

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - January 11th & 12th

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!



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 15th**. You may email it to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call 815-932-0312.

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.



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 17th at El Mexicano**. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

RESERVE YOUR TABLE FOR TRIVIA NIGHT!

Our annual Trivia Night, hosted by St. Paul's Youth Ministry and the 165th Anniversary Committee, is coming up on Friday, February 28th at 6pm! 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 eight 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 register online 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 15th** 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!



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

On **January 13th**, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on **January 21st**. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment over the years so don't delay.

YOUTH NIGHTS!

January Youth Nights are on **Sundays January 12th and 26th from 6 - 8pm** at the school campus. All 7th through 12th graders are invited to join us for fun and fellowship as we talk about the treasures of our journey.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us **Friday, February 7th - 8th from 7pm to 7am** for our annual Lock-In led by college students from the Concordia-Chicago Youth Ministry team. Cost to attend is \$10. Parents are also needed to help chaperone the event. Watch GroupMe and youth ministry social media or email katrinadrinnon@gmail.com to sign up.

COME CHEER ON OUR ST. PAUL'S TIGERS!



St. Paul's will be hosting our annual Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament this week! Call the school office for bracket information and game schedules.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

On December 1st, 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 or 815-592-5701 with questions.

LWML MITE COLLECTIONS

Next weekend, LWML will be collecting mites for this month's Mission Grant: **Dr. Rev. William and Ella Mae Griffin Community Center**, a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, opened in 2008 to meet the community's needs and serve as a bridge for Gospel outreach. The Center continues to serve over 300 individuals monthly through its weekly food pantry, clothing bank, and outreach events organized throughout the year. Over the past fifteen years, they have remained faithful to the mission of fighting hunger. By helping to close the gap between the community's need for donated food and the amount of food available through collaborative efforts, it's their mission to impact hundreds of families yearly.

LWML TEA PARTY



Ladies of St. Paul's are invited to join the LWML for a special afternoon Tea on **Sunday, February 2nd at 2pm.**

Ladies of all ages are welcome. Please RSVP by January 26th by scanning the QR code, contacting Katrina Drinnon at 618-975-8361, or going to <https://forms.gle/UTvRRrVo3zBZxXbv9>.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held **Sunday, January 19th 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.

TRANSFORMING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

On November 26th, Pastor Dave Bottorff started a new Bible study at his & Marilyn's home (1573 Surrey Drive, Bourbonnais). This series will continue at **7pm on Tuesday, January 28th**. He will be examining many Bible verses on the power of prayer, hindrances in our prayer life and what to do about them with our God-instilled prayer habits and also prayer helps, i. e. prayer partners, prayer groups, prayer chains. Come and have your prayer life reinvigorated and deepened during this Bible study!

SHOEBOX DESTINATIONS

Word has been received that our 285 shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child are on their way to Kenya and Malawi in Africa! Most boxes are not distributed during our traditional Christmas season, but rather when mission partner training has been completed, locations secured, and schedules for the outreach events are confirmed. Boxes are also distributed sometimes after natural disasters where all is lost or to refugees that have fled their homes. Exact "Christmasy" dates are not of importance; the message of the Christ Child is. Thank you all for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

January 4th & 5th

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	53
Sunday, 8:30 am	125
Sunday, 11:05 am	74
WEEKEND TOTAL	252
Adult Bible Study	6
Youth Bible Study	7
Children's Sunday School	19
<u>Offerings Given:</u>	
General	\$15,326.81
Building	\$3,665.00
School Ops	\$275.00
Anniversary	\$10.00

SUNDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Youth Bible Study resumes Sunday January 13th at 9:50. Mrs. Drinnon's class will be beginning a new study called "Journey through Church History" in the youth room. Mr. Eden's class will continue its journey of faith in the Resource Room.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Karl Koeppen	Liturgist:	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, Micah Bass			
Lay Ministers:	5:00: Bob Carruthers		
	8:30: Hal Bryant, Ken Capps, Bruce Clark, Rich Engel		
	11:05: Kevin Kurtz		
Lay Readers:	5:00: Ken Ebert		
	8:30: Ruth Fabbro		
	11:05: Mellody McDonald		
Acolytes:	8:30: Gloria Morocho Loja, Maci Proctor		
	11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson		
Trustees:	5:00: Rob Wood		
	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: 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

Sun, Jan. 12	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>
Mon, Jan. 13		REGISTRATION OPENS TO CHURCH MEMBERS & SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS	
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, Jan. 14	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Jan. 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Thur, Jan. 16			
Fri, Jan. 17		EARLY DISMISSAL / END OF 2nd QUARTER	
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner	<i>(El Mexicano)</i>
Sat, Jan. 18	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (Downtown)</i>	
Sun, Jan. 19	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>
	12:30 pm	Voters Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>

NOTE: Both the Lay Ministry and Church Council meetings have been rescheduled. Church Council will meet on Monday, January 13th and Lay Ministry will meet on Tuesday, January 14th.