

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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.



**LWML COLLECTION**

This weekend, LWML will be collecting mites at both locations. The mission grant for August is Walcamp, where their mission is to provide outdoor ministry where God's creation is explored, Christ is exalted, and Christians are equipped for service back home and beyond. The money collected by LWML in August will go toward adding a serving kitchen to the pavilion at Walcamp.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

If you have a child who is planning to begin or finish the confirmation program this year (typically 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders), please watch your mail for a letter concerning confirmation classes. If you do not receive a letter, please call Christie in the church office at 932-0312.



**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING**

A special voter's meeting has been scheduled on **Tuesday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm** in the school gym. The topic of this meeting focuses on the opportunity to install solar panels on the school, funded mostly on government and ComEd credits. Feel free to provide any questions prior to the meeting by emailing the Trustees at [trustee-s@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:trustee-s@stpaulslutheran.net).

**"SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY"**

***When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am***

***Location: Room 131***

***Teacher: Pastor Drinnon***

Nearly 50 years ago, the majority faculty of Concordia Seminary St. Louis, "walked out" of the campus cancelling classes and creating a new seminary – Christ Seminary in Exile – later abbreviated as "Seminex" after President John Tietjen was suspended by Synod. The clash between the modernist majority faculty and the confessional wing of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, called the "Battle for the Bible," was a long time coming. The seeds of The Walkout were laid decades before after World War II and matured in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The issues at stake were the inerrancy and inspiration of Scripture, the nature of the Gospel in relation to Scripture, use of the Law in the life of a Christian, etc. The issues at the heart of the Seminex controversy still linger with us today.

Pastor Drinnon will be leading a Bible Study on the Walkout on Sundays at 9:50 am where we will be exploring both the history leading up to The Walkout and the biblical and theological positions of the modernists and how the Missouri Synod responded to challenges regarding the authority of Scripture, inerrancy, and the nature of the Gospel itself. The issues created by The Walkout continue to be relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As Christians,

we are called to, "to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). The purpose of this Bible study is to equip you to confess the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). All are invited to attend.



**CASTING CROWNS COMING TO ONU!**

Shine.FM is thrilled to announce Casting Crowns is returning to Centennial Chapel on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are on sale now at:

<https://brushfire.com/olivet/shinefm/555665>

Multi-platinum selling Grammy winners Casting Crowns will take their powerful live performances on the road this fall with The Casting Crowns 20th Anniversary Tour: A Live Symphony Experience. Featuring "Scars In Heaven" and "Crazy People" from the band's current chart-topping album, concert goers will also experience a night of worship like no other celebrating an incredible repertoire of songs like "Only Jesus," "Nobody," "Praise You In This Storm," "East To West". Casting Crowns will be joined by a live symphony on this special anniversary tour.

### “FOLLOW THE STAR” ISRAEL TRIP

I have been bursting at the seams to tell everyone about this exciting news! I am hosting an Israel trip with Purposeful Journeys. We will Follow the Star exploring the Holy Land during this special 2025 Epiphany journey. I will be hosting an information seminar September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at St. Paul's Bourbonnais Campus. Prayerfully consider attending to learn more, and feel free to invite family and friends who are interested in the Israel trip. Please visit the website <https://purposefuljourneys.org/journeys/following-the-star/> for more information in the meantime. - Pastor Drinnon

### OKTOBERFEST

Save the date! On **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will once again be hosting OktoberFest at the school. The event will feature delicious German fare and live entertainment by *Die Musikmeisters*, a renowned German polka band.



### MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled “Jesus: Legend or Lord?”. Please join him on **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God’s Word over coffee and breakfast.

### STAFF RECOGNITION

Please join us on Sunday, **September 10<sup>th</sup> during the 8:30 am service** when our church/school staff will be recognized for their years of dedicated service. A reception will be held in the cafeteria following the service where you can express your appreciation.

### PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival has been restructured. Rather than being on two consecutive days, it will be split into two events. On **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a fish fry, live entertainment, and booths selling mums, produce, honey, kettle corn, baked goods and pumpkins at Prairieview. We will have our annual used book sale at this event as well. We will still set up the bookshelves on Thursday but will haul down fewer books since it is only a one-day sale. Sign-up sheets will be available soon at the church and school sites to set up and work the book sale.

On a Saturday in early November, there will be a second event at an indoor venue (exact date and place to be determined). The quilt auction and silent auction will happen at this time, along with a dinner and live entertainment.

If you have any questions, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855 or 815-216-0240.

### SECOND GRADE BIBLES



On **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, the second graders will receive a Bible during the 11:05 service. The students and their immediate families are invited to enjoy a warm breakfast and special activities before the service. Please meet at **9:50 am** in the school cafeteria. Letters went out in the mail this week. If you have any questions or do not receive a letter, please contact Christie in the church office at 932-0312.

### TABEA ALTAR GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The fall sale will be **Thursday and Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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.



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy a back-to-school celebration outside on the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran School from **6pm to 8pm on Friday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**. This free evening of fun is brought to you by St. Paul's PTL and Thrivent Financial. All school families, church members and alumni are invited!! Would you like to help and get a head start on your partnership hours? Please contact the school office at 932-0312.

### LAWNMOWER FUNDRAISER

With almost 20 acres to mow and a lawn mower with only a 6-foot cut, the Board of Trustees has purchased a used tractor and mower with a 17-foot cut. This purchase brings the mowing time down from 18 hours to 4 hours. If you would like to make a contribution to help defray the cost of this tractor, please put your gift in an envelope marked “mower” and place it in the offering plate or give it to the church office. Thank you!





**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will kick-off on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. More details will be available in the coming weeks.



**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE A SUCCESS!**

Praise God! Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we raised \$2,795.35 for the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Kankakee, where they are committed to providing excellent care, compassionate support and honest information to those facing pregnancy decisions through authentic relationships that display grace, honor life and foster community.



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE**

On **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, St. Paul's Lutheran School will be hosting a back-to-school orientation and open house from 5 pm to 7 pm. There will be a mandatory presentation by the principal, which may be attended at either 5:00 or 6:00. Classroom presentations will occur after that. Once you have visited your children's home rooms, you are welcome to leave. Please plan to bring all school supplies to the orientation.

**PRAYER WALK**

The new school year is almost here and it is time to cover St. Paul's Lutheran School with prayer. Bring the family or come by yourself between the worship services on **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** and spend time in prayer for the students, teachers, administration, staff, and the school. All the classrooms will be open for you to go inside to pray and leave a note for the teachers. You will also be able to pray in the office area for the pastors, interim principal, and office staff. To participate come to the cafeteria between services, find Debbie Turrell or Sarah Cherry and they will give you the details for the Prayer Walk.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Financial Peace University will be back for another session, starting the week of Sept 10th. We will be offering a virtual class, where everyone will watch the lesson at home, on line, and then we will have a Zoom meeting to review the lesson and answer any questions about what was presented. The class has nine lessons, so will last nine weeks. We will also hold another review session each Sunday mornings at 9:50 AM for anyone who might have missed the Zoom session, or has additional questions.

St Paul's has nine memberships available, (free of charge) to the first nine couples or individuals who sign up for the class. Sign up by texting or calling John Veers at 815-263-9170. Enroll early and take one of the complementary memberships. After these free memberships for the class are gone, class membership and a year of the full Ramsey Solutions suite of tools will cost \$79.95.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine week class that teaches you the step by step plan to win with money and gives you all the tools you need to work it. The class is based on handling your money God's way.

Stay tuned for more information about the classes!

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	64
Sunday, 8:30 am	109
Sunday, 11:00 am	65
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>238</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$10,163.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>.\$1,400.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$132.50</b>

**DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD'S?**

If you make purchases at Menards and do not intend to mail in the rebate slip, please consider donating your rebate receipts to the church. Simply drop them off at the church office or put them in the collection plate. Our custodians and trustees shop at Menard's regularly and your rebates would go to great use!





**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen  
**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, Layna Rahn  
  
**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Ken Capps  
 8:30: Kevin Kurtz, Bruce Clark, Darren Blair, Hal Bryant  
 11:05: Greg Deck  
**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Audra Taylor  
 8:30: Dee Cordes  
 11:05: Melody Trudeau  
  
**Acolytes:** 8:30: Aidan Lavoie, Carter Stell  
 11:05: Natalie & Joshua Cherry  
  
**Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson  
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
 11:05: Jim Trudeau  
  
**Ushers:** 5:00: Pat Hatch, 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:** Ruth Fabbro, Ellana Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, August 20</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Back-to-School Prayer Walk (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon, August 21</b>	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	School Orientation & Open House (Bourb) Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, August 22</b>	7:00 pm	Special Voter’s Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Wed, August 23</b>		<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL (11:15/11:30 am)</b>
<b>Thur, August 24</b>	6:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Bourb)
<b>Fri, August 25</b>		
<b>Sat, August 26</b>	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Men’s Bible Breakfast (Riverside Cafeteria) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, August 27</b>	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Breakfast (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)