

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<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.

**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), you should have received a letter in the mail concerning confirmation classes. If you have not, please call Christie in the church office at 932-0312.



**“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.

**“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.

**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**

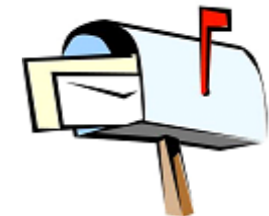
The Fall Festival has been restructured. Rather than being on two consecutive days, it will be split into two events. On **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at Prairieview, there will be a fish fry (dine-in and drive-thru), live entertainment, and booths selling mums, produce, honey, baked goods and pumpkins. We will have our annual used book sale at this event as well.

On **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, at the Ashkum Coliseum, there will be a second event. The quilt auction and silent auction will happen at this time, along with a pork chop dinner and live entertainment. More information will follow as the plans are made.

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855 or 815-216-0240.

**COLLEGE & MILITARY ADDRESSES**

Please use the enclosed form to update the church office on military members and college student addresses so that we may stay connected to them as they continue their journey. Thank you!



## 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.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else and join us for some food and fellowship! Our next fellowship dinner will be on **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Chicago Dough.**



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy an outdoor back-to-school celebration at the 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.

## SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

On Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> the voters approved a motion to move forward with the installation of solar panels at the school site. As part of this motion, we will be doing some additional due diligence to make sure it is feasible for our school. This will include two informational sessions. The first will be on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the downtown site after the 5 pm service. The second will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the school site after the 8:30 am service. There will be one more final informational session presented at the regular voters meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> prior to requesting final approval to move forward with the solar project at St. Paul's Lutheran School.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will kick-off on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. We invite all families with children entering Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us in the gym between church services for Sunday School registration and an activity. After September 10<sup>th</sup>, parents are welcome to drop their children off for Sunday School at 9:45 am and pick them up at 10:45 am. Preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in the extended care room at the south end of the building. Elementary children will meet in the music room, just outside of the gym.



## 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.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

This culture is designed to take you down. Credit cards, car loans, student loans . . . they'll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. But there's one way out of the mess of debt, and it starts right here with you. You can change your future today by joining my virtual Financial Peace University class. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. Class starts on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, so sign up today at <https://www.fpu.com/3116E3>.

***Free memberships are still available for the St Paul's Church and School family.***

## 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!



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Saturday, Sept. 16**

In Pastor Robert Morris' insightful video series, "More Than Words," he'll dive into how you can read the Bible, experience the miracles within it, discover the answers you need, and refresh your hunger for the Word of God. Get ready to fall in love with God and His Word all over again and experience His promises and truths in a new way. There will be small group opportunities to talk with one another about what you hear. There will be a continental breakfast at 8:30am and the presentation will begin at 9am and end at 2pm. Lunch will be included. There will be no cost for the retreat. To register, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2AA3FDC07-womens>

**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!



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	68
Sunday, 8:30 am	127
Sunday, 11:00 am	58
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>10</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$14,272.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$.2,127.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$192.50</b>

**STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE**

In the coming weeks, we will be offering a four-week stewardship emphasis titled Stewards Living with Purpose. God's purpose for us is to be in mission. He wants us to partner with Him in His work "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). God "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). God could have converted all people or won the world on His own, but He chose to use us and invites us to join Him. We are blessed with the privilege to be God's instruments through which He works to share His life-saving Gospel with people we meet. We can be focused on God's purpose because we are confident in His love, care and faithfulness. When God works through us, we will experience joy and find meaning.

**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, Gloria Morocho-Loja
- Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Ken Capps  
8:30: Kevin Kurtz, Bruce Clark, Darren Blair, Hal Bryant  
11:05: Greg Deck
- Lay Readers:** 5:00: Ken Ebert  
8:30: Bill Balgeman  
11:05: Karen Beatty
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Ava & Jackson Veasey  
11:05: Audrey Nordmeyer, Haley O'Keefe
- Trustees:** 5:00: Mike Hatch  
8:30: Brian Porter  
11:05: Greg Wheeler
- 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, Heidi Ostrowski
- Extra Measure Band:** Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Aug. 27</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:30 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Breakfast	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Aug. 28</b>	6:30 pm	PTL Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Tue, Aug. 29</b>			
<b>Wed, Aug. 30</b>			
<b>Thur, Aug. 31</b>			
<b>Fri, Sept. 1</b>			
<b>Sat, Sept. 2</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (Downtown)</i>	
<b>Sun, Sept. 3</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>