

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<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.

**2025 GIVING ENVELOPES**

The 2025 envelopes are now available for pick-up. If you typically attend church on Saturday evening, your envelopes are in Fellowship Hall. If you attend on Sundays, your envelopes are in the hallway outside of the church & school office. If you have been giving online, you may not have envelopes. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office at 932-0312. We thank you for your generous spirit. God bless you!

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly fellowship dinners. We visit a different restaurant each month and share a great couple of hours eating and getting to know each other better. 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 again at **6:00 pm on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at El Mexicano**. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

**THANK YOU!**

The Board of Parish Fellowship would like to thank those members who delivered over 40 poinsettias to St. Paul's members who are shut-ins or in area nursing homes. Those who helped were Bill & Kim Balgeman, Joan Gehm, Colleen Lagesse, Jack & Janice Tomblin, and Larry & Anita Schluter Wilson. A special thanks to Lynda Koeppen for all her assistance and to those members who donated flowers for delivery.



**TRIVIA NIGHT**


Save the date: **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** for our annual Trivia Night hosted by St. Paul's Youth Ministry and the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee! This year's Trivia Night will be Mardi Gras themed in honor of the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Gather your team of history nerds, sports enthusiasts, music lovers, wordsmiths, and other lovers of random knowledge and come out for the fun. The cost for a team of 8 is \$100, or come on your own for \$15 and we will match you with some teammates for the night. To add to the fun there will be a table decorating contest and prizes for best dressed themed team. This is a bring your own snacks and drinks event. Some people go all out on food for their table so start coordinating your team and your food. Adult beverages are welcome. Please drink responsibly - youth will be present as graders and event helpers. Let's pack the gym! Get a team together ASAP! Please invite your friends and family and use this QR code to reserve your team's table:



**PTL'S ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER**

SAVE THE DATE!! PTL will be hosting St. Paul's Anniversary Blast & Auction on **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** at Quality Inn in Bradley. Join us for an evening of dinner and 60's, 70's, and 80's music (featuring Bill Dyché's band, Cosmic Rewind) as we celebrate our history and God's faithfulness to St. Paul's. Doors will open at 6pm with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7pm and the band will entertain us from 7pm to 10pm with intermittent breaks for live auction items throughout the night.

As we have done in the recent past, our silent auction will be online and will open a week before the event and will close at the end of the event. If you work for or own a business that would be willing to donate a basket, service, or a sponsorship, please call the school office for the proper paperwork. If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products or experiences for the auction! All donors will be advertised on our auction website, as well as in our Thank You Video, which will run on our school website and Facebook page, and during the live event. Our goal is to raise \$100,000. All proceeds from the event will be used to provide teaching supplies for our teachers, an update to our curriculum, and a shade structure for the playground. More information to follow. Thank you for your support!

 If you have an announcement or article that you would like published in the February / March newsletter, please submit your request to the church office **no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may email it to [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call 815-932-0312.

The family of Ron Lemenager would like to invite the congregation to his funeral on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the downtown church.



**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

January 7<sup>th</sup> marks the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment over the years so don't delay.

**BE THE CHURCH OPPORTUNITY**

God gave gifts to the Magi to serve the Lord. He has given us gifts to serve others. Everyone is invited to join Youth Bible Study in the Cafeteria this **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** for an Epiphany devotion and service projects.

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm**. We have a great school, excellent staff and a strong commitment to provide academic excellence in a safe, Christian environment. Please let your friends and neighbors know about St. Paul's and invite them to tour our facility and meet our teachers. St. Paul's has been blessed with increasing enrollment and we are looking to reach more families to join our school and church community. **Enrollment opens to the public on January 21<sup>st</sup>!**

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

**Tues., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**  
HOME Boys Basketball Game

**Thurs., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**  
HOME Boys Basketball Game

**Fri., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30**  
Boys Basketball Game  
@ St. Paul's, Munster



**YOUTH...SAVE THESE DATES!**

- ~ Sunday youth nights, **6-8pm: Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 30, Apr 13, and May 18th** at the school campus
- ~ Lock-in with Concordia Chicago's CYM team: **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7am** at the school campus.
- ~ Walcamp Service Trip: **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Drinnon started 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 his familiarity with his half-brother's teachings. 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. Please come and receive the encouragement James gives to Christians now who are under trial.

**ALTAR FLOWER CHART for 2025**

The new flower chart is now posted at the school site. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. If you would like both vases for a weekend, please put your name on both lines for that weekend. Please be sure to include your phone number. The cost is \$25.00 per vase. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Payment may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Please contact Lynda Koeppen at [lykoeppen@comcast.net](mailto:lykoeppen@comcast.net) or 815-592-5701 with questions.

Lynda and I want to extend our thanks to everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School for the many cards, notes, and gifts over the Christmas season. We are truly humbled by your encouragement and thoughtful generosity. We are so very thankful for the blessing of our church family here at St. Paul's! May the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours in this New Year.

*In Christ, Pastor & Lynda Koeppen*

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING**



A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm** at the school. The Church Council will be

announcing its selection of qualified voting members who, together with the pastors, shall serve as the Nominating Committee. At this meeting, the voters may submit to the committee the names of possible candidates for the various boards. Please contact the church office if you would like more information about the different boards.

Members of the congregation who are age 18+ are eligible to become voting members and participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly meetings in 24 months, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting privileges continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

<b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b> .....	<b>61</b>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b> .....	<b>106</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:05 am</b> .....	<b>70</b>
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>237</b>

**New Years Eve** .....

**48**

**Offerings Given:**

<b>General</b> .....	<b>\$20,163.00</b>
<b>Building</b> .....	<b>\$5,430.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b> .....	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Anniversary</b> .....	<b>\$7,255.00</b>

**THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**  
**HAVE ARRIVED!!**

Our new pictorial directories are here and we are beginning distribution this weekend! Before and after the Saturday services, we will be down in the atrium. On Sunday, we will be in the hallway in front of the library before and after both services. If you were photographed for the directory, you automatically receive a complimentary directory. If you were not photographed for the directory, we have a small number of directories available for \$10 each.



**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

**Preacher:** 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, Jack Stirnaman

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Bob Carruthers  
8:30: Hal Bryant, Ken Capps, Bruce Clark, Rich Engel  
11:05: Kevin Kurtz

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Karen Beatty  
8:30: Loree Yoakum  
11:05: Josh Cherry

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Layna Rahn, Annie Schneider  
11:05: Micah Lundmark, Beth Schreurs

**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:** Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Deb Turrell  
**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, Jan. 5</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<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>
<b>Mon, Jan. 6</b>	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Tue, Jan. 7</b>		<b><i>RE-ENROLLMENT OPENS</i></b>	
<b>Wed, Jan. 8</b>			
<b>Thur, Jan. 9</b>	5:00 pm	Enrollment Open House	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Gospel of Mark</i> Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Fri, Jan. 10</b>			
<b>Sat, Jan. 11</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Sun, Jan. 12</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:30 am	New Member Reception	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<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>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>