

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - August 26th & 27th

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 7th and 8th 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 21st 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 3rd 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 7th**, 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 10th 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.

STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Next week, we begin our four-week stewardship emphasis, Stewards Living with Purpose. When we as God's stewards faithfully use our time, talents, and money for God's purpose, He is praised and honored. By God's grace through Word and Sacrament, we are enabled to live God-centered rather than self-centered lives, lives that seek to please our Lord Who has created and redeemed us. We become God's instruments through which He works to fulfill His purpose of seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10). We are His hands, feet, and mouth to reach out to all people. The four weekly themes are as follows:

- † Week One: ***"Do All to the Glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)***
- † Week Two: ***"Be My Witnesses" (Acts 1:8)***
- † Week Three: ***"Serve One Another" (Galatians 5:13)***
- † Week Four: ***"Be Generous in Every Way" (2 Corinthians 9:11)***

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!

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 8th** 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 4th**, 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.

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 8th at Chicago Dough.**

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!

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 21st and 22nd** 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.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter is **September 15th**. If you have an event coming up in October or November or if your board has an article they would like published, please email it to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy an outdoor back-to-school celebration at the school from **6pm to 8pm on Friday, Sept 8th** featuring food trucks, a bounce house, SWAT trucks, games and more! 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 get a head start on your partnership hours by helping? Please contact the school office at 932-0312.

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

On Tuesday, August 22nd the voters approved a motion to pursue the installation of solar panels at the school site subject to 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 9th at the downtown site after the 5 pm service. The second will be on Sunday, September 10th at the school site after the 8:30 am service. There will be a final informational session presented at the regular voters meeting on September 24th, prior to requesting final approval to move forward with the solar project.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will kick-off on **September 10th**. We invite all families with children entering Pre-K through 5th grade to join us in the gym between church services for Sunday School registration and an activity. After September 10th, 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.

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!



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.

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>

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

August 26th & 27th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	71
Sunday, 8:30 am	100
Sunday, 11:00 am	144
Weekend Total	315

Offerings Given

General	\$15,375.50
Building	\$3,135.00
School Ops	\$434.50

CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY



Beginning the week of October 8th, St. Paul's will be doing a 7-session Bible study called "Seamless" by Angie Smith. Whether you've grown up hearing Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible can be overwhelming. The 66 books may seem disconnected at first glance. In this study, Angie Smith shows you how the whole Bible—from Genesis through Revelation—connects as one beautiful, seamless thread. Look for more information to come on the small groups that are available for joining.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Karl Koeppen	
Liturgist:	Rev. Roger Drinnon	
Organist:	5:00: Aaron Heldt	8:30: Nadine Engel
Audio/Visual:	8:30: Todd Engel	11:05: Melody Trudeau
Live Streaming & Recording:	Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Joshua Cherry	
Lay Ministers:	5:00: Kevin Kurtz	
	8:30: Greg Deck, Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel, John Veers	
	11:05: Bruce Clark	
Lay Readers:	5:00: Karen Beatty	
	8:30: Loree Yoakum	
	11:05: Margaret O'Reilly	
Acolytes:	8:30: Amelia Bloomquist, Carter Stell	
	11:05: Andrew Kubal, Ryan Sarkozi	
Trustees:	5:00: Rob Wood	
	8:30: Nate Raloff	
	11:05: Jim Trudeau	
Ushers:	5:00: Jim Sharper, Dawn Marie Tierney, Rob Wood	
	8:30: Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith	
	11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Dan Friesner	

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

Sun, Sept. 3	8:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon, Sept. 4		<i>NO SCHOOL / OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Labor Day</i>
Tue, Sept. 5	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Non-St. Paul's) (Bourb) <i>First Things First</i> Prayer Group (Bourb)
Wed, Sept. 6		
Thur, Sept. 7		
Fri, Sept. 8	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Prairieview Fall Festival (<i>Prairieview, Danforth</i>) PTL Family Fun Night (Bourb) Fellowship Dinner (<i>Chicago Dough</i>)
Sat, Sept. 9	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun, Sept. 10	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Staff Recognition</i> (Bourb) Staff Appreciation Reception (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Group Kick-Off(Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)