

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<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 began again last Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. All preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to come! Preschool and kindergartners meet in the extended care room at the end of the lower grade hallway. The 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the music room by the doors to the back parking lot. Sunday School begins at 9:45 and ends at 10:45.



All articles or announcements for the October/November newsletter are due to Christie by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**"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).

**SEPTEMBER VOTERS' MEETING**

A Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm** at the school. 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 24 months, a member may be accepted into voting membership.



**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday morning youth bible study meets every Sunday between services. This year, we will have two bible study options for our youth in grades 6th through 12th. Mr. Eden will be leading a "Bible Adventures" study beginning with a study on the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11. Mrs. Drinnon and Mrs. Cherry will be leading a "Digging into the Word" study where we will dive into our study bibles beginning with Paul's Journeys in Acts. Meet in the youth room at 9:45 am to learn more about each study.



**TRIVIA TIME FOR REDEEMING LIFE**

Emmanuel Lutheran church in Dwight will be hosting "Trivia Time" for The Northern Illinois District Redeeming Life Ministries Maternity Home in East Dundee on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**. A free will donation lunch of BBQ, coleslaw, chips, and homemade cookies will begin at noon. Tickets are \$10 each of a table of 6 for \$50. Walk-ins welcome!

**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.



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

**When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am**  
**Location: Room 131**  
**Teacher: Pastor Drinnon**

Pastor Drinnon just started 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.

**MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST**



Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled “Christianity and the Competition”. Please join him on **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God’s Word over coffee and breakfast.

**FAITH FRIENDS**

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. All confirmation students and active high schoolers will be partnered with an adult, unless a parent chooses to opt out of the prayer ministry.

**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 dinners will be **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Hopyy Pig**. If you would like to join us, please call or text Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837. We look forward to seeing you!



**COME CHEER ON YOUR ST. PAUL’S TIGERS THIS WEEK!**

- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**  
Soccer Game @ Illinois Lutheran
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**  
Girls Basketball Game @ Donovan
- Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**  
Cross Country Meet @ Mac
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**  
Girls Basketball Game @ HOME
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**  
Soccer Game @ Trinity, Tinley Park



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Please join us for the LWML Fall Gathering and Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at the school. The day begins with a light breakfast at 8:30 am. Devotions and Bible Study is next on the agenda and then there will be a brief business meeting for the LWML members. If you don't want to participate in the meeting, then you may help organize supplies. The packing party will begin around 10:00 am. We will pack as many boxes as we can depending on the amount of supplies that are received. An offering will be collected at the meeting to help with shipping expenses. Please come and help share the love of Jesus with the children who will receive these gifts. The missionaries who receive these boxes use them to share the love of Jesus with the children they teach and their families. They look forward to receiving these boxes and are so grateful when they arrive. Because of your support of this project, many children throughout the world get to know Jesus. Thank you for your generosity!

**SEPTEMBER LWML MISSION GRANT: CAPSTONE MINISTRIES**

Capstone Ministries works in Western Kenya, an area where over 800 boys live on the street and survive by begging or stealing. They work to reconcile the boys with God and family. This grant will provide educational scholarships for day and boarding school as well as vocational training for 52 children. It will also provide 100 Bibles and catechisms, translated into Swahili, for 17 Bible study groups. Plus, it will support Capstone Camp which focuses on spiritual development, provides group counseling, scouting activities, and mentorship of primary school boys by secondary school boys.

Please consider donating your change at the LWML table after the church service to help fund this mission.



**AN INVITATION**

**TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION**

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's and are not yet a member? If so, we warmly invite you to consider joining our congregation. If you are:

- ▶ ***A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Congregation***, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you will need to attend our New Member Orientation Classes only
- ▶ ***A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church***, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you will need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and our New Member Orientation Classes
- ▶ ***A member in good standing of another denomination***, we need a release of membership from your church and you will need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and our New Member Orientation Classes
- ▶ ***Not a member of another church***, you will need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and our New Member Orientation Classes

If you are interested, please check the box "Looking for a Church" on the attendance card along with your contact information or call the church office at 815-932-0312.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	72
Sunday, 8:30 am	143
Sunday, 11:05 am	53
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>	<b>268</b>

<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>21</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$14,442.50</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$2,387.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

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

**A/V:** 8:30: Todd Engel      11:05: Josh Cherry

**Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Natalie Cherry

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Audra Taylor  
8:30: Bill Balgeman  
11:05: Margaret O'Reilly

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Ashton & Pierce Finnegan  
11:05: Annie Schneider, Miles Truax

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
8:30: Brian Porter  
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:** Isaac Fabbro, Mellody McDonald  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Sept. 15</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Sept. 16</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, Sept. 17</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	<i>Ten on Tuesdays</i> Bible Study (Downtown) Adult Bible Study (1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb)
<b>Wed, Sept. 18</b>		
<b>Thur, Sept. 19</b>	6:30 pm	PTL Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Fri, Sept. 20</b>	6:00 pm	<b>LWML NID Convention</b> <b>Early Dismissal (11:15 / 11:30 am)</b> Fellowship Dinner (Hoppy Pig)
<b>Sat, Sept. 21</b>	5:00 pm	<b>LWML NID Convention</b> Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Sept. 22</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Voters Meeting (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)