

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - February 25th & 26th

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.

"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.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Share this with your friends and family - enrollment is now open to everyone! St. Paul's has a great school, excellent staff and a strong commitment to provide academic excellence in a safe, Christian environment. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay!

WITNESS MOMENT

As was announced last month, the board of Outreach/Connections is sponsoring occasional moments of witness (or testimonials) from your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to share the good work of our Lord. It is not a surprise that the national news seems to be full of Satan's victories. Instead of focusing on that, we want to proclaim the victories of our Good and gracious Lord. Today is the first such Witness moment, given by Elizabeth Kubal. If you wish to share how God has worked in your life (through His guidance, healing, or blessing through joyous and difficult times), please talk to one of the pastors, and they will direct you to a member of the Outreach/Connections board.

The 2022 financial statements are now available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall or at the school, depending on which service you frequent. The envelopes are organized alphabetically by last name. If you cannot find yours, please contact Christie at 932-0312. Thank you for your generosity!

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Chamber Orchestra from Concordia University Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Maurice Boyer, will perform a concert at our school location on Monday, March 27th at 7 pm as part of the ensemble's Spring Tour. The concert is open to the public. Admission is free.

The concert program includes selections from Peer Gynt by Edvard Grieg, Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1, A Somerset Rhapsody by Gustav Holst, the second movement of English Idylls by George Butterworth, Claude Debussy's Marche écossaise, Variations on Noël Nouvelet by Concordia alum Jeremy Zimmer, Alone with the Stars composed by Concordia student Benjamin Verswijver, as well as arrangements of the hymn Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me and All Praise to Thee by Maurice Boyer.

The Chamber Orchestra is the newest touring ensemble at Concordia University Chicago, joining the touring choir, The Kapelle, and the touring wind ensemble, Wind Symphony in blessing audiences with music made to the glory of God. For more information on the Chamber Orchestra and its tours and concerts see the following link:

<https://www.cuchicago.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-theology-arts--humanities/division-of-arts/music/music-ensembles/chamber-orchestra>.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

When: Every Tuesday at 9:30 am
Location: Downtown, Fellowship Hall
Teacher: Roy Cordes

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT? The class is discussing 100 Bible passages and looking at them in context as God's Word is instructing us about the Holy Spirit and His work in today's world. Questions asked by class members are also researched and explained. Feel free to join us anytime - enter at the alley doors and proceed to Fellowship Hall.

"GOSPEL OF MARK" BIBLE STUDY

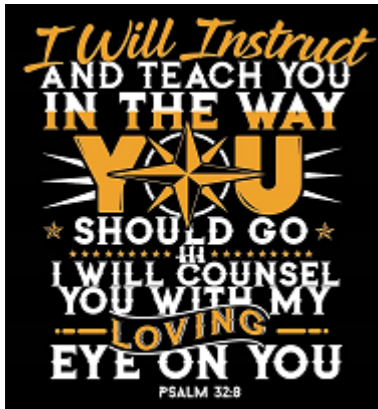
When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6-8 pm
Location: Resource Room
Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

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." 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. So join us to dig deeper into Scripture and to grow in knowledge, faith, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. This Bible study will be livestreamed and the link will be available on the **St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Community Group** Facebook page.



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, February 26th**.

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.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The new Lenten devotion is now available at both the school and downtown church locations.

Man of Sorrows, People of Joy paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.

Our Lord Jesus, though divine in nature, took on human form and thus became intimately acquainted with our griefs and sorrow (see Isaiah 53:1-6). That God would send His Son to bear our sins and die on our behalf is testament to God's unbounded love—a love that declares believers innocent through the Savior's triumphant resurrection.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Don't leave FREE money on the table! If you have a Thrivent insurance policy or annuity product, you may be eligible to choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funding. **Call 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836) by March 31st to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**

PTL's ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION & PORK CHOP DINNER....

will be **Saturday, March 11th**. Auction items will be on display starting February 25th. The silent auction will begin online March 3rd and run through 7pm on March 11th. You can sign up for text notifications and auto-bidding on the auction website. We've received some amazing and unique donations so be sure to check it out!



The Iroquois Pork Producers will be providing and grilling the scrumptious pork chops again and the kitchen will be open from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm for dine in and take out. We will also be offering a drive through option between 11:30 am and 4:00 pm. There will be numerous live auction items and games between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm so everyone is encouraged to come in and get in on the fun! Make it a date night - babysitting will be available for a freewill donation!

This Sunday, February 26th, is the last day to buy tickets. PTL is hosting coffee hour so please stop by the coffee hour table to buy your tickets! Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to provide



teaching supplies and to replace the outdated smartboards in the classrooms. We are looking forward to another successful event thanks to your support!

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY POSITION OPENING

Applications are now being accepted by the Day School Board for a full-time preschool teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The applicant must have a minimum of an Early Childhood Degree and three years experience in early childhood or early elementary education. The resume must include the following information:

Name - Address - Email - Phone Number
Objective - Employment Experiences - Education - Personal Skills - Volunteer Experience - References

Deadline for submission of the resume is Friday, March 3rd.

WE COOK, YOU EAT!

Lenten dinners begin this Wednesday, March 1st, and will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in



Fellowship Hall prior to worship at 7:00 pm. This week's dinner is served by the Board of Human Care. The menu is: BBQ sandwiches, chips, applesauce, veggies. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 pm.

LWML LENTEN INSPIRATION

On **March 18th**, LWML will be hosting Lenten Inspiration 2023 featuring guest speakers Rev. Dr. David Peter and Rev. Dr. Allan Buss. The event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in LaGrange. Registration starts at 8:00 am and the program will run from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. The cost for lunch and supplies is \$20. Please see the insert in today's announcements for a registration form or go to www.lwmlnid.org to register. On the reverse side of the enclosed registration form is a list of items that are being collected for the convention in Milwaukee this summer. If you do not plan on attending Lenten Inspiration but would like to donate items for the convention, please feel free to drop them off at the school location prior to March 11th.

ST. JOHN SPAGHETTI SUPPER



St. John Lutheran's Sunday School will be holding their 44th Annual Spaghetti Supper on **Saturday, March 4th** at the Beecher Amvets Hall (532 Gould Street)

from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Carry-outs will be available. Prices: Adults: \$10.00; Children: (K-8): \$5.00; Preschool and under: FREE

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE



On **March 4th**, the PTL will be hosting the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Bourbonnais campus - "A Night on the Red Carpet".

See insert to RSVP for this special night!

NEWS FROM PRAIRIEVIEW

Members of our partner churches are invited to the Prairieview Lutheran Homes Annual Meeting this **Sunday, February 26th, at 1:00 pm** at Zion Lutheran Church in Clifton. We look forward to meeting with you and sharing some updates!

Prairieview Lutheran Homes has a few updates to share with you. Prairieview is open for visitors and at this time, masks are currently not required (mask requirements change week to week). Please consider visiting Prairieview to assist with an activity or a devotion or simply to sit and visit with someone. Lastly, while Luther Place is full, we do have openings in both Prairieview and Faith Place. We are also hiring in all areas with the greatest needs to be in Dietary, Housekeeping, and CNAs. If you know someone looking for a great place to work, please encourage them to visit our website: www.prairieviewlutheran.com. We thank you all for your support and prayers!

Our Volunteers Mean the World to Us! We had a great time at our Volunteer Reception last weekend! Great fellowship & food and inspirational messages from our volunteer speakers! Check out the table in the cafeteria between services to see some pictures. Also, the pillar in the cafeteria has notes from our volunteers about how and why they volunteer. We hope they inspire you to join St. Paul's volunteer ranks!



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
February 18th & 19th	
Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5 pm	72
Sunday, 8:30 am	140
Sunday, 11:05 am	81
Weekend Total	293
Adult Bible Class	8
Youth Bible Class	10
Family Sunday School	55
(Including 21 children)	
Offerings Given:	
General	\$16,324.50
Building	\$.1,815.00
School Ops	\$192.50

For you are
DUST
 and to dust you shall
RETURN
 Genesis 3:19

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist/Pianist: 5:00: Terri Jones 8:30: Nadine Engel
Audio/Visual: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Melody Trudeau
Live Streaming & Recording:
 Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Luke Stirnaman
Lay Ministers: 5:00: Rich Engel
 8:30: Kevin Kurtz, Bruce Clark, Darren Blair, John Veers
 11:05: Greg Deck
Lay Readers: 5:00: Ken Ebert
 8:30: JoAnn Hess
 11:05: David Bottorff
Acolytes: 8:30: Carter Stell, Trenton Stephens
 11:05: Emma & Lex Bourassa
Trustees: 5:00: Nick Baudino
 8:30: Nathan Raloff
 11:05: Jim Trudeau
Ushers: 5:00: Ken Capps, Fred Langelett, Terry Treece
 8:30: Bill Balgeman, Judy Browning, Barry Gadbois, Steve Weith
 11:05: Kirk Anderson, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Elizabeth Kubal, Sarah Cherry
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, Feb. 26	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	LAST DAY TO BUY PORK CHOP DINNER TICKETS Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Studies (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Feb. 27		
Tue, Feb. 28	9:30 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Adult Bible Class (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) Faith & Membership Class (Bourb)
Wed, Mar. 1	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Dinner (BBQ) (Bourb) Lenten Worship Service (Downtown)
Thur, Mar. 2		
Fri, Mar. 3		NO SCHOOL
Sat, Mar. 4	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown) Daddy-Daughter Dance (Bourb)
Sun, Mar. 5	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	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.