

The Visitor

Rev. Karl J. Koeppen,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Roger A. Drinnon,
Associate Pastor

Mrs. Richard C.
Nordmeyer,
Interim Principal

Rev. David Baker,
Missionary to Mongolia

February/
March
2024



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Worship & Bible Study Opportunities

Traditional Worship:

Saturday 5:00 pm @ the Downtown Church
located at 348 E. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL
Sunday 8:30 am @ the School
located 1780 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, IL

Contemporary Worship:

Sunday 11:05 am @ the School

Adult & Youth Bible Class:

Sunday 9:50 am @ the School
Classes for Adults & 6th - 12th grade

Children's Sunday School:

Sunday 9:50 am @ the School
Classes for Pre-K through 5th grade

Church & School Office: 815-932-0312

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Church Website: www.stpaulslutheran.net



Next Newsletter Deadline March 15th

SPECIAL DATES

- Transfiguration of our Lord, February 11
- Ash Wednesday, February 14
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- Presidents Day, February 19
- World Day of Prayer, March 1
- Daylight Savings Time begins, March 10
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17
- First Day of Spring, March 19
- Palm Sunday, March 24
- Maundy Thursday, March 28
- Good Friday, March 29
- Easter, March 31



Don't forget to spring ahead
on March 10th!!



Wednesdays 7:00 pm -
Feb. 14, 21, 28 and Mar. 6, 13, 20
Downtown Church

HOLY WEEK - Downtown Church

Maundy Thursday, March 28th
7:00 pm



Good Friday, March 29th
12:05 pm and 7:00 pm (Tenebrae)

NO SERVICE on Sat., March 30th

Easter Sunday, March 31st
6:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am



ASHES TO ASHES AND DUST TO DUST

In February, we begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service.

Ashes are prominent on Ash Wednesday. There are many Christians who will be wearing ashes on their forehead that day. Are they showing off? Are they trying to stand out? What does it mean?

There are a few reasons why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.

FIRST, the ashes remind us of our sinfulness.

Since ancient times, God's people have used ashes as a sign of humble repentance (e.g. Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13). This tradition was carried on by the early church and remains an important tradition today. When one willingly goes up to a pastor and receives ashes on his/her forehead (or on the back of their hand), they are admitting that they are sinners in desperate need of salvation. They are admitting that they have sinned not only against their neighbors, but against God Himself. The ashes demonstrate that without God, all people are spiritually dead. The ashes remind the wearer of their need to repent and confess in order to be turned back to God. The ashes demonstrate our pleading that the Lord would purify us. The ashes serve as a tangible and visible sign of our failure to love God as much as He loves us.

SECOND, the ashes remind us of our mortality.

The receiving of ashes on Ash Wednesday also remind us of our mortality, which is the direct result of God's condemnation of our sin. God said to Adam, "*You are dust and to dust you shall return*" (*Genesis 3:19*). Ashes serve as a solemn reminder that the price of sin is death. Man cannot escape death. Often, people today feel as if they are invincible. It's easy to feel like we're at the top of the world, capable of doing anything that we desire. We keep ourselves busy doing "good" things, but fail to recognize that in reality we are dead in sin. People don't like to think about death. Our culture has seemingly sterilized death. We make every attempt to avoid death. Death is uncomfortable. And, that's why ashes are so important. They are the physical reminder that God created man from the dust of the earth and one day all men will return to the dust of the earth. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust. The ashes force us to remember that we are merely mortal and that God alone is sovereign and reigns for all eternity.



THIRD, the ashes remind us that we have been redeemed.

Ashes also tell us the good news of the Gospel! You see, ashes aren't just smeared randomly or haphazardly across people's foreheads. The ashes are given in the shape of the cross. In receiving the ashes, we remember that our Lord Jesus took on the fullness of our humanity. He who was sinless became our sin. Jesus the Christ was crucified on a cross. He was crucified for you. He descended into hell where He endured the fullness of the wrath of God on your behalf. Then Jesus conquered death through His resurrection. He was resurrected for you. In doing so, He has taken the ashes of our past and created in us new life, allowing us to live forever in the holy presence of God! He has redeemed His children, making us clean and new. Through the cross of Christ, the power of death has been destroyed. Through the cross there is life. The cross-shaped ashes on our foreheads proclaim the good news that sin and death have been conquered through the cross of Christ.

In our Ash Wednesday service again, this year, the Lord's Supper immediately follows the receiving of ashes. We, who were once dead in our sins, we who deserve to die, can come to the Lord's Table literally wearing the cross of Christ. Here, at the Lord's table, those who have humbled themselves before the Lord, who have admitted their sin, who know they deserve death, are instead given the new life that is only found through the body and blood of our loving Lord Jesus. Here, at the Lord's table, those marked with the cross of Christ are raised up, strengthened through God's mercy, love, and grace, and sent forth into the world to proclaim the good news!

I pray you can join us on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. *There is no mandate to receive ashes. However, we offer that opportunity for those who wish to participate. You can join us at our school chapel that morning and/or in the evening at the downtown church*

for worship. You are able to receive ashes in the form of a cross on your forehead or on the back of your hand. When receiving the ashes, the pastor says: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."



You may not know, but the ashes that we use are traditionally made out of the palm branches used previously on Palm Sunday, a day when people rejoiced and praised Jesus only days before they turned on him and yelled “Crucify Him!” (Matthew 27:22; Mark 15:13; Luke 23:21; John 19:6) This serves as a powerful reminder that people are sinful, death is real, but Resurrection Day (Easter) is coming!

Come, all are welcome. All are in need of salvation. Let the Lord use the ashes of your past to create in you a clean heart and new life in Him.

Blessings in Jesus!
Pastor Koeppen



THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

The Pascal Triduum is the three days of Jesus’ Passion ending Lent and moving us into the Easter Season. The Triduum begins on Maundy (Holy) Thursday and ends with Easter Day. These three days incorporate three (or four if some observe the Easter Eve Vigil) separate services that are actually part of one, whole worship service. Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve Vigil, and Easter. There is no benediction (final blessing) on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday since these services are not concluded, but anticipate the next worship service as part of the whole three days of worship - The Pascal Triduum.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday begins our worship with Corporate confession and Absolution. The

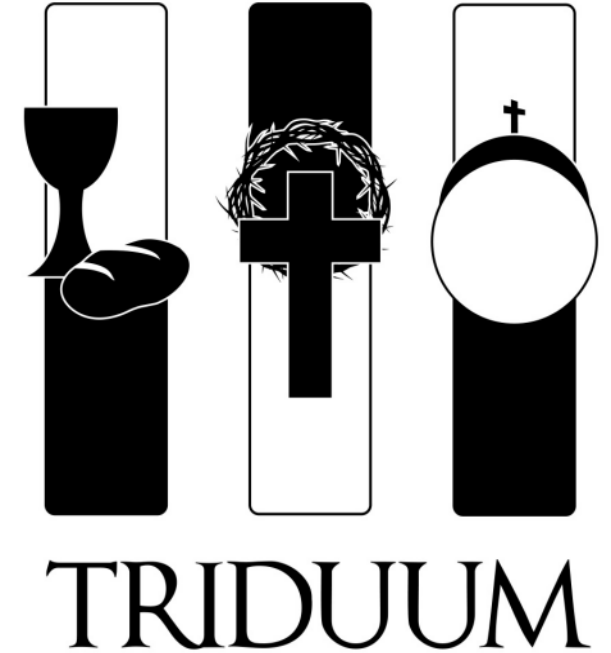
focus for this part of the Triduum is on Jesus and the disciples celebrating the Passover - His Last Supper with His disciples. It is from within the Passover that Jesus instituted and gave us His Holy Supper. It was here that Jesus washed the feet of His followers and taught them (and us) humility and service to one another. The celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar bestows the grace of God and the forgiveness of our sins upon us which was won by Christ on the cross. We conclude this worship part of the Triduum with the stripping of the Altar in preparation for Christ’s death and burial on Friday.

Good Friday

Good Friday carries on the Triduum with a noon service and in the evening we have a Tenebrae service - a service of darkness. This is a day of joy as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. This service is not a funeral service, but we do worship with restrained joy and minimized music. It is, after all, GOOD Friday - good for us, that is, as our sins were paid for by Jesus. We leave this day of the Triduum in silent, somber, joyful reflection of the God/Man’s death in our place, and anticipate the unrestrained joy of Easter Day when we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Eve Vigil

In some churches, the Vigil of Easter is celebrated. The vigil is a “keeping watch” through the night in anticipation of Jesus’ resurrection early on Sunday. A worship service on Saturday evening may end the Triduum with the benediction and the Easter Acclamation, “Christ is Risen!” When the Vigil is observed, this would then begin the Easter season for those worshiping and keeping the vigil. Worshipers gather on this evening in expectation for the news of Christ’s resurrection. Some churches in our area do have Easter Vigil services.



Easter Morning

Easter does certainly bring the Triduum to a joyful and glorious conclusion. The resurrection of our Lord means nothing without His death in the sinner's place. And His death would mean nothing without His resurrection to life and His victory over the grave, sin, and the devil. He is Risen, indeed.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER TAKEN PART IN ALL OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES WE OFFER, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY THEM OUT THIS YEAR - You have to go through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in order to get to Easter Morning.

- 3/28 Maundy Thursday - 7pm - we walk with our Lord and Join Him at the Last Supper
- 3/29 Good Friday - noon - We consider the suffering of our Lord
- 3/29 Good Friday - 7pm - TENEBRAE - a service of darkness as we contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus....
- 3/30 SAT - NO WORSHIP SERVICE
- 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY - 6, 9, 11am - Celebrate our Lord's Resurrection.

During our midweek services we have been walking with Jesus - the "*Places of the Passion*" Continue walking with Jesus throughout Holy Week!

May God bless this time of worship as we receive His gracious blessings in Christ Jesus - our Savior and our Lord.

Blessings in Christ!
Pastor Karl Koeppen



Connected to Christ

... *[H]olding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. (Colossians 2:19)*

Our youth theme this year is "Building Faith Together." In January, we explored connections – our connection to God and with one another. (Coincidentally this was also the theme for National Lutheran Schools Week.) Using our theme for this year, how are we connected with God? How are we connected to each other? The plumbing, wires, and Wi-Fi connect the individual rooms in a house together. We are connected to God through His grace in Word and Sacrament. This connection is our vertical relationship with God. We are also connected to each other by our vocations. We can call our connection with each other our horizontal relationship. Our horizontal relationships are also called our vocations meaning callings from God.

When Christ brought us to faith and cleansed us in the waters of holy baptism, Jesus established His vertical connection with you. We did nothing to earn or deserve this connection. Our vertical connection is established by grace alone. God's grace transforms our hearts and minds so that we become children of God. In baptism, God washed away all your sins and gave you His righteousness. Our vertical connection with God bestows on us passive righteousness. This is the righteousness of faith. Through our connection with God, we are given His grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness. God's radical love for us in this relationship transforms how we see others. We see others in the light of God's mercy and love. Our vertical relationship with God then empowers and transforms our horizontal relationship with others.

One of Martin Luther's most brilliant moves was to remove the term vocation from solely living the religious life as a monk or as a priest but as a term for every day Christian service. Through the blood of Jesus, our relationships are transformed into opportunities to be Jesus's hands and feet in this world. Vocations are not extraordinary acts of service that are for a select few – but are callings Christians do every single day. Christ has given us these relationships in our roles as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, godparents, etc. Vocation is not limited to what we do for a living – that may be a place where God calls us to serve but what we do does not have to define us or be the principle source of where we derive our vocational responsibilities. Simply being a good father or mother is a greater calling in God's eyes than being a CEO of a successful company. We know this because God has given us clear commands on what it means to be

a parent and what the blessings of parenthood offer. Never underestimate what God will do through you to bring His words of comfort and forgiveness in the various connections He has placed you in.

We are very blessed with the various connections we have in Youth Nights. During Youth Nights, we connect to God in Word and in prayer, and we connect to each other in fun, games, and conversations. As we are united together, we are given opportunities to grow as St. Paul illustrates in Colossians 2:19, “[H]olding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.” May we as St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School during this New Year continue to make connections and grow together in faith. God’s blessings.

*In Christ,
Pastor Drinnon*



WALCAMP RETREAT

Youth, are you looking for time away from home? Would you like to build and work with your hands? Would you like to spend time with other youth playing games, doing fun camp activities, and studying God's word together? Then you will love the Walcamp Retreat coming up in April. All 7th -12th grade youth are invited to spend a weekend away at Walcamp, a Lutheran Youth and Family Camp. Have a summer camp experience in one weekend - April 12th -14th. We will be helping Walcamp build a prayer garden and enjoying all the fun of youth camp. The cost is \$75 per youth. Contact Pastor Drinnon or Sarah Cherry for the full details if you are interested in attending the retreat.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2023

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 3rd Annual Trivia Night on **Friday, Feb 23rd. 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>





YOUTH LOCK-IN

St. Paul's Youth Ministry is hosting a Youth Lock-In **February 9th - 10th** for all 7th - 12th 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.



BUNDT CAKE SALE

St. Paul's Youth will be selling Nothing Bundt Cake mini bundtlets again this year. This year the sale will happen in April with delivery in time for Mother's Day. Keep watching for more details later this spring.

FAITH FRIENDS MINISTRY

A new ministry opportunity is launching in the new year where adults are paired with a 7th - 12th grade youth of our congregation and/or school to pray regularly for the student as they grow in faith and navigate life.

Would you be willing to pray regularly for a student for the remainder of the school year? Could you write a card periodically to the student with words of encouragement and scripture? Would you be willing to meet your student once to get to know them a bit? Adults of all ages are invited to be a part of this new prayer ministry.

Resources and suggestions for prayer and encouragement will be provided. Cards will be available each weekend for your use (Saturdays in a basket downtown, and Sunday mornings in the card cart in the cafeteria). Just write a message (suggestions provided) and leave your card with your student's name in the basket provided and the card will be delivered to your student.

Praying for the next generation is an important part of our faith community, and committing to pray for a particular student shows them that they are an important part of our faith community. Please consider being a part of this new ministry. For more information or to sign up - contact Debbie Turrell at 815-325-4518 or debraturrell7@yahoo.com.



SUNDAY BIBLE 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 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.

"GOSPEL OF MARK" BIBLE STUDY

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6-8 pm

Location: Resource Room

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

Mark's gospel is traditionally symbolized with a lion – recounting the first verses of the gospel, "The voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness." In Mark, we see Christ coming to inaugurate the Kingdom of God through the preaching and teaching of who He is – the One who will be the ransom for many. So join us to dig deeper into Scripture and to grow in knowledge, faith, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. This Bible study will be livestreamed and the link will be available on the *St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Community Group* Facebook page.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Pastor Koeppen is now leading a Bible Study entitled "Christianity and the Competition". We will meet again **Sat., February 24th & Sat., March 23rd at 7:30 am**



in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Join us as we study God's Word.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly fellowship dinners. We visit a different restaurant each month and share a great couple of hours eating and getting to know each other better. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Anyone who has come at least once will tell you how much fun we have! The next fellowship dinners will be **Friday, February 23rd** and **March 22nd** at 6:00 pm (restaurants to be determined). If you would like to join us, please call or text Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837. We look forward to seeing you!



LENTEN DINNERS

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, 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 21st** - Youth Board: Taco Bar
 - ~**February 28th** - Parish Fellowship: Lasagna
 - ~**March 6th** - Outreach & Connections: Pizza
 - ~**March 13th** - Parish Education: Soup & Sandwiches
 - ~**March 30th** - Human Care: BBQ sandwiches
- Please join us for good food and fellowship and then worship afterwards!

EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth will be serving pancakes, sausage, egg casseroles & more in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 am to 8:30 am on Easter morning. A freewill donation will be collected to help with the 2025 National Youth Gathering expenses. Come celebrate our risen Lord in fellowship!!



SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST

The SCORE program, sponsored by Belson and other area businesses, **will conclude in April**. 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. *We are currently in 4th place out of 28 organizations. Keep those cans coming over the next couple of months and let's finish strong!* If you would like to drop your cans off at the school, please call the school office.



ST. PAUL'S 2024-2025 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Share this with your friends and family - enrollment is now open to everyone! St. Paul's has a great school, excellent staff and a strong commitment to provide academic excellence in a safe, Christian environment. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay!



DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

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



PTL'S ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER

PTL will be hosting Dueling Pianos & Auction on **Saturday, March 16th** at Quality Inn in Bradley. Doors will open at 6pm. There will be a cash bar. A full buffet dinner will be served from 7 to 8 pm. The dueling pianos will perform from 7 to 10 pm with intermittent breaks for live auction items throughout the night. As we have done in the recent past, our silent auction will be online. It will open a week before the event and close at the end of the event. Some of the great auction features available will include text notifications when you've been outbid and the option to set up auto-bidding.

Don't forget....if you work for or own a business that would be willing to donate a basket, service, or sponsorship, please call the school office. If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products or experiences for the auction! All donors will be advertised on our auction website and in our Thank You Video, which will run on our school website and Facebook page and during the live dinner. For sponsorships over \$500, there are

also opportunities for you to advertise your business at the event. *Just a friendly reminder that all auction donations are due by February 16th.*

Our goal is to raise \$20,000. All proceeds from the event will be used to provide teaching supplies for our teachers, new desks for the upper grade classrooms, and new athletic equipment.

Tickets will go on sale mid-February and be available for purchase until March 1st in the school office or between Sunday church services. We are looking forward to another successful event thanks to your support!



COMING SOON TO ST. PAUL'S.... A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's been 8 years since our last pictorial directory and there have been a lot of changes in our congregation. Some people have gone home to be with their Lord, others have moved, children have grown up, and we have many new members who were not here the last time we did a directory.

There will be no cost to the church or our families for the directory. Each family photographed will receive a free portrait and a free copy of the directory. There is no cost to be photographed and you will review your portraits immediately following photography. The only cost you will incur is if you decide to purchase additional portraits.

The schedule for photography is April 17th through April 20th at the school. Sign ups for photography appointments will begin the weekend of February 17th & 18th following all services. Instructions for signing up online will be forthcoming.

If you will not be available for photography during our scheduled dates and still want to be included in our directory, there will be opportunities to be photographed at a different church in the area or even in another state if you are out of town.

We hope you will be a part of our new pictorial directory! The more families that are included, the more useful the directory will be!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

In the 2023 calendar year, Thrivent donated \$7,000 to St. Paul's through its "Action Team" program. Thrivent members who are also members of St. Paul's can request \$500 per year for special projects such as Oktoberfest, auctions, coffee hour, spring or fall cleanup, or any variety of events or equipment needs. As great a blessing as this was, there were also \$9,000 in unclaimed funds. If you are a Thrivent customer and did not fully utilize these monies, please consider contacting a board member in 2024 to offer your benefit to the church or school.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart for 2024 is now up at the Bourbonnais campus. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or some special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. When you sign up for flowers please include your phone number next to your name. Thank you!

The cost is \$25.00 for one vase or \$50.00 for two. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Checks or cash payments may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 932-1545 or lykoeppen@comcast.net.

**DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP
STATISTICS**

Baptized 1808
Communicant 1331
Communing 500

Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship
(as of the end of the month):

Month 217
Year-to-date 260

**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES
(through December)**

Thankofferings

Receipts (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School
+ Electronic): \$389,743.39
Budgeted Amount: \$429,663.42
% of Need: **90.71%**

Building Fund

Receipts(Envelopes+Electronic):
\$72,053.41
Budgeted Amount: \$89,140.50
% of need: **80.1%**

2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 are organized alphabetically by last name. If you cannot find yours, please contact Christie at 932-0312. Thank you for your generosity!

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES

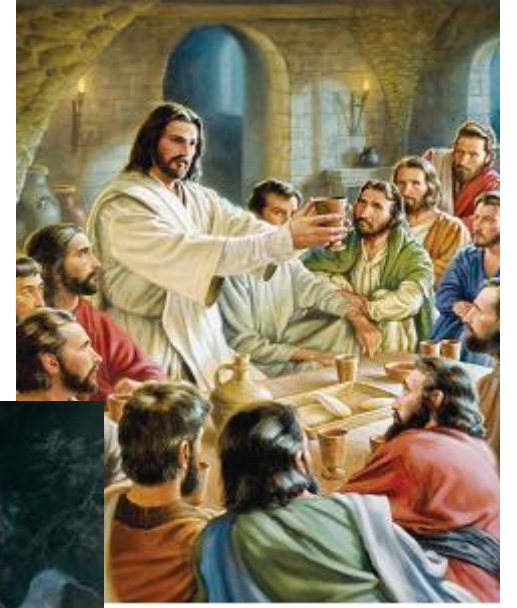
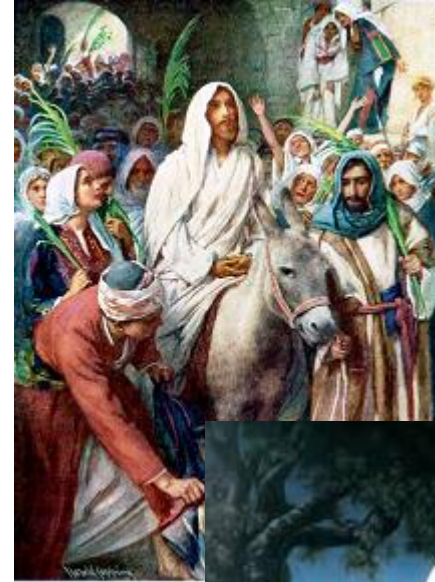
All of the remaining 2024 giving envelopes are now available for pick-up from the school. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries!

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

If you would rather receive St. Paul's bi-monthly newsletter via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call the church office at 932-0312. The newsletter is also posted on St. Paul's website at stpaulslutheran.net.

BAKER BULLETIN

The latest Baker Bulletin is enclosed and posted in the entryway at the school. Rev. David Baker and his family are doing missionary work across the globe and love to share their stories. Please note that because of the nature of their ministry, we cannot post the bulletin online.





Serving our Lord in February

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., February 4	8:30 am 11:05 am	Amelia & Lillian Bloomquist Joshua Cherry, Lucas Porter
Sun., February 11	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hope Brammer, Nora McHugh Norah Callan, Rowen Dunnill
Wed., February 14	7:00 pm	Gloria Morocho Loja, Shana Price
Sun., February 18	8:30 am 11:05 am	Aidan Lavoie, Carter Stell Yasenia Alvarez, Emma Davis
Wed., February 21	7:00 pm	Aiden Baud, Emma Bourassa
Sun., February 25	8:30 am 11:05 am	Dylan Blair, Mo Macari Daphne & Delilah Sexton
Wed., February 28	7:00 pm	Ashton & Pierce Finnegan

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., February 3 Sun., February 4	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Rich Nordmeyer Lauren Lundmark Mellody McDonald	Sat., February 10 Sun., February 11	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Loree Yoakum Bill Balgeman Karen Beatty
Sat., February 17 Sun., February 18	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Mark Hess Sharla Ronchetto	Sat., February 25 Sun., February 26	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Rich Engel Debbie Turrell

TRUSTEE SCHEDULES

Sat. & Sun., February 3 & 4 5:00 pm - Nick Baudino 8:30 am - Nathan Raloff 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Sat. & Sun., February 10 & 11 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Wed., February 14 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson
Sat & Sun., February 17 & 18 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Brian Porter 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Wed., February 21 7:00 pm - Nick Baudino	Sat. & Sun., February 24 & 25 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler
Wed., February 28 7:00 pm - Rob Wood		



Serving our Lord in March

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., March 3	8:30 am 11:05 am	Sean Price, Gavin Woods Amelia & Lillian Bloomquist
Wed., March 6	7:00 pm	Joshua Cherry, Trevor Smith
Sun., March 10	8:30 am 11:05 am	Carter Provost, Trenton Stephens Audrey Nordmeyer, Annie Schneider
Wed., March 13	7:00 pm	Lucas Porter, Miles Truax
Sun., March 17	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ethan Anderson, Carter Stell Beth Schreurs, Archie Schutters
Wed., March 20	7:00 pm	Ava & Jackson Veasey
Sun., March 24	8:30 am 11:05 am	Haley O'Keefe, Mason Raloff Sean & Shana Price
Thurs., March 28	7:00 pm	Aidan Baud, Trevor Smith
Fri., March 29	12:05 pm 7:00 pm	Nora McHugh, Gloria Morocho Loja Emma Davis, Maci Lazarich
Sun., March 31	6:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Ava & Jackson Veasey Gavin Woods (crossbearer) Rowen Dunnill, Mo Macari Hope Brammer (crossbearer) Emma Bourassa, Aidan Lavoie Ethan Anderson (crossbearer)

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., March 2 Sun., March 3	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Rich Nordmeyer Lauren Lundmark Mellody McDonald	Sat., March 9 Sun., March 10	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Ruth Fabbro Karen Beatty
Sat., March 16 Sun., March 17	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert JoAnn Hess Debbie Turrell	Sat., March 23 Sun., March 24	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Loree Yoakum Rich Engel David Bottorff

TRUSTEE SCHEDULE

Sat. & Sun., March 2 & 3 5:00 pm - Nick Baudino 8:30 am - Nathan Raloff 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Wed., March 6 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson	Sat. & Sun., March 9 & 10 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Brian Porter 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler
Wed., March 13 7:00 pm - Nick Baudino	Sat. & Sun., March 16 & 17 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Wed., March 20 7:00 pm - Rob Wood
Sat. & Sun., March 23 & 24 5:00 pm - Nick Baudino 8:30 am - Nathan Raloff 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Thurs., March 28 7:00 pm - Nick Baudino	Fri., March 29 12:05 pm - Terry Treece 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson
Sun., March 31 6:00 am - Jeff Johnson 9:00 am - Rob Wood 11:00 am - Nick Baudino		

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."

Date: February 4th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran School, 1780 Career Center Rd, Bourbonnais

What to Expect: "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.

See you on February 4th!

In Christ,

Pastor Drinnon