the next LCMS National Youth Gathering. There will be 8-10 rounds of trivia, plus extra fun games. Prizes will be awarded to the winning table. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks (please be responsible if you chose to bring alcohol). Small snacks and drinks will also be available to purchase.

Trivia Night tickets are \$100 per table - with a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 8 - or \$15 per person. Find people to play with you and sign up as a table, or simply sign up to play and we will be put you on a team with other friends from church or school. Sign-up today between Sunday services or on Facebook via a Sign Up Genius link or by contacting Sarah Cherry at 8 1 5 - 6 5 1 - 6 8 6 4 o r sarahcherry30@yahoo.com.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

January 3rd marked the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 9th, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on January 17th. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay.



All 7th - 12th graders 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 **this Sunday, January 8th.**

Each Sunday morning there is Youth Bible class between the church services (9:45-10:45 am) for 6th - 12th graders. There are extra events and fundraisers that 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.

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 17th. The class will meet at 6:30 pm every Tuesday through March 21st. If you are interested, please check the box "Looking for a Church" or "Interested in Joining" on the attendance card along with your contact information 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 11th**. The auction committee is well underway

working on this event! The silent auction will begin online March 3rd and end March 11th 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 6th. Thank you for your support!



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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 13th 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!

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

December 31st & January 1st

Worship Attendance:

New Year's Eve, 6:00 pm	81
New Year's Day, 10:00 am	86
Weekend Total	167

Offerings Given:

General	\$30,298.12
Building	\$3,215.00
School Ops	\$162.50



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

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, Layna Rahn

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Darren Blair
8:30: Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Bruce Clark, Hal Bryant
11:05: Steve Plotezka

Lay Readers: 5:00: Rich Engel
8:30: John Veers
11:05: Melody Trudeau

Acolytes: 8:30: Gloria Morocho-Loja, Haley O'Keefe
11:05: Amelia & Lillian Bloomquist

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: Heidi Ostrowski, Ellana Turrell

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Jan. 8	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Studies (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Circuit-Wide Epiphany Service (Our Savior, Momenca) Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Jan. 9	7:00 pm	ENROLLMENT OPENS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS & SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Jan. 10	10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation Class (Non-St. Paul's) (Bourb) Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Wed, Jan. 11		
Thur, Jan. 12	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	School Open House (Bourb) Mark Bible Study (Bourb)
Fri, Jan. 13	6:00 pm	EARLY DISMISSAL (11:15 / 11:30 am) Fellowship Dinner (El Mexicano)
Sat, Jan. 14	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Jan. 15	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Studies (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)
Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.