

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - November 11th & 12th

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Preschool through 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 10th at 5 pm**. Students will begin rehearsing and receiving parts during the Sunday School hour on November 5th 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 2nd and 9th

from 9:00-11:00 am. We look forward to many students joining us to celebrate the birth of Jesus through script and song.



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

On **November 19th**, 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!



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 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.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

A special meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held **next Sunday, November 19th at 12:30 pm** in the school gymnasium for the purpose of issuing a call for a Principal for our Day School.

"THE ADVENT OF OUR KING"

A Bible Study on 1st & 2nd 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 1st and 2nd 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 26th. If you are interested, please call the church office at 815-932-0312 or email Pastor Drinnon at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net no later than November 19th so that we can be sure to order enough materials.***



HOLIDAY WORSHIP BAND

Any 5th - 12th grade band and orchestra musicians, along with any adult musicians, are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on Sunday, December 17th during the 8:30 AM worship service. We will provide music for the pre-service, offertory, and post-service. We will hold a rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 am in the school gym. Donuts, juice, and milk will be provided after the rehearsal.

Please contact Bill Dyche by sending a text to 815-592-0870 or send an email to bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Please include the following information: musician name, instrument, email, and cell number.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual canned food drive **starts November 1st 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 15th at 7:00 pm** to hear God's Word, meditate, sing hymns and carols of comfort, and pray for healing and hope.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Sunday, November 12th will be the last day of the Scholastic Book Fair 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 17th and they may be picked up after Epiphany (January 6th). 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 18th** 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-phil> or contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 or sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or see Sarah at church on Sundays. Please bring money for your own lunch. We hope you will join us!

BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY

If you ordered Butter Braids from our Youth Group and would like to have them in time for Thanksgiving, they will be available for pick-up on **November 13th from 4pm to 5pm** at the school. Otherwise they will be in the freezer in the cafeteria for pick-up on Sundays.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year we had help in providing gifts and extra funds for the shoe boxes. At the Zone 18 Fall Workshop, 167 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were assembled. More boxes were packed later with the extra gifts and, in addition, more specific items were purchased with available funds. When those gifts were used and the filled-to-overflowing boxes were counted, we surpassed the totals for the past several years. This year 255 children in countries around the world will hear the great news of our Savior and receive fun and hope filled gifts because of you! The 255 boxes will be delivered to Gibson City on Monday, November 13th. The \$10 donation for each box has been paid. As soon as the boxes ship, you will be notified of their destination. Please keep the children receiving these boxes and their families in your prayers. Thank you so much for your contributions to this life-changing mission! Glory, honor and praise to the Lord, the child of Bethlehem!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR UPLIFTED CARE**

Do you have two hours a week to share your time and talents? We are looking for volunteers to visit patients, read, play games, watch TV, or just give caregivers a much-needed break. Patients and families both benefit from the support of our patient volunteers!

Are you a veteran? We are looking for veterans to volunteer to visit fellow veterans. Volunteers have the opportunity to meet with our veteran patients that include chatting, reminiscing, telling stories, helping patients find appropriate resources to meet specific needs. While enhancing his/her day, both the volunteer and patient veteran receive a sense of personal fulfillment!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY! For further information on volunteering, call Sarah at 815-939-4141.

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 15th**. You may email your request to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call 815-932-0312.



LWML'S NOVEMBER MISSION GRANT

Next week, LWML will be collecting mites and this month's mission grant is for a specialized chapel that has been designed to provide hope and healing for at-risk children in the care of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Bismarck, North Dakota, campus. The Christ-centered, healing ministry of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch creates an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children ages 10 to 18, who have faced heartbreaking abuse, neglect, and trauma. Established in 1952, the Ranch touches the lives of more than 2,000 children and families each year, from all corners of the United States. The childhood trauma these children faced leaves them with debilitating emptiness and loneliness. Most children who come to the

Ranch have little or no faith background and the Ranch is often the first place they learn about Jesus. The discovery of our Savior's mercy is often the most vital part of a child's healing. This mission grant will help with building costs of the new chapel, where the hearts of these precious children can know and experience the mercy of Christ and His healing power.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Don't forget to take time during your celebrations to thank God for all His blessings. Join us for Thanksgiving services at the beautiful downtown church on **Wednesday, Nov 22nd at 7pm or Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 10am.**



SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner? Going Christmas shopping? Buying gift cards for the people on your list that are impossible to shop for? Shop T.R.I.P. first! It's easy to make money for your child's or grandchild's school account *and* St. Paul's while paying face value for gift cards from over 750 retailers including Amazon, Walmart, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Old Navy, Target, Jewel-Osco, i-Tunes, Barnes & Noble! Call or text Julie Salzman at 815-530-7320 to place your order. You can also order gift cards and download e-cards from the Raise Right app.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 4th & 5th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	74
Sunday, 8:30 am	125
Sunday, 11:00 am	69
Weekend Total	268

Adult Bible Class	22
Youth Bible Class	23
Children's Sunday School	23

Offerings Given

General	\$10,931.25
Building	\$3,595.00
School Ops	\$125.00

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Over 9,600 kids from low income households are at risk of losing their life-changing tax credit scholarship this week. Your lawmaker, Sen. Joyce, has not committed to vote to extend the Invest in Kids program, which will expire at the end of this year without Sen. Joyce's vote. Every vote will be critical, and Sen. Joyce might be the deciding vote. There are over 112 students in Sen. Joyce's district receiving scholarships in 9 schools. Each of these students' future is in jeopardy. Please call Sen. Joyce in Springfield and tell them to "call the Invest in Kids bill, and vote YES!". You can reach them at 217 782-7419.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Organist: 5:00: Nadine 8:30: Nadine Engel
Audio/Visual: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Joshua Cherry
Live Streaming & Recording:
 Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Gloria Morocho-Loja

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Ken Ebert
 8:30: JoAnn Hess
 11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Daphne & Delilah Sexton
 11:05: Emma Bourassa, Maci Lazarich

Trustees: 5:00: Nick Baudino
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 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: Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Deb Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Duane and Gail Ferrebee, Chuck Goranson, Scott Moore, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Nov. 12	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Nov. 13	4:00 pm	Butter Braid Pick-Up (Bourb)
Tue, Nov. 14	6:30 pm	Faith & Membership Class (Bourb)
Wed, Nov. 15	7:00 pm	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Service of Hope & Comfort (Downtown)
Thur, Nov. 16	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting (Bourb)
Fri, Nov. 17		
Sat, Nov. 18	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Nov. 19	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)