

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - September 16th & 17th

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 24th 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 second week of our stewardship emphasis Stewards Living with Purpose. The theme for this week is **"Be My Witnesses."** Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His apostles, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).* For the three years prior to His ascension, Jesus had been preparing His apostles for the purpose of carrying on His mission. The apostles had seen Jesus perform amazing miracles and witnessed His death and resurrection. It would be their mission to tell those near and far about His love, grace, and mercy. Although we are not eyewitnesses as were the apostles, we have received the Holy Spirit Who empowers us to place our trust in Jesus. We have been given the ability and the responsibility to tell all people about the salvation that we receive through Him.

Next week, we will focus on our purpose to **"Serve One Another" (Galatians 5:13).**

AN INVITATION
TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's and are not yet a member? If so, we warmly invite you to consider joining our congregation. If you are:

- ▶ ***A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Congregation,*** we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you will need to attend our New Member Orientation Classes only
- ▶ ***A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church,*** we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you will need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and our New Member Orientation Classes
- ▶ ***A member in good standing of another denomination,*** we need a release of membership from your church and you will need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and our New Member Orientation Classes
- ▶ ***Not a member of another church,*** you will need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and our New Member Orientation Classes

The next session of Faith & Membership classes will begin October 3rd. The class will meet at 6:30 pm every Tuesday through November 28th (except for October 31st). If you are interested, please check the box "Looking for a Church" on the attendance card along with your contact information or call the church office at 815-932-0312.



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 7th -12th graders are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 17th 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 7th -12th 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:
Sun., Sept 17th - Youth Night Kick-off
Sun., Oct 1st - Bonfire
Sun., Oct 15th
Sun., Oct 29th (tentative)
Sun., Nov 12th
Sun., Nov 26th
Fri, Dec 8th - 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 21st and 22nd** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym. 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.



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled "Jesus: Legend or Lord?". Please join him on **Saturday, September 23rd at 7:30 am** in the Riverside

cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.

SINGLE MOM SATURDAY

Single Mom Saturday will be celebrated on **September 23rd** 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.



"THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS" BIBLE STUDY

On **Tuesday, September 26th**, Pastor Dave Bottoff will begin a new Bible study called "The Freedom of Forgiveness". This is a four-part Bible study that will visit these topics:

- * Session 1: "What Does a Life of Freedom Look Like?" (What does forgiveness look like and why should I bother?)
- * Session 2: "Barriers Between Us and Freedom" (What about people who refuse to say they are sorry? Am I supposed to forget?)
- * Session 3: "Choosing Freedom" (How do I forgive without shooting myself in the foot? Will it last?)
- * Session 4: "Sharing the Gift of Freedom" (How can I share the key?)

This Bible study will meet **at 7 pm** on the 4th Tuesday of every month (with the exception of December and over the summer) at Pastor and Marilyn's home (**1573 Surrey Drive, Bourbonnais**). Food will be served afterwards. Please call 815-304-4553 if you would like to come. It will most likely last much longer than four months.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School began again last Sunday, September 10th. We invite all children in Pre-K through 5th grade to join us between church services for Sunday School. 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.

"FOLLOW THE STAR" ISRAEL TRIP

Mike Malone, founder of *Peaceful Journeys*, will be hosting a second opportunity to learn more about the "Following the Star" Israel trip on **Sunday, October 8th at 6:00 pm** at the school. A dinner will be provided during the meeting. We continue to Follow the Star exploring the Holy Land during this special 2025 Epiphany journey. 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*



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.

THIS 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.



CRAFT DAY AWAY - 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Crafters, this day is for you! Bring your materials and tools to St. Paul's and enjoy a fun day dedicated to your projects. Saturday, October 14th from 9 am to 4 pm. \$40 fee includes lunch from Honeybaked Ham. Water and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Registration due by Monday, Oct. 9th.



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 24th 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 9th & 10th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	65
Sunday, 8:30 am	146
Sunday, 11:00 am	86
Weekend Total	297

Adult Bible Study	8
Youth Bible Study	26
Children's Sunday School	30

Offerings Given

General	\$9,834.50
Building	\$.922.00
School Ops	\$162.50

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University (FPU) classes began last week. The classes are virtual, where the members watch the lesson online, on the FPU website, and then we discuss the lesson in a Zoom meeting. We will also be holding in-person discussion sessions on Sunday mornings at 9:50 at the School. The review sessions, starting this Sunday, will be held in Room 130. Anyone missing the Zoom meeting is invited to attend.

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, Andrew Kubal

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Kevin Kurtz
 8:30: Greg Deck, Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel, John Veers
 11:05: Bruce Clark

Lay Readers: 5:00: Audra Taylor
 8:30: Roy Cordes
 11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Cooper Bade, Hope Brammer
 11:05: Sean & Shana Price

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 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: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
Extra Measure Band: Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Sept. 17	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>) Sunday School & Youth Group (<i>Bourb</i>) Adult Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>) Youth Night Kick-Off (<i>Bourb</i>)
Mon, Sept. 18	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (<i>Bourb</i>)
Tue, Sept. 19	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (<i>Bourb</i>) Financial Peace University (<i>Virtual</i>)
Wed, Sept. 20		
Thur, Sept. 21	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (<i>Downtown</i>)
Fri, Sept. 22	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (<i>Downtown</i>)
Sat, Sept. 23	7:30 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Men's Bible Breakfast (<i>Riverside</i>) Single Mom Saturday (<i>Court Street Ford</i>) Worship - Traditional (<i>Downtown</i>)
Sun, Sept. 24	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 12:30 pm	Worship - Traditional (<i>Bourb</i>) Sunday School & Youth Group (<i>Bourb</i>) Adult Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Contemporary (<i>Bourb</i>) Voters Meeting (<i>Bourb</i>)