

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - October 26th & 27th

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.

BORN FOR BLESSING

What does it mean to be a faithful steward of God's gifts? What should our attitude be toward what God has given us? What does God expect in return? How do God's gifts spur us into action? How can we pay it forward to the next generation? Come join us to study what God's Word has to say about these topics at the on **Sunday, November 10th at 2pm**. Refreshments will be provided.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
PLEASE READ!

The Board of Parish Education is looking for a director for the Sunday School Christmas Program, which is scheduled for December 15th at 5pm at the downtown church. If you have a passion for Christmas, music, and children who love Jesus, please talk to Deb Turrell or Diane Dyche. Practices will be during Sunday School in November and December and there will be practices at the downtown church on Saturday, December 7th and 14th.



THANK YOU!

MANY THANKS

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your many cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciate your thoughts, words of encouragement and - most importantly - your prayers. I am blessed to be part of a team of workers and laity in our church and school that share the love, compassion, and grace of Jesus. I am also so very thankful for the kind, caring and supportive body of Christ here at St. Paul's. May the Lord continue to bless you!

~Pastor Karl & Lynda Koeppen



READY....SET....PASS THE TORCH!

The big event is getting close! The first ever Mother-Son Olympics is coming your way! *cue the music*

There will be fun challenges for all ages and best part is MOM you get to enjoy the fun with your son(s)!! We want to make this event easy going with food, laughs and memories to keep forever!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 10th from 3 to 5pm**. We will be having this event in the gymnasium at St. Paul's.

Please RSVP by November 4th by scanning the QR code below or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAF23A3FCC34-52455732-mother

NEED PARTNERSHIP HOURS??

We would love to have you volunteer to be a part of this amazing day! A different sign-up genius will be available for volunteers next week.



LIVING ALTERNATIVES BANQUET

The Living Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Kankakee is having its annual banquet featuring **The Love Chromosome** on **Thursday, November 7th** at Olivet's Chalfant Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the event starts at 6:30 pm. Please join them in an evening of celebration as they share the victory of hearts touched and lives transformed through Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center.

There is no cost to attend this dinner banquet. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry will be extended at the event.

To make a reservation, scan the QR code or call 815-933-2207 by October 31st.



MARRIAGE RENEWAL RETREAT

Refresh, re-energize, and reconnect at a beautiful retreat center, The Shack, in White Cloud, MI. The retreat is being held **November 1st - 3rd** and will be led by couples who have led Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends, but in a more relaxed format. If you are interested in getting more information about this weekend, contact Ruth Fabbro at 815-450-5665.



LWML THANKS YOU!

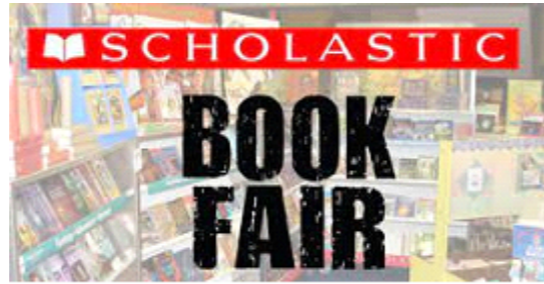
St. Paul's LWML wants to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated supplies and money for Operation Christmas Child boxes around the world. We packed 175 boxes at our packing party! We have supplies remaining and hope to pack additional boxes. We have funds to ship over 200 shoe boxes. This is all due to your generosity! Please pray for the children and their families who receive these boxes that they may know the love of Jesus through your generosity and prayers.

An additional heartfelt thanks to all those who donated mites for the LWML door collection on LWML Sunday. We raised \$359 for mites to support the LWML-NID Mission Grants. The recipients of these mission grants appreciate your support and prayers for their ministries. You are a blessing to so many people! God bless you!

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us **this Sunday, October 27th**! Your whole family is invited to Family Sunday School where we will celebrate Reformation and the great gift of God's grace. We will start in the gym at 9:45 am.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from **Thursday, October 31st through Sunday, November 10th**! The Book Fair will be set up in the school library and it will be open before and after school, during half day preschool pick-up, during parent-teacher conferences, and on Sunday mornings. Stop by for some early Christmas gifts! Ordering online is also available and enhances your book fair shopping! There are more books available for all ages on the website and you can also filter your search by interest, reading level and age/grade to find the perfect book. Plus you can shop 24/7. All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our school library. Our new librarian, Jill Rusek, was able to order 600 new books for our library this year with book fair credits!

Don't forget to set your clocks back when Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, Nov 3rd**!



VETERANS' DAY CHAPEL



Join us as we honor our Veterans in chapel on **Wednesday, November 6th from 8:30-9:15 am** with a program and reception afterward.

GERMANY & ALPINE TOUR

Once again, Pastor Don Balgeman, with the help of his brother Bill, is leading a tour to Germany. Some of the sites visited on this 11-day trip will include Munich, Rothenburg (an original medieval town), Nurnberg, Worms (Martin Luther historical site), Heidelberg, Augsburg (as in the Augsburg Confession), a Rhine River day-trip cruise, the Black Forest, Linderhof Castle, and the Passion Play Theater in Oberammergau. The trip is from August 31st to September 10th, 2025. All transportation, entrance fees, and a full-time guide are included, as well as all breakfasts and 6 of 9 dinners in Germany. Bill will hold informational meetings at his home in Limestone on Saturday, November 16th at 2:00 and Friday December 13th at 7:00. Detailed brochures are available. If interested, call Bill Balgeman at 937-4947 for questions or more details.

PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our only agenda is to share God's love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly to share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Nov 13th at 6pm** at Chicago Dough. Please contact Pastor Drinnon at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net or Ken Ebert at kebert24@comast.net or 815-922-0656 with any questions.

HOLIDAY SIP & SHOP

SAVE THE DATE! On **Saturday, November 16th**, Caleb's Prayer Foundation will be hosting their 8th Annual *Hope for the Holidays* Craft Fair at the Chebanse Civic Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year, the event will benefit Comer Children's Hospital in Chicago. Come see what our local artists and crafters have to offer and get a head start on your Christmas shopping with some unique gifts and decor! Support local talent, Comer Children's Hospital, and Caleb's Prayer Foundation all while checking things off your list!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE



We wanted to give you an update on the status of our pictorial directory since it's been a while since pictures were taken. Unfortunately, it is taking longer than we had hoped or anticipated to get the completed directories to us. Please know that we are staying on top of it and will distribute them as soon as we receive them. If you have any questions or issues with your photos, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 815-592-5701 or lykoeppen@comcast.net. Thank you for your patience!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us **this Sunday, October 27th!** Trunks will be open from 3 to 4pm and we will be serving grilled brats and hot dogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, chips and some delicious fall desserts between 4 and 6 pm! The fun will include a bounce house, pony rides, a pumpkin patch and decorating station, hayride, taffy apple station, hot chocolate bar, fun fall games, and a photo booth. ***This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for our school and church families to mingle and get to know each other!!***

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and support during pastor appreciation month. Your encouragement and love support me and my family in the work we do. I am so blessed to be your pastor!

Thank you for your thoughtful gifts, words of affirmation, and your prayers. It is a joy to serve alongside such a wonderful community of faithful Christians. Together, we can continue to grow in faith in God's Word and proclaim the message of the forgiveness of sins to all people.

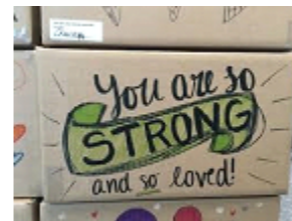
God's blessings to you all!

*In Christ,
Pastor Drinnon*

PHIL'S FRIENDS

In October, we packed and shipped 55 cancer care boxes. In 2024 so far, we have packed 145 boxes from our Kankakee location. We would like to pack another 50 before the end of the year. **Saturday, November 23rd will be our next Pack Party in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11am.** In order to prepare we have also scheduled a work day to color boxes, make cards, and add finishing touches to journals. **The work day will be Saturday, November 16th from 9 am to noon at the Kankakee Campus.** Please join us for one or both days.

CARE PACKAGES AVAILABLE



Do you know someone with cancer? Would you like to send them Hope? We keep packed Phil's Friends

boxes at the school to be given out when requested. If you know someone locally and would like to deliver it, you can pick one up from the church office during normal office hours. If the person lives further away and the box needs to be shipped, you can contact Sarah Cherry with the address and we will ship out one of our boxes. Either way we need the person's address so we can add their name to the Cards of Hope list so they can receive their monthly card for the next year.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
OCTOBER 16 - 21	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	60
Sunday, 8:30 am	141
Sunday, 11:05 am	70
WEEKEND TOTAL	271
Youth Bible Class	9
Children's Sunday School	21
<u>Offerings Given</u>	
General	\$10,878.07
Building	\$852.00
School Ops	\$405.00

ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERINGS

Our 160th/165th Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration began at the end of August with our outdoor worship service and picnic. Since then, many have asked how to donate to this Anniversary Celebration. On the wall next to the coat rack in the school are envelopes for your giving opportunities. Please place your donations in the offering plate or return to the office. Let us PRAISE the Lord for his grace, mercy, and FAITHFULNESS throughout all of these years.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

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, Hope Brammer

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Greg Deck
8:30: Bruce Clark, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Hill Love
11:05: Bob Carruthers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Rich Engel
8:30: JoAnn Hess
11:05: Heidi Ostrowski

Acolytes: 8:30: Maci Proctor, Quinn Styck
11:05: Daphne & Delilah Sexton

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Brian Porter
11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Pat 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: Elizabeth Kubal
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Duane & Gail Ferreebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

Trumpets: Isaac Fabbro, Gail Ferreebee, Ben Kubal
Trombone: Rev. David Bottorff
French Horn: Nora McHugh

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Oct. 27	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Worship - Traditional Youth Bible Study Family Sunday School Worship - Contemporary Trunk or Treat OktoberFest	<i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, Oct. 28			
Tue, Oct. 29	6:30 pm	New Member Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Oct. 30			
Thur, Oct. 31		SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	
Fri, Nov. 1		SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	
Sat, Nov. 2	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Nov. 3	2:00 am 8:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> Scholastic Book Fair Youth Bible Study Children's Sunday School Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i> <i>(Bourb)</i>