

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

## Announcements - September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<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.



A Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm** at the school. Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly Meetings in a one-year time period, a member is accepted into voting membership.

*We hope to be voting on a new principal in the future. If you have never attended a Voters' Meeting, please consider attending this one so that you are eligible to vote for the new principal.*

### STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE

This is the first week of our stewardship emphasis Stewards Living with Purpose. Our theme for this week is **"Do All to the Glory of God."** "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). How devoted are we to give God the glory that He deserves? Because God is at work within us, we have His power to live our lives in devotion to Him, and, by God's grace in Jesus, we are enabled to live lives that glorify the Lord. So how do we express our devotion to God? Our devotion is seen through the time we spend in deepening our relationship with Jesus by reading and studying God's Word, attending worship regularly, and participating in the Sacraments. As Christians, we show our desire to give glory to Jesus through the faithful stewardship of our time, talents, and money. We give God glory when we use our lives, gifts, and resources in service to others and to advance His kingdom. May God keep our hearts devoted to Him and through our devotion, may He be glorified. Next week, we will focus on our purpose to **"Be My Witnesses"** (Acts 1:8)

### "SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY"

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

**Location: Room 131**

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.

Pastor Drinnon will be leading a Bible Study 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. The purpose of this Bible study is to equip you to confess the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). All are invited to attend.

### YOUTH NIGHT KICK-OFF

It is time to start another year of Youth Group fun and learning. This year's theme is "Building Faith Together". All 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm** for fun, food, and fellowship as we learn to build a personal faith toolkit as we build new friendships. Bring a friend and join us as we kick-off a year of "Building Faith Together".

### YOUTH DATES

All 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be a part of St. Paul's Youth Ministry. All events happen at the school campus, unless otherwise stated. Please, put these youth nights on your calendar:

- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - Youth Night Kick-off
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Bonfire
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> (tentative)
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup>
- Fri, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Cookie Decorating Christmas Party

### 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 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.



## SINGLE MOM SATURDAY

Single Mom Saturday will be celebrated on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with WBGL-104.7 FM and Court Street Ford. Single Moms may sign up for a free car wash and oil change at the WBGL web site. Staff are needed to wash cars from 8:30 am to 10:30 am; and from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are able to help wash cars for a 2 hour time frame (and earn partnership hours), please text Liz Deck at 815-592-0234 for your availability to participate. Also, if sign ups are full and as a single mom you would like to have a free car wash and oil change; please text Liz Deck at the above number.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will kick-off on **this 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.

## 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> and September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30**

**am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.

## 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!



## "THE PARABLES OF JESUS" HOME BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' parables are timeless and powerful. Their characters are memorable. Here are extraordinary insights and illustrations explaining 11 parables Jesus told on His way from Galilee to His death in Jerusalem. You will "see" the stories come alive through Middle Eastern eyes. **Pastor David Bottorff will continue this Bible study on September 26<sup>th</sup> and again on the fourth Tuesday of October and November at 7pm at his and Marilyn's home at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais with food served afterwards.** Please call 815-304-4553 if you would like to come to this home Bible study.

## 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.**



The deadline for the next newsletter is **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net).



**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>

**NEXT WEEK IS LWML MITE SUNDAY**

This month's mission grant will be staying close to home - Trinity Lutheran in Tinley Park! Trinity Lutheran currently has a dedicated media room. This room is no longer being used for its original purpose because the pandemic encouraged the school to transition to one-to-one, or individual technology. Trinity needs to enrich its learning opportunities and propel its students forward into the future of the STREAM fields by broadening the knowledge of our students and preparing them for their future endeavors. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) offers students experiences to use hands-on learning with real world applications to defend their Christian faith in the name of science and God's creation.

**CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CONSTITUTION REVISIONS UPDATE**

At the September 22, 2022 Voters Meeting a motion was made and passed to form a committee for the purpose of reviewing the current constitution to suggest needed changes and to update the document with past approved changes.

The committee has been meeting, collecting various documents and completed the update. Input was asked of current boards, staff and the congregation along with NID representative.

A copy of the Cliff Notes of the proposed changes is located at the downtown church in the Elevator Lobby and in the Bourbonnais School Lobby for you to take. Should you wish a copy of the proposed updated Constitution please contact the church office.

The proposed Constitution will be presented for First Reading at the regular Voters Meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 24 and then upon approval by a two-thirds majority of Voting Members will be presented for its second reading and approval at the regular January 2024 Voters Meeting.

<b><u>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</u></b>	
<b><u>September 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	
<b><u>Worship Attendance:</u></b>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	88
Sunday, 8:30 am	101
Sunday, 11:00 am	70
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>10</b>
<b><u>Offerings Given</u></b>	
<b>General</b>	<b>\$15,762.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$5,145.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$272.50</b>

