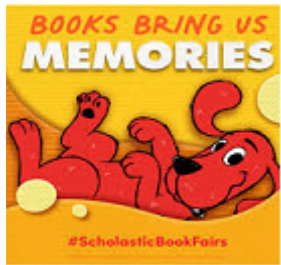


St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - November 9th & 10th

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



This Sunday, November 10th, is the last day to visit the Scholastic Book Fair in the school library so stop by for some early

Christmas gifts! Ordering online is also an option by going to our book fair page at shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store-2.html?fairId=5654830 There are more books available online for all ages and you can filter your search by interest, reading level and age/grade. 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!

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.

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 next Saturday, November 16th from 9 am to noon at the Kankakee Campus.** Please join us for one or both days.

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.

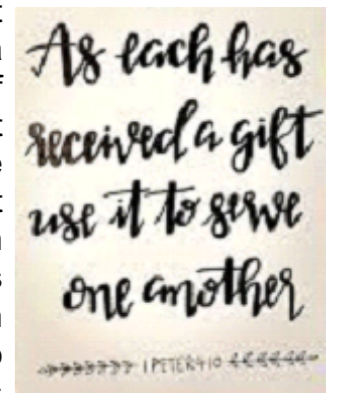


ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERINGS

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. At the school, there are envelopes for your giving opportunities on the wall next to the coat rack. At the downtown church, there are envelopes in the narthex and by the elevators. 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.

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



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

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.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual food drive **starts November 1 and runs through the entire month.** The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year around, plan to help stock our food pantry by bringing in non-perishable food items such as canned soups, vegetables such as beans, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, and fruit such as pears, peaches, pineapple, mixed fruit, applesauce; hot and cold cereals, canned SpaghettiO's, ravioli, tomato-based pastas, boxed macaroni and cheese, boxed potatoes, canned tuna and chicken. 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 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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who attended the Trunk or Treat/Oktoberfest event!! And THANK YOU to God for blessing us with an absolutely perfect day! There was great fun and fellowship for all. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who volunteered in ANY way! The teamwork between school parents and church members was so fun and uplifting! THANK YOU to Principal Porter for smoking/grilling the brats & hotdogs—they were amazing! THANK YOU to Natalie Cherry and her helpers, Sylvia Burger and Deb Turrell for making the delicious German potato salad! And THANK YOU to all who baked the delicious desserts. May God bless our school & church families with increasing understanding of how FAITHFUL He has been to St. Paul's and continues to be, as we continue our Anniversary Thanksgiving celebration.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The annual Youth Ministry Christmas Cookie Sale is not possible without your generous donations of homemade cookies. If baking is not for you but you would still like to support our efforts, we are also looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of the many pounds of flour, sugar, butter, eggs, and more that go into making over 400 dozen cookies. Sign up between services or contact Katrina at 618-975-8361 or katrinadrinnon@gmail.com no later than December 1st to volunteer. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Youth Ministry!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to our monthly fellowship dinners. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Anyone who has come even once will tell you how much fun it is! We will meet this **Friday, November 15th at 6 pm** at **Oliver's** in West Kankakee. Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL



Please join us for Family Sunday School on **November 24th**. We will be preparing an Advent Calendar kit for each family to take home and do throughout the Christmas season. We will meet in the gym at 9:45.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Preschool through 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 15th at 5 pm**. Students will begin rehearsing and receiving parts during the Sunday School hour on November 10th and continuing during Sunday School through the program date. Students should attend these rehearsals if they plan to participate in the program. There will also be two Saturday morning rehearsals at the downtown church on December 7th and 14th from 9:00-11:00 am. We look forward to many students joining us to celebrate the birth of Jesus through script and song.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have an announcement or an article that you would like published in the December/January newsletter, please submit your request to the church office **no later than November 15th**. You may email your request to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call 815-932-0312.



LWML MITES & PHIL'S FRIENDS

Next weekend, LWML will be doing their monthly mite collection. This month, the mission grant hits a little closer to home - St. Paul's Phil's Friends Ministry!! As you know, we have partnered with Phil's Friends to convert the old downtown school building into a new Phil's Friends Hope Center. The center will provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer. The building, empty for most of the past 15 years, needs ministry-essential updates to prepare a friendly and hope-generating space for volunteers to share the love of Jesus. This \$18,000 LWML mission grant will fund building updates, as well as furniture and equipment for our preparations for the new Hope Center. We hope you will consider sharing your mites with us!

SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

For some, the upcoming holidays may be a very difficult time of the year - difficult because of the loss of a loved one through death, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage. You are invited to our Service of Hope and Comfort at the downtown church on **Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm** to hear God's Word, meditate, sing hymns and carols of comfort, and pray for healing and hope.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE November 2nd & 3rd

Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	61
Sunday, 8:30 am	131
Sunday, 11:05 am	65
WEEKEND TOTAL	257
Youth Bible Class	15
Children's Sunday School	23
Offerings Given	
General	\$12,759.00
Building	\$3,720.00
School Ops	\$260.00
Anniversary	\$3,507.00

HOLIDAY SIP & SHOP

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: Aaron Heldt 8:30: Diane Dyche

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

Live Streaming/Recording: Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Gloria Morocho Loja

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Rich Nordmeyer
8:30: Loree Yoakum
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

Acolytes: 8:30: Micah Lundmark, Trevor Smith
11:05: Lucas Porter, Layna Rahn

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
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: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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) Last Day of Scholastic Book Fair (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Born for Blessing (Bourb - Room 132) PTL Mother-Son Olympics (Bourb - Gym)
Mon, Nov. 11		NO SCHOOL in observance of Veterans' Day
Tue, Nov. 12	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	New Member Class (Bourb) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
Wed, Nov. 13	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game (Bourb) Project Compassion / Gabriel's Caller (Chicago Dough)
Thur, Nov. 14	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game (Bourb) Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Bourb)
Fri, Nov. 15	6:00 pm	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Fellowship Dinner (Oliver's, West Kankakee)
Sat, Nov. 16	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Phil's Friends Work Day (Downtown) Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Nov. 17	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)