

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**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 BIBLE CLASS**

**Class: "THE ADVENT OF OUR KING"**

**Teacher: Pastor Drinnon**

**When: Sundays at 9:50 am**

**Where: Room 130**

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 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 about the return of Christ.



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

We are excited to announce that St. Paul's is getting ready to do a new pictorial directory! This will be a great opportunity to facilitate increased fellowship among our members, but we need your participation for it to be successful! Please watch for further details in upcoming bulletins, mailings and other announcements, beginning in mid to late February. Photography dates are April 17 - 20, 2024.

**The 2023 financial statements are now available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall or at the school, depending on which service you frequent. The envelopes will be organized alphabetically by last name. School families have been separated. If you cannot find yours, please contact Christie at 932-0312. Thank you for your generosity!**

**YOUTH LOCK-IN**

St. Paul's Youth Ministry is hosting a Youth Lock-In on **February 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>** for all 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> students. The Lock-In will run from 7pm to 7am. The cost is \$10 per student. A Youth Ministry Team from Concordia University Chicago (college students) will be the leaders of the night's fun and Bible study. Expect a night of fun and food and probably very little sleep.

**LET'S HAVE A TEA PARTY!**

On **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Lutheran Women in Mission is having a Tea Party from **12:30 pm to 2:30 pm** at the school! All ladies of the congregation are invited. This would be



a good time for mothers, daughters and grandmothers to share some quality time together and form bonds with other Christian ladies. Come and enjoy a cup of tea with finger sandwiches and pastries. We will be preparing Valentine Cards for the veterans in our area, along with other fun things. Sign-up sheets will be available between the services or you can contact Sharon Friesner at 815-954-5740 no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us as we begin Lent with a special Family Sunday School on **February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am** between the church services. Everyone is invited!



**TRIVIA NIGHT 2024**

Do you like Trivia? Do you like an adult night out with friends? Do you like to support the Youth of St. Paul's? Well Trivia night is a fun way for you to do one or all of those things. St. Paul's Youth Ministry is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trivia Night on **Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 6pm with trivia starting at 6:30.** There will be 10 rounds of trivia with some of this year's topics being Mixed Up Christmas Songs, Everyday Science, Brands & Slogans, TV Plots, and Current Events. The youth will again be assisting with writing the trivia questions. The cost is \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of 4 to 8 people. Each table is encouraged to bring snacks and drinks to enjoy all evening. A small concession stand will be available with snacks, pop, and bottled water. To sign up, use the Sign-up Genius link below or contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864.

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DA8AF23A46-47250839-stpauls>**

### DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, shine your shoes and practice your moves! Girls, find your twirliest dress! On **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, the PTL will be hosting the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at the school. The theme this year is "Once Upon a Time".



### 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 share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next quarterly meeting will be on **Wed., January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm** at Chicago Dough. Please email questions to [rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net).



### LENTEN DINNERS

**Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>**, which means our Lenten Dinners will begin the following week. Dinners will be served in Fellowship Hall downtown from 5:30 - 6:30 pm prior to the midweek services at 7:00 pm.

Dinners will include an entree, salad or veggies, dessert and drinks. A freewill offering will be taken to either cover the cost of the meal or to go toward a ministry of the board/group serving.

The schedule of dinners is:

- ~**February 21<sup>st</sup>** - Youth Board: Taco Bar
- ~**February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Fellowship: Lasagna
- ~**March 6<sup>th</sup>** - Outreach & Connections: Pizza
- ~**March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Education: Soup & Sandwiches
- ~**March 30<sup>th</sup>** - Human Care: BBQ sandwiches

Please join us for good food and fellowship and then worship afterwards!

### YOUTH GATHERING 2025 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

It is time to begin planning for the LCMS Youth Gathering in July of 2025. There will be an informational meeting in the cafeteria during the Sunday School hour **between church services on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. The 2025 Youth Gathering is open to all youth entering high school in the fall of 2025 through 2025 high school graduates. All parents and youth in this age bracket are invited to attend the meeting to learn more about the trip, fundraising, & expectations of participants and their families. If a youth in college in 2025 would like to attend, come to the meeting to learn how to be a part of the Youth Gathering. Any adults interested in chaperoning or attending as an adult team volunteer are also invited to attend.

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### READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

There have been many nominations for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in the Daily Journal's Readers Choice awards.

\* **Private School** - St. Paul's Lutheran School

\* **Educator** - Nicole Adams, St. Paul's

\* **Pastors** - Reverend Karl Koeppen

To register and vote, go to [www.readerschoicecontest.com/contestid/147](http://www.readerschoicecontest.com/contestid/147) You are allowed to vote each day.

**Voting ends January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held **this Sunday at 12:30 pm** at the school.

The Church Council will be announcing its selection of qualified voting members who, together with the pastors, shall serve as the Nominating Committee. At this meeting, the voters may submit to the committee the names of possible candidates for the various boards.

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 period, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation.



**FOLLOWING THE STAR: AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY TO ISRAEL**

We are excited to share some incredible news with you! An extraordinary opportunity awaits us as we embark on a spiritual journey to the Holy Land. Join us for an information session as we unveil the details of our upcoming trip, "Following the Star."

When: **February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran School

"Following the Star" is not just a trip; it's an invitation to walk in the footsteps of biblical history. During our time together, we will explore the sacred sites that hold profound significance in our faith. From the vibrant streets of Jerusalem to the serene shores of the Sea of Galilee, every step will be a testament to the rich tapestry of our spiritual heritage.

Highlights of the Trip:

**Jerusalem:** Visit the Old City, where history comes alive in the narrow alleys and ancient walls.

**Bethlehem:** Stand in awe at the birthplace of Jesus and reflect on the miracle of Christmas.

**The Dead Sea:** Experience the wonder of floating in the saltiest sea on Earth.

**Mount of Beatitudes:** Receive inspiration from the same mount where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

Information Session Details: This information session will cover essential details such as the itinerary, travel logistics, and the spiritual significance of each destination. Whether you are considering joining the trip or simply curious about the experience, this session is open to everyone. The session will include a special livestream from the Holy Land from Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton to give us the lay of the land in Israel.

<b><u>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</u></b>	
<b>January 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b><u>Worship Attendance:</u></b>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm .....	47
Sunday, 8:30 am .....	80
Sunday, 11:05 am .....	51
<b>Weekend Total .....</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class .....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study .....</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b><u>Offerings Given</u></b>	
<b>General .....</b>	<b>\$9,089.00</b>
<b>Building .....</b>	<b>.\$912.00</b>
<b>School Ops .....</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Organist:** 5:00: Terri Jones                      10:00: Nadine Engel

**Live Streaming & Recording:** Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Brody Brinkmann

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Darren Blair  
 8:30: Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Bruce Clark, Hal Bryant  
 11:05: Ken Capps

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Jennifer Richardson  
 8:30: Miles Truax  
 11:05: Melody Trudeau

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Austin Colagrossi, Audrey Nordmeyer  
 11:05: Joshua Cherry, Beth Schreurs

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
 11:05: Greg Wheeler

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

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Mellody McDonald, Ellana Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane and Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Jan. 28</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional <i>(K-8th Grade Day School Choir singing)</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Gathering Information Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult & Youth Bible Classes	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Voters Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Jan. 29</b>			
<b>Tue, Jan. 30</b>			
<b>Wed, Jan. 31</b>	6:00 pm	Project Compassion/Gabriel's Callers Meeting <i>(Chicago Dough)</i>	
<b>Thur, Feb. 1</b>			
<b>Fri, Feb. 2</b>			
<b>Sat, Feb. 3</b>	12:30 pm	LWML Tea Party	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Sun, Feb. 4</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult & Youth Bible Classes	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - Communion	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>