

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<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.

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us for Family Sunday School on **November 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will be preparing an Advent Calendar kit for each family to take home. We will meet in the gym at 9:45.



**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP BAND**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra students, along with any adult musicians, are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** in the school gym. Donuts will be provided after the rehearsal. If you are interested, please text Bill Dyche at 815-592-0870 or email him at bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Please include the musician's name, instrument, email, and cell number.

**CHILD FRIENDS**

In October we packed and shipped 55 food baskets to the food bank. We have packed 145 baskets from our Kankakee location. We would like to pack another 50 before the end of the year. **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our next Pack Party in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11am.**

**ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERINGS**

Our 160<sup>th</sup>/165<sup>th</sup> 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 church office. Let us PRAISE the Lord for his grace, mercy, and FAITHFULNESS throughout all of these years.

**BUTTER BRAIDS DELIVERY**

If you ordered Butter Braids, they will be available for pick-up in the school cafeteria **between 4:30 and 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 another informational meeting at his home in Limestone on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.** Detailed brochures are available in the church office. If interested, call Bill Balgeman at 937-4947 for questions or more details.



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The Board of Human Care d...  
food baskets year around...  
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.

Dear St. Paul's Family,  
Thank you for your many cards and sympathies at the death of my father. We appreciate your care and concern and prayers for us during this time. You are truly a blessing to us! While we miss my dad, he is where he has wanted to be for a long time...with his Savior and with my mom again. We cannot be sad for him! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! And because of that, so is my dad and so will we be one day!  
In Christ,  
Lynda & Pastor

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Don't forget to take time during your celebrations to thank God for all His blessings. Join us for Thanksgiving services at the beautiful downtown church on **Wednesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm or Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**



## LWML MITES & PHIL'S FRIENDS

This weekend, LWML is 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 in preparation 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** to hear God's Word, meditate, sing hymns and carols of comfort, and pray for healing and hope.

 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.



## SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner? Going Christmas shopping? Buying gift cards for the people on your list that are impossible to shop for? Shop T.R.I.P. first! It's easy to make money for your child's or grandchild's school account and St. Paul's while paying face value for gift cards from over 750 retailers including Amazon, Walmart, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Old Navy, Target, Jewel-Osco, iTunes, Barnes & Noble! Call or text Julie Salzman at 815-530-7320 to place your order. You can also order gift cards and download e-cards from the Raise Right app. **Over 175 brands will be offering bonuses on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

## MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

We will meet again **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m.** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Join us as we study God's Word.



## ONLINE GIVING AND ENVELOPES

Have you ever considered signing up to give to St. Paul's using our electronic giving? Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Registration is easy! Just go to our secure website [www.stpaulslutheran.net](http://www.stpaulslutheran.net) and click on Giving. You can make one-time donations or schedule automatic donations. You can also designate your money to go toward specific funds. ***In the next couple weeks we will be reassigning offering envelopes for the coming year so now would be the perfect time to transition to online giving.*** If you have any questions, please email the church office at [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net).

## 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](mailto:katrinadrinnon@gmail.com) no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> to volunteer. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Youth Ministry!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Preschool through 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.** Students will begin rehearsing and receiving parts during the Sunday School hour on November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. We look forward to many students joining us to celebrate the birth of Jesus through script and song.



**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.



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

**Mon., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**  
HOME Boys Basketball Game

**Tues., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**  
HOME Boys Basketball Game

**Wed., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**  
HOME Boys Basketball Game

**Thurs., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30**  
Boys Basketball Game  
@ Buckley St. John's

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**YOUTH CHOIR**

Katrina Drinnon and Sarah Cherry are putting together a Youth Choir to sing during the Christmas season. The choir will sing at an Advent service and on Christmas Eve. It will be a choir of just teenagers and all youth group members are welcome to join the choir. The first choir practice will be this **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> before Youth Night at 5:15 pm** in the Music Room with Mrs. Ferreebee.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

<b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b> .....	<b>100</b>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b> .....	<b>186</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:05 am</b> .....	<b>61</b>
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>347</b>

<b>Youth Bible Class</b> .....	<b>18</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b> .....	<b>24</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b> .....	<b>\$14,532.46</b>
<b>Building</b> .....	<b>\$4,175.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b> .....	<b>\$385.00</b>
<b>Anniversary</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>





## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

**Organist:** 5:00: June Schmidt      8:30: June Schmidt

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

**Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Nora McHugh, Hunter Macari

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Ken Ebert  
8:30: Roy Cordes  
11:05: Sam Bottorff

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Gavin & J.P. Woods  
11:05: Emma Davis, Beth Schreurs

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
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

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Chloe Butler, Natalie Cherry, Alena LaGesse, 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, Nov. 17</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	5:15 pm	Youth Choir Practice	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Nov. 18</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Tue, Nov. 19</b>	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:30 pm	New Member Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Wed, Nov. 20</b>	4:30 pm	Butter Braid Pick-Up	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	7:00 pm	Service of Hope & Comfort	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Thur, Nov. 21</b>			
<b>Fri, Nov. 22</b>			
<b>Sat, Nov. 23</b>	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast	<i>(Riverside)</i>
	9:30 am	Phil's Friends Pack Party	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Sun, Nov. 24</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Family Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>