

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<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 this Sunday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will be preparing Advent Calendar kits 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](mailto:bill.dyche66@gmail.com). Please include the musician's name, instrument, email, and cell number.

**ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERINGS**

Since we began our 160<sup>th</sup>/165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration, 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 them to the church office. Let us PRAISE the Lord for his grace, mercy, and FAITHFULNESS throughout all of these years.

**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.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Drinnon will be starting a new Bible study entitled "Living Faith: A Journey Through James" during coffee hour. Out of all the authors of the New Testament, no other author knew Jesus as long as his half-brother James. The epistle of James reflects James's familiarity with his half-brother's teachings. The epistle is full of references to Jesus's Sermon on the Mount and the Book of Proverbs, especially chapters 1-9. James is addressing Christians throughout the early church giving them encouragement to endure trials and to challenge Christians to live as Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. This Bible study will be a thematic study grouping together the various topics James addresses to the diaspora church throughout the Roman Empire. In this study, we will explore James' teachings on topics like:

- † Encouragement in Difficult Times (James 1:2-4)
- † Genuine Faith (James 2:14-26)
- † The Right Use of our Tongues (James 3:1-12)
- † A Divided Heart (4:1-10)
- † The Arrogance and Danger of Wealth (4:13-17; 5:1-6)
- † A Life Filled with Prayer (5:7-20)
- † Practical guidance for living as Christians in a fallen world

How to Prepare:

- † Bring your Bible and a notebook for notes.
- † Read through James 1 before our first session.

Please come and receive the encouragement James gives to Christians now who are under trial. We can't wait to study God's Word together! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Drinnon at [drinnon@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:drinnon@stpaulslutheran.net) or 815-932-0312.

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 our beautiful historic downtown church on **Wednesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** or **Thursday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

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

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner? Going Christmas shopping? Are there 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, Target, Jewel, Barnes & Noble and more!! Call or text Julie at 815-530-7320 to place your order. You can also order gift cards and download e-cards from the Raise Right app. **NOTE: Please place your order before December 9<sup>th</sup> in order to guarantee receipt by Christmas.**



## ADVENT DEVOTIONS

This year's Lutheran Hour Ministries' devotion, "Come, Let Us Adore Him" is now available at the church and school or you can sign up for daily advent emails at [www.lhm.org/advent/](http://www.lhm.org/advent/).

\_\_\_In "Come, Let Us Adore Him", we see that God deserves our worship and praise for all that He has done for us. And in the birth of Jesus into our world, born to save us from our sins, born to give us eternal life - God has given us His very Best. To which we can only respond: "Come, Let Us Adore Him!" The events surrounding Jesus' birth - the prophecies foretold and fulfilled, the birth of John to point to Jesus, the divine way God guided Mary and Joseph, the preservation of Jesus' life from King Herod - all speak to God's intimate involvement in our salvation. This is the God we adore - the God who spared not His own Son but gave Him up for us all.

## 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, contact Sarah Cherry with the address and we will ship it out. 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.

## MANGER MAKERS

Each year, St. Paul's Sunday School students are given pieces to make a nativity set. The first year they receive the Holy Family and then each year after that, they receive other nativity characters or animals to expand their set. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students receive a stable to complete their set. The manger pieces can be picked up Sunday mornings in December in the upper grade hallway.



## ASSIMILATION CLASSES

Now that our New Member Classes have finished, our Board of Outreach & Connections will be hosting three assimilation classes for **all new members, LCMS transfers**, and anyone else who would like a refresher. These classes will cover topics specific to St. Paul's - namely, our small group opportunities, our constitution, and our budget. They will be **held between church services on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you are planning to be received as a new member after the holidays, please plan to attend these classes.

## 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).

**BRADLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE**

On **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Village of Bradley will present their annual lighted Christmas parade beginning at 6:30 pm. This year's theme is "Cartoon Christmas" and St. Paul's PTL is entering a Polar Express float! We would love to have you walk with us alongside the float. If you are interested, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FAAA92EA6F94-53337509-bradley> or scan the QR code.

The more walkers we have, the bigger impact we'll make!



**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 6th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**. Students will be rehearsing and receiving parts during the Sunday School hour so it is especially important that they attend Sunday School 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.



**VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING**

Come out to support our K-8 St. Paul's students who will be singing for the Village of Bourbonnais Tree Lighting on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at The Grove** (Goselin Park, 700 Main St. NW). We are honored to be included in this community tradition!

Thanks to Bob Steinke and his tractor for hauling the pile of lime into the solar field and to Dave Harms, John Veers, Bob Carruthers, Greg Wheeler, and Matt and Loree Yoakum for spreading it around.

**OP CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE**

At LWML's Fall Workshop we packed 175 shoe boxes. HOWEVER, offering money exceeded what was needed to ship that many boxes so additional supplies were purchased and 110 more boxes were packed! This is the most we have shipped since we began this annual project 15 years ago. Your generosity and dedication to this worthwhile project is amazing and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please know that you have made 285 children very happy this year and they now have a chance to experience hope and joy and learn about Jesus and his amazing love. God bless all of you for support this year. All praise and glory to our God! When the boxes ship out mid December, we will find out where they went.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

<b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b> .....	<b>53</b>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b> .....	<b>128</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:05 am</b> .....	<b>88</b>
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>269</b>

<b>Youth Bible Class</b> .....	<b>18</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b> .....	<b>25</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b> .....	<b>\$12,606.50</b>
<b>Building</b> .....	<b>\$1,837.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b> .....	<b>\$767.00</b>
<b>Anniversary</b> .....	<b>\$160.00</b>

**BUTTER BRAIDS DELIVERY**

Butter Braids are in! If you placed an order with the Youth Group, please pick up your order between church services on Sunday or stop by the school between 9 am and 3:30 pm Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.



## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

**Organist:** 5:00: Aaron Heldt      8:30: Nadine Engel

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

**Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Pat Hatch  
 8:30: Nancy Eden  
 11:05: Karen Beatty

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Aidan & Nolan LaVoie  
 11:05: Dain & Dylan Blair

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
 8:30: Jeff Johnson  
 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:** Deb Turrell, Ellana Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Nov. 24</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Family Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Nov. 25</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK)</b>
<b>Tue, Nov. 26</b>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	New Member Class (Bourb) Jesus' Prayer Life Study (1573 Surrey, Bourb)
<b>Wed, Nov. 27</b>	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship (Downtown)
<b>Thur, Nov. 28</b>	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Worship (Downtown)
<b>Fri, Nov. 29</b>		
<b>Sat, Nov. 30</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Dec. 1</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Assimilation Class for New Members (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)