

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - March 4th & 5th

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.

The 2022 giving 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!

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

will be **Saturday, March 11th**. Auction items are now on display in the school hallway and the silent auction is underway. Go to www.32auctions.com/stpauls2023 to start your bidding! The silent auction will conclude at 7:00 pm on March 11th at the end of the pork chop dinner and live event. Be sure to sign up for text notifications and auto-bidding on the auction website to maximize your opportunities to win. We've received some amazing and unique donations so check it out! We will also have some phenomenal live auction items and fun games between 4 pm and 7 pm on March 11th during the pork chop dinner. **You are welcome to come participate in the live auction and games even if you did not purchase dinner tickets.** Babysitting will be available for a freewill donation.



Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to provide teaching supplies and to replace the outdated smartboards in the classrooms.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!

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 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 Chamber Orchestra is the newest touring ensemble at Concordia University Chicago, blessing audiences with music made to the glory of God. For more information on the Chamber Orchestra and its tours and concerts, visit <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

The Tuesday morning Bible class on the Holy Spirit will not be meeting for the next three weeks. Due to a memorial service, a baseball spring trip and hosting a Pastor's conference, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21st at 9:30 am in 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.

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.**





YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Help the youth fund their next international mission trip and beautify your Easter table! St. Paul's Youth will be selling Nothing Bundt Cakes from Sunday, February 26th through Monday, March 13th. Individual bundtlets are \$6. Choose from chocolate chocolate chip, red velvet, white chocolate raspberry, lemon, confetti, classic vanilla, carrot, snickerdoodle, strawberries & cream and gluten-free chocolate chip cookie! Look for their table between church services on Sundays, reach out to one of our youth, or contact the church office to place your order. Delivery will be April 4th, just in time for your Easter celebration!!

WE COOK, YOU EAT!



Join us this **Wed., March 8th** for our Lenten dinner, which will be served from **5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall prior to the mid-week worship service. The Board of Outreach & Connections will be serving pizza for a freewill donation. Please join us for this time of fellowship and stay to worship at 7 pm.



All 7th - 12th graders are invited to be a part of St. Paul's Youth Ministry. We have Youth Nights on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 6 pm to 8 pm at the school campus. The next Youth Night will be **March 12th**.

In addition, 6th - 12th graders meet every Sunday morning for Youth Bible class between the church services (9:45-10:45 am). Extra events and fundraisers 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. Questions? Contact Sarah Cherry at sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or 815-651-6864.

“FIRST THINGS FIRST”

When: 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Location: School Workroom

Teacher: Pastor David Bottorff

Looking for an opportunity to pray with fellow Christians? Prayers are based on Scriptures and hymns centered around a particular topic. We also pray prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for others. You are welcome to come and listen to others pray until you feel comfortable praying out loud. **We will be praying this Tuesday.**



LENTE 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.

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) at St. John's Lutheran Church in LaGrange. Registration starts at 8:00 am. The program will run from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. The cost for lunch and supplies is \$20. Please see the enclosed registration form or go to www.lwmlnid.org to register. On the reverse side of the registration form is a list of items being collected for the convention in Milwaukee this summer. **If you are not 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.**

THE RACE TO SHAVE FACE

In order to get the students excited about our fundraising efforts, PTL has organized "The Race To Shave Face". There are three containers in the school lobby for Pastor Drinnon, Mr. Ferrebee, and Mr. Nordmeyer. Pastor and Mr. Ferrebee have both agreed to shave off their beards if at least \$500 is deposited into their respective containers. Mr. Nordmeyer will shave down to a goatee for \$250. We will be collecting through the end of the auction. If we raise enough for any (or all) of them, they will shave at a school assembly the following week. This is the last Sunday to contribute - let's see if we can raise enough for all three of them!

MARCH FOR LIFE: SPRINGFIELD

The Illinois March for Life is ready for your voice and presence **Tuesday, March 21st**.

- Matins service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield (CID President Rev. Michael Mohr, preacher) at 10:30 a.m.
- Gather for the Rally on Capitol grounds at 12:00 p.m.
- Bring your pro-life gear and signs!
- Following the Rally, march with us around the Capitol at 1:00 p.m.

To make it easier for your attendance, a charter bus has been rented for the day. Departure will be from Risen Savior Lutheran Church at 1881 W. Division Street in Manteno at 7:00 am. The bus will return to Manteno at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and space is limited to the first 55 participants. To sign up to ride the bus, please go to: signupgenius.com/go/70A0549ADAF2FA1FF2-ilmarch. You may contact Pastor Cory Estby, NID Life Task Force Chairman, with any questions by emailing pastorestby@yahoo.com.



TABEA RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., April 27th & 28th** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors on Saturdays before the 5 pm service or you may schedule a time to drop off or pick up with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds from our sales help purchase much needed supplies such as candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations! May God bless you and your families for helping so faithfully.



VOICE OF CARE WORKSHOP

On **March 11th**, St. Paul's Lutheran in Beecher will be hosting the Voice of Care Respite and Companion Care Workshop from **9 am to 1 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher**. This workshop will equip participants with the necessary techniques and skills for safe, effective caregiving. Registration is free. A freewill donation will be collected for lunch. Register will be open until March 8th at voiceofcare.org.

SCAMS AND MORE SCAMS

Well, the scammers are out in force again. Same scam, different tact. Scammers like to use the names of people that folks trust, so pastors are high on that list. Recently, they are using texts (although they use emails as well).

A request goes out to you and if you respond, there is usually a request to purchase a gift card for an emergency that has come up (The usual choice is an Amazon gift card or an Apple gift card). Then they want the numbers on the back, which basically gives them the ability to use the money to purchase whatever they want.

THIS IS A SCAM. Ignore them. Please know that we would NEVER send you a note asking for gift cards or money. If you receive one of these messages, supposedly from either of us and are unsure about it's authenticity, please call us at the office or at home.

Blessings,
Pastor Koeppen & Pastor Drinnon

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
February 25th & 26th	
Offerings Given (including Ash Wed):	
General	\$13,964.50
Building\$765.00
School Ops	\$252.50

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We are all part of a family here at St. Paul's, but we often don't know much about each other. One way to overcome this is to join in the Fellowship Dinners. 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—just come when you can. Anyone who has come even once will tell you how much fun we have. The next fellowship dinner will be **Friday, March 10th at 6:00 pm at Oliver's in Bradley**. If you would like to join us, please call Nancy Eden, 248-842-2837, to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!



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February 25th & 26th	
Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5 pm	78
Sunday, 8:30 am	145
Sunday, 11:05 am	97
Weekend Total	320
Ash Wednesday	94
Wed., Mar. 1	83
Adult Bible Class	4
Youth Bible Class	12
Children's Sunday School	26

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Organist: 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: Robert Carruthers
 8:30: Greg Deck, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Hill Love
 11:05: Bruce Clark
Lay Readers: 5:00: Rich Engel
 8:30: Mike Clendenin
 11:05: Debbie Turrell
Acolytes: 8:30: Ava & Jackson Veasey
 11:05: Yasenia Alvarez, Aiden Baud
Trustees: 5:00: Mike Hatch
 8:30: Brian Porter
 11:05: Greg Wheeler
Ushers: 5:00: Jim Sharper, Dawn Marie Tierney, Rob Wood
 8:30: Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
 11:05: Mike Callan, Dan Friesner, Dustin Renewanz

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
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, Mar. 5	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Studies (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon, Mar. 6	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Mar. 7	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<i>First Things First</i> Prayer Group (Bourb) Faith & Membership Class (Bourb)
Wed, Mar. 8	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Dinner (Pizza) (Bourb) Lenten Worship Service (Downtown)
Thur, Mar. 9	6:00 pm	Mark Bible Study (Bourb)
Fri, Mar. 10	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Oliver's, Bradley)
Sat, Mar. 11	11:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Pork Chop Lunch (Bourb) Pork Chop Dinner & Auction (Bourb) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun, Mar. 12	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.