

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - September 30th & October 1st

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.

STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE

This is the final week in our stewardship emphasis. The theme for this week is “**Be Generous in Every Way**” (2 Corinthians 9:11). One of the important ways that we as God’s people show our thanksgiving to God for Who He is and what He has done for us through Jesus is in our giving. Giving expresses our love and gratitude. When we give, we mirror the nature of God. “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...*” (John 3:16). Giving to others and to extend God’s Church is evidence of God’s grace in our lives. Giving is a fruit of grace. We give because He first gave to us, and, following God’s example, by His grace we make giving to God through our churches a priority. Without God’s grace, we are not able to give up our resources generously. Believers are empowered by the working of the Holy Spirit to give willingly to all people, especially fellow believers who need support (Galatians 6:10). May God help us all to “*Be Generous in Every Way.*”

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SAVE THE DATE! On **October 21st**, 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.



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.



PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

The first one-day September Fall Festival was a huge success! Many fish meals were enjoyed, the bake sale and produce nearly sold out, and our book sale did very well. Plus, entertainment was enjoyed by many.

A huge thank you to all who helped with the used book sale in any way - Judy Krones, Bill Balgeman, Nancy Campbell, Doug Schultze, Aric & Sean Terrell, Natalie & Josh Cherry, Linda Johnson, Sylvia Stone, Kathy Goers, Joan Gehm, Jan Monk, Karen Beatty, Mike & Deb Callan, John Heil, and everyone who donated books! Proceeds from this year's Festival are going toward new kitchen equipment, some of which is still in use from when Prairieview was built in 1974.

The second part of the Festival will be **Saturday, November 4th** at the Ashkum Coliseum. Plans are for it to include a quilt auction, silent auction, bake sale and a pork chop dinner with pies. More information will be shared as the plans are made.

We are still collecting books all year at both sites for next year's festival. Thanks again for all those who volunteered their time and hard work to make the book sale such a success. God bless you all.

~ Jeanne Vilt, Human Care Board



TRUNK OR TREAT

Save the date for St. Paul's Trunk or Treat at the school **Sunday, October 22nd from 3 to 5pm**. All families of the church and school are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring friends.. The "Trunk or Treat" portion of the event will take place in the front parking lot of the school. There will also be lots of fun fall activities. We need volunteers to bring their cars and pass out candy so please consider helping. In the past, we have had as many as 500 kids come through. Watch for an opportunity to sign up as we get closer to the date. This is a great way for school families to earn partnership hours!

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., Oct 1st - Bonfire
Sun., Oct 15th
Sun., Oct 29th (tentative)
Sun., Nov 12th
Sun., Nov 26th
Fri, Dec 8th - 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.



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. Complete the enclosed insert to join a small group.

"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. 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*



BUTTER BRAIDS

The youth will be selling Butter Braids again this fall. You can order from the participating youth of the church or during Coffee Hour. **The sale runs from Monday, October 9th to Monday, October 23rd. They will be delivered on November 13th** - in time for Thanksgiving! Butter Braids make a beautiful breakfast or dessert for your holiday celebration. Please contact the church office with questions.

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING AT ST. PAUL'S

Have you ever wanted to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a very real, physical way? Do you enjoy working with your hands? Have you ever seen the aftermath of a natural disaster and wish you could go help? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Lutheran Church Charities has disaster relief teams called L.E.R.T. (Lutheran Early Response Teams) and St. Paul's is hosting a training on **Saturday, October 28th from 9am - 1pm** at the School Campus to become a L.E.R.T. volunteer. The whole congregation is invited to participate.

We hope to do a Disaster Relief Mission Trip in the Summer of 2024 with the youth but it will be open to any L.E.R.T. trained volunteer from our area - adult, youth, St. Paul's member, or from another church. In order to participate you must have this training. So please put this training on your calendar if doing disaster relief has ever interested you. **Youth aged 14-17 need to do this training if you plan to go on our summer mission trip in 2024.**

We hope to build a L.E.R.T (Lutheran Early Response Team) at St. Paul's and within our circuit churches. Please consider joining us. See the flyer for more information. The cost is \$35 per person and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**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. There is a \$40 fee, which includes lunch from Honeybaked Ham. Water and soft drinks will also be provided. Please bring a snack to share. **Registration due by Monday, Oct. 9th.**

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

More than 9,600 low-income students in Illinois are on the cusp of losing scholarships unless lawmakers extend the program in the upcoming fall veto session. Invest in Kids is a 75% tax credit for those who donate to private school scholarships for low-income children. It started in 2017 but will expire at the end of 2023. After that, those students will no longer receive help. Thousands more – four times as many by one estimate – are in line for scholarships and waiting on lawmakers to extend the program. If the program expires, those students will be left without options. Want to help Illinois remain a place where impoverished families can choose to attend private schools? **Go to [illinoispolicy.org/maps/to-ask-your-state-representative-and-senator-where-they-stand-on-renewing Invest in Kids](http://illinoispolicy.org/maps/to-ask-your-state-representative-and-senator-where-they-stand-on-renewing-invest-in-kids).**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite all Pre-3 through 5th grade children to join us between church services for Sunday School. 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.

LIVING ALTERNATIVES BANQUET

The Living Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Kankakee is having its annual banquet on **Tuesday, November 7th** at Olivet. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the event starts at 6:30 pm. Please come and hear how its center is impacting the community and also hear a timely message from Mark Schultz. There is no cost to attend this event. To make a reservation, scan the QR code or call 815-933-2207. Also, please keep in mind all the ways that you could volunteer at the center: sorting baby items, doing mailings, mentoring, acting as a client advocate, etc.



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Due to some medical complications the Tuesday Adult Bible Class has ended. It has been a joy and blessing to teach Bible classes over the last 40 years and I thank those who have attended and learned with me. If there is someone who would like to lead, please contact the church office.

PHIL'S FRIENDS MINISTRY EXPANSION

For many years, St. Paul's has worked with Phil's Friends, a support ministry for cancer patients. We have tied fleece blankets, colored cards, collected items for the care packages, decorated care package boxes, and hosted box-packing events. We are now expanding our partnership with Phil's Friends with the hopes of becoming a satellite location, a Center of Hope, here in Kankakee County. We will be using the old downtown school (previously used by Fortitude) for storage until we grow enough to host a packing event. The hope is to develop a presence here for Phil's Friends by partnering with area churches for donations and project help, providing care packages to our hospitals and oncology centers, and eventually becoming a place for continued support for those afflicted by cancer and their families. Phil's Friends is seeing rapid growth as more people hear about this special ministry. They are shipping out 180 boxes weekly and 5,200 cards of hope monthly and really need help keeping up with the requests. We ask that you pray for this ministry expansion and help us find someone or a few people who would like to join the effort to grow this ministry. We need people with a heart for helping cancer patients and the time to dedicate to the ministry. If that person might be you or you want to join a team of people or if you just would like information, please contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 or sarahcherry30@yahoo.com

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 23rd & 24th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	52
Sunday, 8:30 am	126
Sunday, 11:00 am	76
Weekend Total	254

Youth Bible Class	20
Children's Sunday School	23

Offerings Given

General	\$10,894.60
Building	\$.795.00
School Ops	\$282.50

MENARD'S REBATE RECEIPTS

If you shop at Menard's and do not intend to mail in the rebate slip, please consider donating your rebate receipts to the church. Just put them in the collection plate or send them to the church office. Our custodians shop at Menard's regularly so your rebates would go to great use!

OKTOBERFEST 2023

Join us **Saturday, October 7th** in the school gym for Oktoberfest! Doors open at 6:00 pm. German food will be served from 6:30 - 7:30 pm and a German band, Die Musikmeisters from Chicago, will play from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Please RSVP by clicking on the link at the top of our home page at www.stpaulslutheran.net.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon

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, Seth McHugh

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Greg Deck
8:30: Bruce Clark, Darren Blair, Ken Capps, Hill Love
11:05: Bob Carruthers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Rich Engel
8:30: Nancy Eden
11:05: Melody Trudeau

Acolytes: 8:30: Gloria Morocho-Loja, Elizabeth Schreurs
11:05: Joshua Cherry, Trenton Stephens

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Heidi Ostrowski, Debbie Turrell
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, Oct. 1	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Youth Night Bonfire (Bourb)
Mon, Oct. 2	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Oct. 3	4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation (Bourb) Faith & Membership Class (Bourb) Financial Peace University (Virtual)
Wed, Oct. 4		
Thur, Oct. 5		
Fri, Oct. 6		NO SCHOOL
Sat, Oct. 7	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown) Oktoberfest (Bourb)
Sun, Oct. 8	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)