

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - April 20th & 21st

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 21st**, 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!

THANK YOU TO EASTER FLOWER DELIVERERS

The Board of Parish Fellowship would like to thank those members who delivered over 35 Easter flowers to St. Paul's members who are shut-ins or in area nursing homes. Those who helped were Bill & Kim Balgeman, Joan Gehm, Colleen Lagesse, Jack & Janice Tomblin, and Anita Schluter Wilson. A special thanks to Lynda Koeppen for all her assistance and to those members who donated flowers for delivery.

**"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 judgment. 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 28th. To sign up, please call the church office or email drinnon@stpaulslutheran.net.***

CONTRACT ACCEPTED

The Christian Day School Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Brian Porter has accepted the contract to be our principal for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Day School Board and St. Paul's Call committee for the last three years have been diligent in searching for a principal. They have interviewed several candidates and the congregation has extended Calls to a number of candidates. Unfortunately, many felt that God was keeping them at their current ministry and so they returned the Call.

The most recent visit was with Brian Porter and his wife, Ellen, from Phoenix. They met staff, attended chapel, and met with a few parents as well.

Currently, Mr. Porter is not rostered with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod so we are unable to extend a Call to him. But he is excited about the opportunity to join us and begin the process of Colloquy through Concordia University, Chicago, to be available for Call.

This is exciting news for us here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School!! You will have an opportunity to meet them this summer as they plan to be here by July to serve and provide leadership for the future for St. Paul's Lutheran School.

We have an amazing God. Many times in our life we wait patiently for God to answer our prayers for what is His will for us. You have been patient and God has answered your prayers.

Pray for Brian and Ellen Porter as they make the transition from Arizona to St. Paul's. Welcome them with open arms and thankfulness.

SAVE THE DATE FOR

MS. HINZE RETIREMENT DINNER!

Please mark your calendars! On **Sunday, June 2nd**, 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!

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!



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

St. Paul's Youth is selling Nothing Bundt Cakes to raise money for their trip to the 2025 National Youth Gathering. Individual bundtlets are \$6. Choose from chocolate chocolate chip, red velvet, white chocolate raspberry, lemon, confetti, classic vanilla, carrot, snickerdoodle, strawberries & cream and gluten-free chocolate chip cookie! **Look for their table between church services on Sundays, reach out to one of our youth, or contact the church office to place your order by Wed., April 24th. Pick-up will be 5-6 pm on Wed., May 8th in time for your Mother's Day brunch!**

PHIL'S FRIENDS PACKING PARTY

We are hosting our first, of hopefully many, Phil's Friends Packing Parties of 2024 on **Sat., April 27th** 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.

TABEA RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., May 9th & 10th** 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 7th & 8th** and during the sale on **May 9th & 10th 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.



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

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen will be leading the Bible Study "Christianity and the Competition" on **Sat., April 27th.** 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.)



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.





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

LWML will be collecting mites again on April 20th & 21st. 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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES!



**8th GRADE CONFIRMATION IS
SUNDAY, MAY 5th**

The 5:00 pm Traditional Worship Service will be held on Saturday, May 4th at the downtown location as usual.

The 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service will be held on Sunday, May 5th at the school location as usual.

The 11:05 am Jr. Confirmation Worship Service will be held at the downtown location.

There will be NO Adult Bible Class, Children's Sunday School or Coffee Hour between the services.

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) or send the money in a separate, marked envelope.

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!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 13th & 14th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	52
Sunday, 8:30 am	131
Sunday, 11:05 am	64
Weekend Total	247

Youth Bible Class	8
Children's Sunday School	15

Offerings Given

General	\$11,985.00
Building	\$2,377.00
School Ops	\$285.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

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

Live Streaming & Recording: Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Nora McHugh

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Audra Taylor
 8:30: Bill Balgamen
 11:05: Bill Dyche

Acolytes: 8:30: Aidan Lavoie, Mo Macari
 11:05: Norah Callan, Miles Truax

Trustees: 5:00: Nick Baudino
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
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

Sun, April 21	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>)
	9:50 am	Israel Trip Information Meeting (<i>Bourb</i>)
	9:50 am	Youth Bible Class (<i>Bourb</i>)
	9:50 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Bourb</i>)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night (<i>Bourb</i>)
Mon, April 22		
Tue, April 23		
Wed, April 24		
Thur, April 25	6:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>)
Fri, April 26		
Sat, April 27	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast (<i>Riverside</i>)
	9:30 pm	Phil's Friends Packing Party (<i>Downtown</i>)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (<i>Downtown</i>)
Sun, April 28	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (<i>Bourb</i>)
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Class (<i>Bourb</i>)
	9:50 am	Youth Bible Class (<i>Bourb</i>)
	9:50 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Bourb</i>)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (<i>Bourb</i>)