

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - August 25<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.



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will kick-off on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet with the children and their parents in the gym for registration, introductions, and a small family project. Please feel free to visit the Parish Education table today after the service to get a head start on registration. All preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to come!

**"TEN ON TUESDAY" BIBLE STUDY**

Roy Cordes is now leading a weekly Bible study on the Book of Exodus. We will meet downtown in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for one hour every Tuesday. Exodus starts with the children of Israel in Egypt under the rule of Joseph, then an experience of slavery, being led into the desert to Mount Sinai for the giving of the Ten Commandments and the design and rules for the worship experience in the tabernacle. We are also God's "chosen" people and can learn from this Old Testament experience. Please join us for "TEN ON TUESDAY!"

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

We will be having another Women's Retreat on **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** at the school. It will include breakfast and lunch. It will be led by Emily Kast. The theme will be "When God Showed Up." She will be sharing how God has showed up throughout her life and how we can hear God in our own lives. There will be no cost for the retreat. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am and the retreat will begin at 9:00 am, concluding at 2:30 pm. You can call the church office to register for the retreat. There will also be a sign-up sheet between the Sunday services.



Thank you for the love and support shown to us at this difficult time with the passing of Dennis. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and the food brought in to us meant so much. The lovely dinner after the funeral service was also appreciated very much. A special thank you to the ladies who organized and served the dinner and to Pastor Koeppen for the nice service.

*~God's blessings, Nancy Rabe & Family*



**DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPING**

In August, the Board of Trustees refreshed the landscaping on the west side of the downtown school along Dearborn Street which had been deteriorating for decades. The old dirty rock and plastic underlayment was removed and new landscape fabric and rock were laid down. The great crew of volunteers included Jim Beedle (and his dump truck), Mary Kay and Sicily Beedle, Bill and Judy Krones, Dave Harms, Matt and Loree Yoakum, John Veers, Greg Ronchetto, Mike Callan, Jim Hedge, Bob Carruthers, and Brian Lundmark, with a special thanks to Ken Capps and Lee's Rental of Manteno for the use of a Bobcat. The project was financed by Thrivent.

**STAFF DEDICATION**

Please join us on Sunday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>** during the **8:30 am service** when our church and school staff will be recognized for their years of dedicated service. A reception will be held in the cafeteria following the service. Please come and express your appreciation.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Enjoy a back-to-school celebration outside on the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran School from **6pm to 8pm on Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**. All school families, church members and alumni are invited!! Watch for more details next weekend. This free evening of fun is brought to you by St. Paul's PTL and Thrivent Financial.

## TABEA ALTAR GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The fall sale will be **Thursday & Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<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 you may 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 from our sales help purchase candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations! May God bless you and your families for helping so faithfully.



## PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

This year's Fall Festival will be **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**. They are planning a spectacular event to celebrate Prairieview's 50th anniversary! Sign-up sheets have been posted at the school and at the downtown church to help with our used book booth. We are in particular need of people to help haul the books there, set up the booth, and then pack up the leftover books afterward. Our book booth is a big undertaking but many hands make light work.



There are also donation boxes at both sites. We take hard covers, paperbacks, children's, fiction and nonfiction. Please, no textbooks. If you have any questions or need a pick up from your home, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855 or text her at 815-216-0240 or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

## SAVE THE DATE!

On **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the opportunity to pack shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. We will stuff the boxes with small toys, school supplies, toiletries, t-shirts, hats/gloves, socks, hair bows, etc. and they will be delivered to children in some of the most remote areas of the world. This project gives us an opportunity to witness to these children by sharing the love of Jesus with them. This is a great service event to do with your children!

## 2024-2025 YOUTH NIGHTS: LIFE IS A JOURNEY

This year, the St. Paul's Youth will travel together on a journey. We invite youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to join us on the dates listed below from 6 pm to 8pm at the school campus for fun, fellowship, and devotions. Bring your bible and a friend!

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Christmas Party)**

**Note: Parents, if you were unable to attend the Back-to-School Bash on August 11<sup>th</sup>, please come inside with your youth to the first youth night to complete this year's youth ministry information form.**



## PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

Prairieview turns 50 this year! To commemorate this milestone anniversary, they are making this year's Fall Festival extra special with a variety show and a big tractor show, in addition to the usual favorites - live music, quilt auction, fish fry, silent auction, St. Paul's used book booth, homemade pies, mums and pumpkins, etc. They are also considering a car show.

There will be lots of fun things for the kids too, including an inflatable slide and castle, kiddie tractor pull, and barrel train rides. They are still exploring other fun ideas like face painting, a petting zoo, carnival games, cotton candy, and ice cream! Be sure to put this event on your calendar (**Septembert 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**)! Check out their Facebook page (Prairieview Lutheran Homes) for more details and a chance to sign up for the variety show.



**“GOD’S FOREVER PROMISE TO DAVID CONTINUES”**

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

***Location: Room 131***

***Teacher: Pastor Drinnon***

**Starting September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will be starting a new Bible study on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings. These Old Testament books grant us insight into the rise of Solomon’s kingdom, the schism between the Northern and Southern Kingdoms, and the eventual destruction of Israel and Judah for their unfaithfulness. Nevertheless, God remains faithful to David and His promises to Him throughout the entire history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. God remains faithful even today as David’s son, Jesus reigns from heaven.

The Bible study will be exploring these three topics:

1) Faithfulness and Obedience: The central theme throughout both books is the importance of faithfulness to God’s promises and obedience to His

commands. Kings who followed God’s ways experienced blessings and protection, while those who turned away faced dire consequences.

2) Leadership and Responsibility: The kings of Israel and Judah served as both political and spiritual leaders. Their decisions affected not only their own reigns but also the spiritual well-being of the entire nation. This underscores the profound responsibility of leadership in all spheres of life.

3) The Preaching of the Word of God: The role of prophets such as Elijah, Elisha, and others is prominently featured in these books. They spoke God’s word with authority, calling kings and people alike to repentance and faithfulness. Their lives and ministries demonstrate the power of prophetic obedience and God’s faithfulness to His promises.

Although 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings are historical books, they continue to be relevant to us today reminding us for the need to be personally faithful to God, the need for faithful leadership, and to listen to the Word of God in aspects of our life. I envision that this study will enrich both newcomers and Bible study veterans alike as we delve deep into God’s Word in the books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:  
“JESUS’ PRAYER LIFE ACCORDING  
TO THE GOSPELS”**

We will cover Jesus’ prayer life in the Gospels from His three year ministry as an example for us to follow. Jesus prayed BEFORE all the big events happened in His life. We will look at those moments to understand the power of prayer in His life and how prayer can be a much more powerful part of our daily lives. Jesus needed daily time to have communion with His heavenly Father. Jesus took the time to pray to His Father, even when He was pressured by people. Do YOU take the time to pray each day when you feel pressured by people?

Where did Jesus repeatedly go to pray? Jesus was recharged from praying all night to call His 12 disciples the next day. Why? Great power comes from prayers directed to the one true God.

Pastor Dave Bottorff wrote this Bible study and will be your teacher at their home at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais. Email him BEFORE the first class on September 24th class at dbot7222 @comcast.net if you want to join our class for this Bible class on **September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Treats will be served afterward.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	67
Sunday, 8:30 am	102
Sunday, 11:05 am	78
<b>Weekend Total</b>	<b>247</b>

**Adult Bible Study** ..... 14

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$11,090.00</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$962.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Liturgist:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Organist/Pianist:** Nadine Engel & Gail Ferrebee

**A/V:** Todd Engel

**Live Streaming:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Luke Stirnaman, Mason Raloff

**Lay Ministers:** Bruce Clark, Greg Deck, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz

**Lay Readers:** Mark Hess

**Acolytes:** Mo Macari, Audrey Nordmeyer

**Trustees:** Jeff Johnson

**Ushers:** Mike Callan, Joshua Cherry, Dan Friesner, Kim Williams

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Sarah Cherry, Deb Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Aug. 25</b>	9:15 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Breakfast	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	10:00 am	Combined Outdoor Worship Service	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:30 am	Church Picnic	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Aug. 26</b>			
<b>Tue, Aug. 27</b>	10:00 am	<i>Ten on Tuesdays</i> Bible Study	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Wed, Aug. 28</b>			
<b>Thur, Aug. 29</b>			
<b>Fri, Aug. 30</b>			
<b>Sat, Aug. 31</b>	9:00 am	LWML Board Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Sun, Sept. 1</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>