

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - February 3rd & 4th

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY. CLASS WILL RESUME ON FEBRUARY 11th.



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 are organized alphabetically by last name. 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 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.

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".



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 to come and build a resurrection garden kit to take home!



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 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>



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 at the school on **February 4th at 4:00 pm** for an information session as we unveil the details of our upcoming trip, "Following the Star."

"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.

HOSANNA CHOIR

Hosanna choir will be singing on Ash Wednesday and throughout Holy Week and all are welcome to join us! We will be rehearsing on **Sundays** in the music room at school after the Contemporary service, at approximately **12:45 pm**. Rehearsals will last about an hour. If you are interested in singing, please come! If you have any questions, call Gail Ferrebee at 815-351-5503.



LENTEN DINNERS

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, which means our Lenten Dinners will begin the following week. Dinners will be served at the downtown church in Fellowship Hall 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 20th** - Human Care: BBQ sandwiches
- Please join us for good food and fellowship and then worship afterwards!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

January 27th & 28th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	63
Sunday, 8:30 am	211
Sunday, 11:05 am	67
Weekend Total	341

Children's Sunday School	28
Youth Bible Class	21
Adult Bible Study	9

Offerings Given

General	\$11,645.00
Building	\$2,775.00
School Ops	\$155.00

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

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist: 5:00: Nadine Engel 10:00: Nadine Engel

Live Streaming & Recording: Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Natalie Cherry

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Rich Engel
8:30: Kevin Kurtz, Bruce Clark, Darren Blair, John Veers
11:05: Greg Deck

Lay Readers: 5:00: Rich Nordmeyer
8:30: Lauren Lundmark
11:05: Mellody McDonald

Acolytes: 8:30: Amelia & Lillian Bloomquist
11:05: Joshua Cherry, Lucas Porter

Trustees: 5:00: Nick Baudino
8:30: Nathan Raloff
11:05: Jim Trudeau

Ushers: 5:00: Fred Langelett, Terry Treece
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Judy Browning, Barry Gadbois, Steve Weith
11:05: Kirk Anderson, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill & Diane Dyche, Duane Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Feb. 4	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	(Bourb)
	9:50 am	Youth Bible Class	(Bourb)
	9:50 am	Children’s Sunday School	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	(Bourb)
	12:45 pm	<i>Hosanna</i> Choir Rehearsal	(Bourb)
	4:00 pm	"Following The Star" Meeting	(Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	(Bourb)
Mon, Feb. 5	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	(Bourb)
Tue, Feb. 6	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	(Bourb)
Wed, Feb. 7			
Thur, Feb. 8	6:00 pm	<i>Gospel of Mark</i> Bible Study	(Bourb)
Fri, Feb. 9	7:00 pm	Youth Lock-In	(Bourb)
Sat, Feb. 10	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	(Downtown)
Sun, Feb. 11	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	(Bourb)
	9:50 am	Adult & Youth Bible Classes	(Bourb)
	9:50 am	Family Sunday School	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	(Bourb)

