

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<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.



**VETERAN'S DAY CHAPEL**

St Paul's Lutheran School will be honoring our veterans during the chapel service on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.** All veterans are invited to attend our program so that you can be recognized and honored. We would love to have you wear or bring your uniform if possible! There will be coffee and refreshments served after the chapel service. Feel free to invite neighbors and family. To register, please complete the insert and return it to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

**ONLINE GIVING AND ENVELOPES**

Have you ever considered signing up to give to St. Paul's using our electronic giving? Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Registration is easy! Just go to our secure website [www.stpaulslutheran.net](http://www.stpaulslutheran.net) and click on Giving. You can make one-time donations or schedule automatic donations. You can also designate your money to go toward specific funds. ***In the next couple weeks we will be reassigning offering envelopes for the coming year so now would be the perfect time to transition to online giving.*** If you have any questions, please email the church office at [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net).

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

On **November 19<sup>th</sup>,** we will be hosting a Family Sunday School, where we will be preparing an Advent Calendar kit for each family to take home and do throughout the Christmas season. We will meet in the gym at 9:50. Please consider joining us!



**"THE ADVENT OF OUR KING"**

**A Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians**

As many wait for Christ's coming, many Christians see the end times as something to be fearful of. For Christians, the Parousia or the end of days, is not something to be feared – but is where we place our hope in. Paul in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians emphasizes the hopeful message of Christianity in a dying, dark, and decaying world. As Christians, we eagerly anticipate the advent of our King. In this Bible study, we will be going over Paul's comforting words to new converts in the church of Thessalonica. His words of comfort are still relevant to us as we continue to be anxious concerning the return of Christ. ***This Bible study will take place between the church services on Sundays beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please call the church office at 815-932-0312 or email Pastor Drinnon at [rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net) no later than November 19<sup>th</sup> so that we can be sure to order enough materials.***

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**



Leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else and enjoy some fellowship with friends! We will meet again on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** at El Mexicano on the south edge of Kankakee.

Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 with any questions.



**ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS!**

Would you like to share the message of God's love and grace through music? Maybe you've been blessed with a beautiful voice or perhaps you play a musical instrument or you would like to ring with St. Paul's Handbells. You are invited to be a part of the special music offered in our worship services. Consider what fits your God given musical gifts and put your musical abilities into action. Contact Gail Ferrebee, Bill Dyche, Nadine Engel, or the church office if you are interested.

To the Pastors and congregation, our family would like to thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls during the passing of my mother, Margie Love.

*Hill Love Jr. and family*

## “HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS”

### CRAFT FAIR

On **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, Caleb’s Prayer Foundation will be hosting their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Hope for the Holidays* Sip & Shop benefitting St. Jude’s. The event will take place at the Chebanse Civic Center (180 W. First South Street) again from **9 am to 2 pm**. Start (or finish) your Christmas shopping with unique handmade items and support our local artists and crafters. Each vendor will be donating an item to be raffled off at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win. Homemade lunch, baked goods and adult beverages will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets, food and drinks will benefit St. Jude’s. For more information, call or text Annette at 815-697-3001.

### Why St. Jude?

\* Regardless of the duration or the cost of care, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food, so they can focus on helping their child live.

\* Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate in the United States from 20% to more than 80% since they opened in 1962.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Preschool through 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**. Students will begin rehearsing and receiving parts during the Sunday School hour on November 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing during Sunday School through the program date. Students should attend these rehearsals if they plan to participate in the program. There will also be two Saturday morning rehearsals at the downtown church on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. We look forward to many students joining us to celebrate the birth of Jesus through script and song.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Each Sunday morning there is Youth Bible class between the church services (9:45-10:45am) and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders as they study various topics. Extra events and fundraisers also happen throughout the year, so watch for details on other fun things coming up. Youth are encouraged to bring friends and adults are invited to get involved. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 or sarahcherry30@yahoo.com.



### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual canned food drive **starts November 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through the entire month**. The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry by bringing in nonperishable food and non-food items like paper towels, toilet paper and other toiletries. As we head into the holidays, now is a great time to reflect on everything that we have been blessed with and to share our gifts with those less fortunate. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church.



### SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

For some, the upcoming holidays may be a very difficult time of the year - difficult because of the loss of a loved one through death, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage. You are invited to our Service of Hope and Comfort at the downtown church on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** to hear God's Word, meditate, sing hymns and carols of comfort, and pray for healing and hope.

### PROJECT COMPASSION / GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our only agenda is to share God’s love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we have devotions and prayer and we share our ministry over a meal. Don’t worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at Chicago Dough. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Drinnon at [rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net) or Ken Ebert at [kebert24@comast.net](mailto:kebert24@comast.net) or 815-922-0656.

### MANY THANKS

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your many cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciate your thoughts, words of encouragement and - most importantly - your prayers. I am blessed to be part of a team of workers and laity in our church and school that share the love, compassion, and grace of Jesus. I am also so very thankful for the kind, caring and supportive body of Christ here at St. Paul’s. May the Lord continue to bless you!

*Pastor Karl & Lynda Koepper*



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here through Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>! It will be open during parent-teacher conferences, after school and on Sunday mornings so stop by and do some Christmas shopping! Ordering online is also available and enhances your book fair shopping! There are more books for all ages and you can filter your search by interest, reading level and age/grade to find the perfect book. All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our school library.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT**

Last year, PTL donated two Christmas trees for the sanctuary and hallways at school. This year, we are inviting all of our church and school families to bring an ornament that represents your family to help decorate the tree. Please keep in mind that these trees are moved back and forth every week so, although we do our best to be careful, we ask that you please bring an ornament that is not breakable. We would like to have all ornaments at the school no later than November 17<sup>th</sup> and they may be picked up after Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>). Thank you for making our Christmas trees extra special!

**PHIL'S FRIENDS FIELD TRIP**

The next step in our Phil's Friends Ministry Expansion is a field trip to their Crown Point, Indiana Center of Hope. On **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at St. Paul's School at **8:15am** to drive over to Crown Point for a 9:30 -11am work day. We will spend our time there seeing how their facility runs and serving where they need extra hands. We may be coloring boxes and cards of hope, or tying fleece blankets, or packing care packages. Then we will enjoy lunch together before returning home around 1:30pm. For any adult interested in helping on our St. Paul's Phil's Friends growth team or for anyone who would like to see what the ministry could look like as we expand, please join us for this field trip. We plan to sit down with their Hope Center leaders and have discussions about how to move forward in our ministry to cancer patients and their families here in Kankakee County from our Downtown Kankakee Old School building (formerly used by Fortitude Homeless Ministry). All youth are invited to attend and families are welcome to join us! To sign up, please use this link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DA8AF23A46-45528061-phils> or contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 or [sarahcherry30@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcherry30@yahoo.com) or see Sarah at church on Sundays. Please bring money for your own lunch. We hope you will join us!

\_\_Katrina and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous and thoughtful gifts, messages, and prayers during this Pastor Appreciation Month. Your kindness and support me the world to me and my family. I am deeply moved by your generosity.

Your gifts are not only a blessing but a reminder of the bond we share in Christ Jesus. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor.

Thank you once again for your wonderful gifts and support and for being such an essential part of our church family.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Drinnon and Katrina*

**TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU!**

PTL would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities at Trunk or Treat last Sunday! God gave us an absolutely beautiful weather day with almost no wind - He is good!

We also thank all the parents who provided a trunk, helped run games, monitored the bounce house, and drove the hayrack and barrel train. We are certainly blessed with a great community and fellowship.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	53
Sunday, 8:30 am	140
Sunday, 11:00 am	78
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>241</b>

<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>21</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$14,137.15</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$1,665.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**



If you have an announcement or an article that you would like published in the December/January newsletter, please submit your request to

the church office **no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may email your request to Christie at [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call 815-932-0312.

**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: Joshua Cherry

**Live Streaming & Recording:**  
Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Enoch Kurtz

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Bruce Clark  
8:30: Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Bill Balgeman  
11:05: Darren Blair

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Jennifer Richardson  
8:30: Loree Yoakum  
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Trevor Smith, Gavin Woods  
11:05: Aiden Baud, Dylan Blair

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
8:30: Nathan 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:** Sharla Ronchetto, Debbie Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane and Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Nov. 5</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Nov. 6</b>	7:00 pm	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, Nov. 7</b>	4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) Faith & Membership Class (Bourb) Financial Peace University (Virtual)
<b>Wed, Nov. 8</b>	8:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> Veterans Day Chapel (Bourb) Project Compassion / Gabriel's Callers Meeting (Chicago Dough)
<b>Thur, Nov. 9</b>	6:00 pm	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> <b>EARLY DISMISSAL / PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES</b> <i>Gospel of Mark</i> Bible Study (Bourb)
<b>Fri, Nov. 10</b>		<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> <b>NO SCHOOL / PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES</b>
<b>Sat, Nov. 11</b>	5:00 pm	<b>VETERANS DAY</b> Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Nov. 12</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)