

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - September 21st & 22nd

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 has begun! All preschoolers through 5th 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 1st - 5th 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.

"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 this **Sunday, September 22nd 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.



"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 1st and 2nd 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 1st and 2nd 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 1st and 2nd Kings.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The youth group meet for Bible study every Sunday between services. This year, we have two options for our 6th - 12th graders. Mr. Eden is leading a "Bible Adventures" study beginning with a study on the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11. Mrs. Drinnon and Mrs. Cherry are 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.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled "Christianity and the Competition". Please join him on **Saturday, September 28th 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.



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

Mon., Sept. 23rd at 4:00

Cross Country Meet @ Liberty

Wed., Sept. 25th at 5:00

Girls Basketball Game @ HOME

Fri., Sept. 27th at 4:00

Cross Country Meet @ Peoria

Fri., Sept. 27th at 4:30

Soccer Game @ HOME

SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST



Start saving your cans!! Once again, Belson's Steel is sponsoring an aluminum can recycling challenge, along with 25 area businesses. Helping us earn money for the school is easy. All you need to do is mention St. Paul's when you drop off your cans at Belson's. You earn cash for the cans, St. Paul's earns points for the pounds. At the end, St. Paul's will receive an amount for every point scored. The schools with the top scores will win additional cash and prizes. You may also drop your cans off at the school. Just call Christie at the church office to make arrangements.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please join us for the LWML Fall Gathering and Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on **Saturday, October 5th** 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!

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.

DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD'S?

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 Menard's regularly and your rebates would go to great use!

PHIL'S FRIENDS

The Kankakee branch of Phil's Friends is working slowly and steadily to bring a Hope Center to Kankakee County. There have been two Pack Parties this year. In the spring we packed 40 cancer care packages and in the summer we packed 50. Our fall Pack Party will be October 12th at the Kankakee Campus in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11am.

In order to keep packing boxes we need a fresh supply of care package items and we are also looking for composition notebooks, scrapbook paper, and stickers to make homemade cards and journals.

We will be reaching out to area churches this fall with information about the Phil's Friends ministry. If you have any recommendations for people to contact at other churches, please pass their name and contact information on to Sarah Cherry.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 14th & 15th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	74
Sunday, 8:30 am	104
Sunday, 11:05 am	77
WEEKEND TOTAL	255

Adult Bible Class	5
Youth Bible Class	18
Children's Sunday School	21

Offerings Given

General	\$10,168.00
Building	\$1,460.00
School Ops	\$405.00

CHURCH HISTORY

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we will be displaying historical photos and artifacts. The church archives contain some, 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 or use your cell phone to take a picture of them and email them to the church office or text them to Natalie Cherry (via Sarah) at 815-651-6864. Also, if you have any memories about pastors, teachers, or events you would like to share, please e-mail them to the church office. They may be used as part of the church history display.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon **Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen
- Organist:** 5:00: Nadine Engel 8:30: Nadine Engel
- AV:** 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry
- Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Olivia & AJ Reardanz
- Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Kevin Kurtz
8:30: Ken Capps, Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, John Veers
11:05: Bruce Clark
- Lay Readers:** 5:00: Georgia Hess
8:30: Dee Cordes
11:05: Melody Trudeau
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Ethan Anderson, Gavin Woods
11:05: Lucas Porter, Haley O'Keefe
- Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Jim Trudeau
- 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, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

Sanctuary Singers: Connie Blacklock, Liz Deck, Katrina Drinnon, Nancy Eden, Brent Eden, Sharon Friesner, Adele Hinze, Elayne James, Sandy James, Eugene Wachholz

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Sept. 22	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Voters Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, Sept. 23			
Tue, Sept. 24	10:00 am	<i>Ten on Tuesdays Bible Study</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Wed, Sept. 25			
Thur, Sept. 26	6:00 pm	<i>Gospel of Mark Bible Study</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Fri, Sept. 27			
Sat, Sept. 28	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast	<i>(Riverside)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Sept. 29	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - Communion	<i>(Bourb)</i>