

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Announcements - November 2024

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 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 5 p m 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.



OUR 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.

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.

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



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church & 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

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 school on **Sunday, November 10th at 2pm.** Refreshments will be provided.

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

The first ever Mother-Son Olympics is coming your way! 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 easygoing 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 Monday, Nov. 4th by scanning the QR code below or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAF-AF23A3FCC34-52455732-mother



THANK YOU FROM THE PTL

We are SO GRATEFUL to everyone who came out to this year's special Trunk or Treat and Oktoberfest in honor of the school's 160th Anniversary! The weather was absolutely beautiful, and the attendance was record-breaking! We THANK the Lord our Savior for all of you who helped make this day special.

More specifically we THANK:

- * PTL co-Chairs Kim Norton and Heather Stroo, along with Nancy Eden and Adele Hinze from the 160th Anniversary committee for their event planning!
- * SKDO P.C. (with the help of Scott Styck) for the generous donation of all the brats, hot dogs, and buns! AND, to Brian Porter, our principal for grilling the meat!
- * Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hoekstra for donating all the pumpkins! (there are still some leftover at the school, please feel FREE to take some home).
- * Thrivent Financial for their contributions towards the remaining food, bounce house, hot chocolate station, apple station, and s'mores station.
- * Natalie Cherry for making the HOMEMADE GERMAN Potato Salad! YUMMM!!!
- * Many congregation members/school families for the fantastic desserts!! The Parish Fellowship Committee for their time in the kitchen plating all these desserts, and to Mr. Waccholz for all the time washing dishes!

- * The Norton family for their Rhino to pull the Barrel Train
- * The Stroo family for the use of the adorable ole time tractor to pull the hayrack ride.
- * Bill Dyche for arranging the festive German music.
- * Dan Abert for making the beautiful Tic Tac Toe Board
- * Yeoman Family and Norton family for the use of their fire pits.
- * Adele Hinze who updated the Perry Farm "scarecrow" Child of GOD picture board in honor of our 160th/165th Anniversary

And we thank ALL THE FAMILIES who attended, those who gave offering to the event, those who decorated a trunk, and any ADULTS who helped with line monitoring, running stations, event set up, food distribution, and clean up! The teamwork was great and much appreciated!!

We are a village led by CHRIST, and through HIM we have persevered through 160 & 165 years! May God continue to bless our Mission here at St. Paul's Lutheran.

LOOK at our FB page for pictures www.facebook.com/share/g/128rtx5p9iy/?mibextid=K35XfP

~ In Christ, The PTL

LWML THANKS YOU!

St. Paul's LWML wants to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated supplies and money for postage to send Operation Christmas Child shoe 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!

THANK YOU FROM THE TRUSTEES

In an effort to improve the appearance of the back of the school, the trustees have poured a concrete slab to move the recycle bin next to the garbage dumpster. Many thanks to Ken Capps and Lee's Rental for the use of a bobcat, to Jim Beedle for his dump truck, and Greg Ronchetto for his labor. Also, thanks to Thrivent for funding this project.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP BAND

All 6th-12th grade band and orchestra students, along with any adult musicians, are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on **Sunday, December 15th during the 8:30 am worship service.** We will provide music for the pre-service, offertory, and post-service. **Rehearsal will be on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 9 am** in the school gym. Donuts will be provided after the rehearsal. If you are interested in participating, please text Bill Dyche at 815-592-0870 or email him at bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Please include the musician's name and instrument, along with an email and cell number.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is set up in the school library **now through Sunday, November 10th!** 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 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!

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.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual food drive **starts November 1st and runs through the entire month.** The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry by bringing in nonperishable food and non-food items like toiletries, laundry detergent, etc. As we head into the holidays, now is a great time to reflect on everything that we have been blessed with and to share our gifts with those less fortunate. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church.

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. 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.

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 in the church office. If interested, call Bill Balgeman at 937-4947 for questions or more details.



8th GRADE FUNDRAISER



On **Tuesday, November 5th**, you can help the 8th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School raise money for their class trip just by enjoying Monical's Pizza for dinner!

Please be sure to mention the enclosed flyer when you place your order and present a copy of it when you pay your bill. Doing so will ensure that St. Paul's receives a donation from Monical's equal to 20% of your bill. Thank you for your support!!

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 26th & 27th**

Worship Attendance:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 60 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 116 |
| Sunday, 11:05 am | 77 |
| WEEKEND TOTAL | 253 |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Youth Bible Class | 14 |
| Children's Sunday School | 17 |

Offerings Given

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| General | \$11,407.00 |
| Building | \$310.00 |
| School Ops | \$385.00 |
| Anniversary | \$903.00 |

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 gifts off your list!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

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, Quinn Styck

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Bob Carruthers
 8:30: Bill Balgeman, Ken Capps, Greg Deck, Rich Engel,
 11:05: Bruce Clark

Lay Readers: 5:00: Jennifer Richardson
 8:30: Lauren Lundmark
 11:05: Josh Cherry

Acolytes: 8:30: Olivia Reardanz, Ava Veasey
 11:05: Audrey Nordmeyer, Layna Rahn

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: Sharla Ronchetto, Deb Turrell

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyché, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

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

Trumpet: Isaac Fabbro

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| | | |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 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 - Communion (Bourb) Scholastic Book Fair (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb) |
| Mon, Nov. 4 | 7:00 pm | Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb) |
| Tue, Nov. 5 | 4:00 pm | ELECTION DAY! 8th Grade Monical's Fundraiser Jr. Confirmation Class (7 th Grade only) (Bourb) |
| Wed, Nov. 6 | 8:30 am 6:30 pm | Veterans' Day Chapel (Bourb) School Board Meeting (Bourb) |
| Thur, Nov. 7 | | EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES Scholastic Book Fair |
| Fri, Nov. 8 | | NO SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES Scholastic Book Fair |
| Sat, Nov. 9 | 5:00 pm | Worship - Traditional (Downtown) |
| Sun, Nov. 10 | 8:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm | Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Scholastic Book Fair (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Family Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) <i>Born for Blessing</i> (Bourb - Room 132) PTL Mother-Son Olympics (Bourb - Gym) |

NOTE: The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open Monday-Wednesday during school drop off and pick up times.