

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 1<sup>st</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. All preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to come!

**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.



Enjoy an outdoor back-to-school celebration from **6pm to 8pm** on

**Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for games, bounce houses, delicious food vendors, Rolling Video Games and so much more!! This will be a fantastic time for all ages! All school families, church members and alumni are invited. This free evening of fun is brought to you by St. Paul's PTL and Thrivent Financial.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

We will be having a 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.

**"TEN ON TUESDAY" BIBLE STUDY**

Fellowship Hall at 10 am every Tuesday you are invited to a one-hour Bible study on the Book of Exodus. Do circumstances prepare us for the future? Only if we believe that God is preparing us for what is next in our lives. The birth of Moses, the Passover, overpowering Egypt with plagues and moving over 2 million people to the Red Sea were all preparations for the children of Israel who had suffered through several generations of slavery and were led by a loving God to the Promised Land. Bring your favorite version of the Bible so we can read and discuss verse by verse the Book of Exodus with your discussion leader, Roy W. Cordes (815-304-5002).



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.



**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!

## CHURCH HISTORY

Do you have boxes of old photos laying around? Could some of the old photos be of St. Paul's church and/or school? As part of our anniversary celebrations, we will be displaying church history photos and artifacts. The church archives contain some photos but we are looking for more. If you have photos of the church, school, or past events that you would like to share, you can donate them to the church or you can use your cell phone to take a digital picture of the photos and either email them to the church office or text them to Natalie Cherry via Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864. Also, if you have stories about pastors, teachers, or events, or have memories you would like to share, please e-mail them to [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call the church office to relay your story. It may be used as part of the church history display.



## TABEA ALTAR GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

We are still 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

Prairieview turns 50 this year! To commemorate this milestone anniversary, they are making this year's Fall Festival extra special with a variety show, car show, and a big tractor show, in addition to the usual favorites - live music, quilt auction, fish fry, pork chop dinner, silent auction, used book booth, homemade pies, mums and pumpkins, etc. There will be lots of fun things for the kids too, including an inflatable slide and castle, kiddie tractor pull, carnival games, and ice cream & soda.

As always, St. Paul's will be doing the used book booth. Sign-up sheets have been posted at the school and at the downtown church to help. 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.

Be sure to put this event on your calendar (**September 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.



Would you like to help share Jesus' love with our littles? **We are currently looking for one or two people who would be willing to help with Sunday School and teach our 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.** The Board of Parish Education takes care of preparing the lessons and providing the supplies.

We meet on Sunday mornings between the church services. There is no Sunday School over the summer. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about it, please contact Deb Turrell at 815-325-4518.



**“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 at [dmbot7222@comcast.net](mailto:dmbot7222@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 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, 10:00 am . . . . . 350

**Offerings Given**

**General . . . . . \$8,805.30**

**Building . . . . . \$430.00**

**School Ops . . . . . \$155.00**

**FAITH FRIENDS MINISTRY**

Faith Friends is a new ministry at St. Paul's, where an adult prays for a youth of our congregation for a whole school year. Last year we had 38 adults praying over 48 students in the 7th-12th grade. It is now time to reset and begin again for the new school year. We are looking for adults who are willing to pray for students and their families, to greet them in church, and to send cards of encouragement throughout the school year. If you were part of the ministry last year, be on the look out for an email about the new year. If you would like to start this school year, please contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 (text is best) or [sarahcherry30@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcherry30@yahoo.com). All confirmation students and active high schoolers will be partnered with an adult, unless a parent chooses to opt out of the prayer ministry.

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen      **Liturgist:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Organist:** 5:00: Terri Jones      8:30: Nadine Engel

**AV:** 8:30: Todd Engel      11:05: Josh Cherry

**Live Streaming & Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Seth McHugh, Norah Callan

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Kevin Kurtz  
8:30: Ken Capps, Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, John Veers  
11:05: Bruce Clark

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Jennifer Richardson  
8:30: Nancy Eden  
11:05: Deb Turrell

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Nora McHugh, Gloria Morocho Loja  
11:05: Aiden Baud, Archie Schutters

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

**Ushers:** 5:00: Jim Sharper, Dawn Marie Tierney, Rob & Mary Wood  
8:30: Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith  
11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Keith Christensen, Dan Friesner

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Chloe Butler, Natalie Cherry, Alena LaGesse  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

## 3THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Sept. 1</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Sept. 2</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL / OFFICE CLOSED in observance of LABOR DAY</b>
<b>Tue, Sept. 3</b>	10:00 am 6:30 pm	<i>Ten on Tuesdays</i> Bible Study (Downtown) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Sept. 4</b>		
<b>Thur, Sept. 5</b>		
<b>Fri, Sept. 6</b>	10:00 am 6:00 pm	<b>SCHOOL PICTURE DAY</b> Prairieview Fall Festival (Prairieview, Danforth) Family Fun Night (Bourb)
<b>Sat, Sept. 7</b>	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Prairieview Fall Festival (Prairieview, Danforth) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Sept. 8</b>	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (& Staff Dedication) (Bourb) Staff Appreciation Reception (Bourb) New Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Class Kick-Off (Bourb) Children's Sunday School Kick-Off (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)