

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<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 this **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 third week of our stewardship emphasis Stewards Living with Purpose. Our theme this week is "**Serve One Another.**" Living a life of service is contrary to what our society promotes. We are told that we should seek worldly praise and aspire to fame, power, and wealth. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are freed from the grip of the world, and we seek to fulfill our purpose to serve the Lord by serving others. We forego our self-interests and begin to live lives of Christian service. *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).* Our freedom expresses itself in the form of service. God brings us into a proper relationship with Himself so He can show us how to serve others. Jesus continually served the hungry, handicapped, and homeless, and we are called to be imitators of Christ (Ephesians 5:1). When we commit to serving others, it is not done for our own satisfaction or to put ourselves on a pedestal. We serve out of love for Christ and to be worthy of His calling (Ephesians 4:1).

The theme for next week is "**Be Generous in Every Way.**"

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The class will meet at 6:30 pm every Tuesday through November 28<sup>th</sup> (except for October 31<sup>st</sup>). 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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

SAVE THE DATE! On **October 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will be packing shoeboxes with small toys, school supplies, toiletries, t-shirts, hats/gloves, socks, hair bows, etc. for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be delivered to children in some of the most remote areas of the world. This project gives us an opportunity to witness to these children by sharing the love of Jesus with them. This is a great service event to do with your children!



**If you are interested in making a donation** to Operation Christmas Child, please see the insert. If you would like to help but would prefer not to shop for specific gifts, a donation of money to help cover the cost of shipping is always appreciated and welcome. We will also need shoeboxes measuring no more than 13 inches. Thrivent Action Team grants are also very welcome and help to pay expenses. LWML thanks you for all your support in the past years.

**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!



### “THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS”

#### BIBLE STUDY

On **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month (with the exception of December and over the summer) at Pastor and Marilyn’s home (**1573 Surrey Drive, Bourbonsais**). 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.

### 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:

- Sun., Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Bonfire
- Sun., Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sun., Oct 29<sup>th</sup> (tentative)
- Sun., Nov 12<sup>th</sup>
- Sun., Nov 26<sup>th</sup>
- Fri, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Cookie Decorating Christmas Party

### SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST



Start saving your cans!! Once again, Belson’s Steel is sponsoring an aluminum can recycling challenge, along with 25 area businesses. Helping us earn money for the school is easy. All you need to do is mention St. Paul’s when you drop off your cans at Belson’s. You earn cash for the cans, St. Paul’s earns points for the pounds. At the end, St. Paul’s will receive an amount for every point scored. The schools with the top scores will win additional cash and prizes. You may also drop your cans off at the school. Just call Christie at the church office to make arrangements.

### “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 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at the school. Dinner will be provided. Prayerfully consider attending to learn more about exploring the Holy Land during this special 2025 Epiphany journey, 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 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.



### CRAFT DAY AWAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup>**



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School began again last Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We invite all children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	62
Sunday, 8:30 am	126
Sunday, 11:00 am	76
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>264</b>

<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	n/a
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	22
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	24

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$10,775.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>.\$1,730.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$207.50</b>

**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, Luke Stirnaman
- Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Kevin Kurtz  
8:30: Greg Deck, Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel, John Veers  
11:05: Bruce Clark
- Lay Readers:** 5:00: Diane Barber  
8:30: Bill Balgeman  
11:05: Deb Turrell
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Lex & Emma Bourassa  
11:05: Archie Schutters, Trenton Stephens
- Trustees:** 5:00: Mike Hatch  
8:30: Brian Porter  
11:05: Greg Wheeler
- 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:** Debbie Turrell, 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, Sept. 24</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional <i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class <i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study <i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary <i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Voters Meeting <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Sept. 25</b>		
<b>Tue, Sept. 26</b>	7:00 pm	“Freedom of Forgiveness” Bible Study <i>(1573 Surrey, Bourb)</i>
	7:00 pm	Financial Peace University <i>(Virtual)</i>
<b>Wed, Sept. 27</b>		
<b>Thur, Sept. 28</b>	6:00 pm	“Gospel of Mark” Bible Study <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Fri, Sept. 29</b>		
<b>Sat, Sept. 30</b>	9:00 am	LWML Fall Board Meeting <i>(Downtown)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (Downtown)</i>
<b>Sun, Oct. 1</b>		<b>LWML SUNDAY</b>
	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class <i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study <i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion (Bourb)</i>
6:00 pm	Youth Night Bonfire <i>(Bourb)</i>	