

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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.



On **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding a Special Voter's Meeting in the school gym at **12:30 pm** for the purpose of calling a new principal for the Day School and discussing a new solar panel proposal.

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 two-year time period, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges then continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation. Even if you have never attended a voter's meeting, please consider attending this one so that you are eligible to vote at the next one.

**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: **Wed., April 17<sup>th</sup> through Sat., April 20<sup>th</sup>** at the school. In-person sign ups for photography appointments will begin the weekend of February 17<sup>th</sup> following all services and continue through the beginning of April. A letter has been sent to all families that includes instructions on how to sign up for your photography appointment online if you prefer to do that. 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!

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us as we begin Lent with a special Family Sunday School this Sunday, **February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am** between the church services. Everyone is invited to come and build a resurrection garden kit and snack mix to take home!

**COFFEE HOUR COFFEE CHANGE**



Due to requests, we are changing the coffee we serve at coffee hour to caffeinated coffee beginning the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL**

St. Paul's Lutheran School's 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders present....**WILLY WONKA JR.!** Performances will be on **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm** and **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm**. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$5. Come and watch the delicious adventures of Willy Wonka unfold in this scrumdilyumptious adaptation guaranteed to delight your sweet tooth!





### 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>

### BE THE CHURCH DAYS FOR PHIL'S FRIENDS

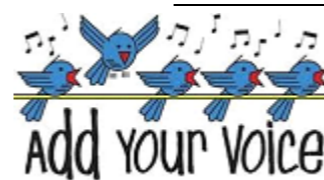
We would love for you to mark the first Saturdays of March and April in your calendar as Be The Church Days and come to our Phil's Friends project work days. On **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will be creating journals and homemade cards. These special homemade items are added to each care package. No artistic ability is required - we are looking for people to cut, glue, and sticker, but if you are artistic, we would love your guidance at this work day. On **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will be coloring boxes, tying fleece blankets, and finishing up projects from March, as needed. Our first Packing Party is scheduled for **April 20<sup>th</sup>** (watch for more details). By that day we will need to have all our own fleece blankets tied, journals and cards created, and boxes colored, so we could really use your help on our work days in March and April. Each work day will be from **9 am to 11:30 am** at the Bourbonnais Campus.



### 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 dinner will be **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **Pomodoro's Pizza and Grill** (801 W. Broadway, Bradley). If you would like to join us, please call or text Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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. **On February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal will be after the contemporary service, at approximately 12:45 pm. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal will be at 6:00 pm.** Rehearsals will last about an hour. If you are interested in singing, please come! If you have any questions, call Gail Ferree at 815-351-5503.



### LENTEN DINNERS & WORSHIP

**Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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 20<sup>th</sup>** - Human Care: BBQ sandwiches
- Please join us for good food and fellowship and then worship afterwards!



**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Don't leave FREE money on the table! If you have a Thrivent insurance policy or annuity product, you may be eligible to choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funding. **Call 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836) by March 31<sup>st</sup> to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**



**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

School enrollment is now open to everyone! We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so if you have not already registered, don't delay.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

The new Lenten devotion is now available at both the school and downtown church locations.

In **Lamb of God**, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever.

Jesus was born for sacrifice and servanthood. As God's beloved Lamb, He intimately joined our lives in the flesh, compassionately healing, teaching, and loving us as our Good Shepherd. On the cross, He gave His life for our transgressions, and three days later He rose triumphant in victory over sin, death, and the devil.

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**

Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled "Christianity and the Competition". Please join him on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.



**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of the season of Lent in the Church Year. Lent is the 40-day season of the Church Year that culminates in Good Friday, the day we observe the crucifixion of Jesus our Savior. Because of this, the season of Lent has historically been a very somber one, marked with themes of spiritual preparation and repentance.

One Lenten practice that is fairly common is the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Like other Lenten practices, this is not something we are commanded to do, but many choose to do it because it is a reminder of their sinfulness, as well as the salvation we have because Jesus died for our sins. Receiving the ashes does not make one a better Christian, but it can be a reminder to ourselves (as we look in the mirror and at one another), that not only are we sinful people, but we are also people redeemed by the cross of Jesus Christ our Savior.

We will be doing the imposition of ashes at our 7 pm service at the downtown church. If you are not able to come to church in the evening, you are also invited to come to the chapel service Wednesday morning at 8:30am at the school.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	69
Sunday, 8:30 am	110
Sunday, 11:05 am	60
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>239</b>

<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>n/a</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$9,812.00</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$5,455.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

**PRAIRIEVIEW LUTHERAN HOME**

Lutheran Home for the Aged Development Corporation's 2024 Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**, with registration beginning at 1:30 pm. Please note this meeting to be in a new location at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 N. Maple St, Clifton, IL 60927. The voting body will include up to two delegates and one pastor from each of the 26 member congregations. If you are interested in representing St. Paul's as a delegate, please contact the church office this week. Guests are also welcome. There will be refreshments following the meeting.

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Liturgist:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

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

**Live Streaming & Recording:** Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Olivia Reardanz

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Loree Yoakum  
8:30: Rich Engel  
11:05: Karen Beatty

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Hope Brammer & Haley O'Keefe  
11:05: Emma Davis, Rowen Dunnill

**Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson  
8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
11:05: Greg Wheeler

**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:** Chloe Butler, Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Alena LaGessee

**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Feb. 11</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional <i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult & Youth Bible Classes <i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Family Sunday School <i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary <i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:45 pm	Hosanna Choir Rehearsal <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Feb. 12</b>	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Tue, Feb. 13</b>		
<b>Wed, Feb. 14</b>		<b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	7:00 pm	Midweek Worship - <i>Communion (Downtown)</i>
<b>Thur, Feb. 15</b>		
<b>Fri, Feb. 16</b>		<b>AUCTION DONATIONS DUE EARLY DISMISSAL (11:15 / 11:30 am)</b>
<b>Sat, Feb. 17</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (Downtown)</i>
	6:00 pm	Daddy Daughter Dance <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Sun, Feb. 18</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (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>Communion (Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Special Voters Meeting <i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Hosanna Choir Rehearsal <i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night <i>(Bourb)</i>