

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Announcements - November 18th & 19th

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.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL



This Sunday, **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 join us!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

A special meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held **this 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 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 about the return of Christ. ***This Bible study will take place on Sunday mornings 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.

BUTTER BRAIDS DELIVERY

Butter Braids are in! If you placed an order with the Youth Group, please pick up your order

between church services on Sunday or stop by the school between 8 am and 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Preschool through 6th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 10th at 5 pm.** Students will be rehearsing during the Sunday School hour 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.



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.**





CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our annual canned food drive **runs through the end of November.** The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry by bringing in unexpired 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.

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!

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 were 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.



LWML'S NOVEMBER MISSION GRANT

This week, LWML is 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.

MENS BIBLE BREAKFAST

There will be no Mens Bible Breakfast in November. We will meet in December a week early, on **December 16th**.



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.

LWML SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

St. Paul's celebrated LWML Sunday on October 21st and 22nd. The theme for this special service was "The King Is Coming" based on Psalm 24:7-10. In support of the National and NID LWML Mission grants, a special offering was taken at the end of the service. St. Paul's members donated a total of \$354.94 toward this cause. These donations will help meet the National mission goal of \$2,350,000 and the NID mission goal of \$160,000. Please accept the heartfelt thanks of the LWML for all that you do to support us in sharing the Gospel of Christ with people all around the world. You are a blessing to the people we serve. Thank you so much!

THANK YOU!

To the Members of St. Paul's: Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my hand surgery. Also thank you for the beautiful flowers I received. God Bless You all.

~ Sarah Quaintance



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.

ASSIMILATION CLASSES

Now that our New Member Classes have finished, our Board of Outreach & Connections will be hosting three assimilation classes for **all new members, LCMS transfers**, and anyone else who would like a refresher. These classes will cover topics specific to St. Paul's - namely, our small group opportunities, our constitution, and our budget. They will be **held between church services on Sunday, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th**. If you are planning to be received as a new member after the holidays, please plan to attend these classes.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 11th & 12th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	86
Sunday, 8:30 am	123
Sunday, 11:00 am	65
Weekend Total	274

Adult Bible Class	20
Youth Bible Class	13
Children's Sunday School	20

Offerings Given

General	\$30,619.25
Building	\$16,588.91
School Ops	\$150.00



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

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, Jacob Kubal

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Dennis Hess
8:30: Bill Balgeman
11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Carter Provost, Carter Stell
11:05: Audrey Nordmeyer, Annie Schneider

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Nathan Raloff
11:05: Jim Trudeau

Ushers: 5:00: Jim Sharper, Dawn Marie Tierney, Mary & Rob Wood
8:30: Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Dan Friesner

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Ben Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal, Heidi Ostrowski

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

Sun , Nov. 19	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	9:50 am	Family Sunday School (Bourb)
	9:50 am	Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon , Nov. 20	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue , Nov. 21		
Wed , Nov. 22	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Downtown)
Thur , Nov. 23		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship (Downtown)
Fri , Nov. 24		OFFICE CLOSED
Sat , Nov. 25	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , Nov. 26	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:50 am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night (Bourb)