

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<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.

**ISRAEL TRIP INFORMATION**

On **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, join us during coffee hour to catch a captivating video recalling a recent trip to Israel by LCMS pastor Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton. Discover the beauty and significance of this life changing journey. See you then

**"CHRIST, THE CONQUERING LAMB: A BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION"**

***When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am***

***Location: Room 130***


***Teacher: Pastor Drinnon***

Revelation is a notoriously difficult book to study. Many different interpretations of the book fly about trying to make sense of the vivid imagery of the book and applying that imagery to the news or recent events. Revelation is a series of visions granted to John the Apostle on the island on Patmos. The purpose of these visions to John is not to scare him but to give John comfort as he is in exile. The key to the book of Revelation is Christ – chiefly Christ coming in power to deal with sin in power. The ascended Lord reigns in power and uses his power for the good of His people. Christ promises that He will break all forces that oppose Him. Revelation gives comfort that good, in the end, overcomes evil. The difficult passages involving violence underscore the seriousness with which God deals with sin and the totality of His judgement. This Bible study gives you the tools to read John's apocalypse and the comforting message it brings: grace given in water, blood, and spirit. ***This study will begin April 28<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please call the church office or email [rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net).***

YOU'RE  
*invited*

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of **Joseph Hess**

invite you to join them in celebrating **100 years** of his life. We will be celebrating with an open house on **April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. No gifts please.



**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY STARTS THIS WEEK!**



Our first set of dates for St. Paul's new pictorial directory are this week, **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April**

**20<sup>th</sup>**. Pictures will be taken in the Youth Room and viewed in the library at the school. Please see the bulletin insert for helpful information to prepare for your photography session. If you have an appointment for this week, please be on time as our schedule is very full and the photographers want to stay on schedule. You should receive a reminder email and/or phone call a day or two prior to your appointment. If you have any questions, please call Lynda Koeppen at 815-592-5701. We look forward to seeing you in pictures!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR**

**MS. HINZE RETIREMENT DINNER!**

Please mark your calendars! On **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, following the late service (about 12:45 p.m.) we will have a Retirement Dinner to celebrate the blessings we have received through Ms. Adele Hinze's teaching service to St. Paul's School! Details and a Sign Up Genius for RSVPs will be coming soon. We hope you will join us to thank God for his work through Ms. Hinze!

**THANK YOU!**

Special thanks to Nadine Engel, Sanctuary Singers and Hosanna choir members, handbell ringers and the brass/wind ensemble players for their many hours of rehearsal time to provide music for Holy Week and Easter services. We are blessed with many gifted singers and musicians and are grateful for you sharing your time and talent. God's blessings to all of you!! ~Gail Ferrebee

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

You are invited to our monthly fellowship dinners. 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! We will be meeting next on **Fri., April 19<sup>th</sup>** at Oliver's in Kankakee. Please join us!

**LAWNMOWING & LANDSCAPING**

Now that spring is here, we are looking for two or three more people who would be willing to help maintain the school grounds. We have a lot of land but many hands make light work so if you have a few hours to spare once a week or even once every other week, we would be very grateful for your help and you could earn partnership hours. Please contact Barry Gadbois at 815-933-4144 if you would be willing to help. Thank you!



### TABEA RUMMAGE SALE



We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** from 8 am to 4 pm

in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors on Saturdays before the 5 pm service or schedule a time to drop off or pick up with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds help purchase much needed supplies like candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations! May God bless you for helping so faithfully.

### RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS

Anyone can help! We will especially need a few men for heavy lifting. We are scheduling two-hour sessions for set-up help on **May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and during the sale on May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.** If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). We thank you for your service and pray that God bless you for serving so faithfully.

### BOOK COLLECTION REMINDER

St. Paul's will once again be doing a used book booth at Prairieview's Fall Festival in September and **we are in need of books.** There are collection bins at both locations. At the school, you may place your books in the labeled red donation box. At the church, there is a red container in the atrium just inside the alley doors. If you have any questions, if you would like to arrange a time to drop off, or if you need to schedule a pick-up, please call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855, call or text her at 815-216-0240, or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.



### THE SCORE PROGRAM

The SCORE recycling contest is coming to an end in April so bring your cans before it's too late. We are currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Let's finish strong!! The more we collect, the more the school earns! You can also bring them directly to Belson. When you bring your ticket to the cashier, just tell them you'd like the points to go to St. Paul's. Thank you!!



### THE WALK to benefit the KANKAKEE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Enclosed is a double-sided insert about the Pregnancy Resource Center and their upcoming fundraiser. If you choose to give, you may put your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Please make your check payable to "Living Alternative Pregnancy Resource Center" and put it in an envelope addressed to Dee Cordes. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

### CARD CART MINISTRY



Do you have a minute (or two or five) to stop by this colorful cart in the cafeteria between worship services Sunday to color and/or sign a card of hope to let those going through tough times know that they aren't alone? Come check out our new card cart in the cafeteria!

### PHIL'S FRIENDS PACKING PARTY

We are hosting our first, of hopefully many, Phil's Friends Packing Parties of 2024 on **Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Kankakee campus in Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to pack and pray over 40 care packages that day. We will also tour the space that will become the home of the Kankakee Hope Center. We will pray over the space and dream big about what it will become. Please join us from **9:30 to 11:00 am** that day! Please use the alley entrance.

### PHIL'S FRIENDS NEEDED ITEMS

We are looking for donations of Thrivent cards to purchase fleece. If you would like to shop for fleece, the best way to buy it is to purchase 1 ½ yards of a print and matching solid piece of blizzard fleece (or 72" kits, with no words) when on sale. We can also use puzzle books, small tissue packs, new playing cards, lip balm, 5oz lotions, and travel size toothpaste. At the downtown church, there is a donation box by the elevator and at school, there is a red donation box in the lobby. If you would like to donate money, we will use it to buy care package items that are not collected through donation and for needed storage items. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's with Phil's Friends in the memo line of the check or send the money in a separate, marked envelope.

### ZONE 18 LWML SPRING RALLY

On **Sat., April 20<sup>th</sup>**, the LWML will meet at the school for their Spring Rally. **Registration begins at 8:30 am and the meeting begins with a light breakfast at 9:00 am.** Our guest speaker is Rev. Chris Singer of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC). There will be a free will offering in support of the various ministries of LCC. There will be a short business meeting, election of officers, and service projects to complete during the meeting. Come and enjoy a morning of Christian fellowship and serve the Lord with gladness. Women of all ages are invited to attend.



**DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD'S?**

Springtime....synonymous with home improvement projects, deep cleaning, and of course landscaping! If you make purchases at Menards and do not intend to mail in the rebate slip, please consider donating your rebate receipts to the church. Simply drop them off at the church office or put them in the collection plate. Our custodians and trustees shop at Menards regularly and your rebates would go to great use!

**SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)**

Don't forget about SCRIP as we head into spring! 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 Dick's Sporting Goods, Ace Hardware, Menards, Lowe's, Home Depot, Amazon, Walmart, several hotels and airlines, and so much more! Stop by the church office or call or text Julie Dummer at 815-530-7320 to place your order. You can also order gift cards and download e-cards from the Raise Right app.

**SPRING FUNDRAISER RESULTS**

PTL's Spring Auction & Dueling Pianos event on March 16<sup>th</sup> was a smashing success! We are overwhelmed by the support and generosity of our school families, congregation members and community! THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the event and to those who contributed items or money to the event. It was an amazing night of fun and fellowship!

Our goal was \$20,000. **We raised over \$49,000!!** All profits will be used on new desks for the upper grade classrooms, teacher stipends for classroom supplies, new athletic equipment, future PTL events, and more!

A huge THANK YOU to God for his work in us, and to all those who diligently prayed for our team of parents and teachers who made this event possible.

If you made a cash donation, you should have received an acknowledgment in the mail. If you have not and would like something for your taxes, please contact Christie at 815-932-0312.



**LWML APRIL MISSION GRANT:  
EQUIPPING YOUNG LEADERS  
LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY  
\$ 50,000**

LWML will be collecting mites again on April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. This month's collection will benefit the LCMS Youth Ministry.

LCMS Youth Ministry faithfully provides resources, and networks with youth and adults working through LCMS districts and congregations. The sponsored YouthLead program and Servant Events are designed to train young leaders and provide opportunities for service. Offering YouthLead conferences regionally, piloting a new format of Servant Events to include leadership training, and increasing curriculums will provide training to more teens and young adults. Survey results show the way to keep young people connected to the church is to give them chances to serve and lead. This grant will allow LCMS Youth Ministry to expand their current programs to equip young leaders.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	60
Sunday, 8:30 am	122
Sunday, 11:05 am	73
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>255</b>

<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>22</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$12,854.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$3,335.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**



Pastor Koeppen will be leading the Bible Study "Christianity and the Competition" on **Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please join him at **7:30 am in the Riverside cafeteria**

to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast. (There will be no Bible Breakfast in May.)

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Organist:** 5:00: Aaron Heldt                      8:30: Nadine Engel

**Live Streaming & Recording:** Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Josh Cherry

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Ken Ebert  
 8:30: Joann Hess  
 11:05: Debbie Turrell

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Mason Raloff, Trevor Smith  
 11:05: Amelia & Lillian Bloomquist

**Trustees:** 5:00: Mike Hatch  
 8:30: Nathan Raloff  
 11:05: Greg Wheeler

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

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Benjamin Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal  
**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, April 14</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional Youth Bible Class Children's Sunday School Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, April 15</b>			
<b>Tue, April 16</b>	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Church Council Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Wed, April 17</b>		<b><i>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS</i></b>	
<b>Thur, April 18</b>		<b><i>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS</i></b>	
<b>Fri, April 19</b>		<b><i>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS</i></b>	
<b>Sat, April 20</b>	8:30 am 1:30 pm 5:00 pm	LWML Spring Rally 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Joe Hess Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Sun, April 21</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> Israel Trip Information Meeting Youth Bible Class Children's Sunday School Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i>