

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - January 25th & 26th

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.

The 2024 financial statements are now available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall or at the school, depending on which service you frequent. They are organized alphabetically. If you cannot find yours, please contact Christie at 932-0312. Thank you for your generosity!

___If you have not already picked up your envelopes for 2025, they are also available at both locations.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

If you had your picture taken for the pictorial directory and have not yet picked up your copy of the directory, it can be picked up at the church office any time during normal business hours. If you have any further questions or need to pick up your directory at church on a weekend, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 815-592-5701 or the church office at 815-932-1545. Thank you!

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 opened 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!

The next Youth Night is this **Sunday, January 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.



8th GRADE TUMBLER FUNDRAISER

Our 8th grade class is selling St. Paul's tumblers to help raise money for their class trip to Wal-Camp in the spring. The tumblers are now on sale at elitedesigngroup.us (click "Team Shops", then "St. Paul's") and will be available to purchase from the website until February 28th. They are \$25 each. If you would prefer, you may purchase directly from an 8th grader. They will be taking orders between the church services this Sunday, January 26th. Thank you in advance for your support!



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 TEA PARTY



Ladies of St. Paul's are invited to join the LWML for a special afternoon Tea Party on **Sunday, February 2nd at 2pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.** Ladies of all ages are welcome. Please RSVP by this Sunday, January 26th online at <https://forms.gle/UTvRRrVo3zBZxXbv9> or by contacting Katrina Drinnon at 618-975-8361.



PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our only agenda is to share God's love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we have devotions and prayer and we share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next quarterly meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 12th at 6 pm.** Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend. (Please watch the weekly announcements for the location, which is yet to be determined).

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION RECEPTION

We LOVE our volunteers!! The Board of Parish Fellowship is hosting a Volunteer Recognition Reception during coffee hour on **Sunday, February 16th.** St. Paul's volunteers give countless hours of service to our congregation and the Lord and we want to show our gratitude!

Our volunteers will also be recognized during our worship services that weekend, so we encourage you to join us for worship also.



COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES

We appreciate those of you that periodically make contributions to our supplies for coffee hour. However, since our storage space is very limited, rather than just putting items in our cabinets, the Board of Parish Fellowship asks that you contact Lynda Koeppen or one of our other board members when you want to make a donation. Thank you for your cooperation and support of this ministry!

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!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

In 2024, St. Paul's received \$16,000 from Thrivent Financial through their Action Team program. Each Thrivent customer can request \$500 per year for special projects. Our board directors and committee leaders have used these funds for landscaping, youth events, church/school anniversary celebrations, concrete pads, food pantry supplies, paint, Phil's friends, and many more activities. Kudos to our leaders for using this financial source to further the mission of St. Paul's.



READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

There have been many nominations for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in the Daily Journal's Readers Choice awards.

- * Education - Private School - St. Paul's Lutheran School
- * Education - Pre-school/Child Care Center - St. Paul's Lutheran School
- * People & Places - Educator - Jennifer Richardson, St. Paul's
- * People & Places - Educator - Amanda Fritz, St. Paul's
- * People & Places - Pastors - Karl Koeppen - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- * People & Places - Place of Worship - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- * People & Places - Place of Worship - St. Paul's Lutheran School

Nominations are in and voting has begun. To vote, scan the QR code below or go to <https://kankakedailyjournal.secondstreetapp.com/DJ-Readers-Choice-2025/>. Find the one you want to vote for and input your email and register. Let the Daily Journal know what you think! You are allowed to vote each day. Voting ends this Sunday, January 26th.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Everyone is invited to our monthly fellowship dinners. Each month, we visit a different restaurant and share a great couple of hours together. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Anyone who has come will tell you how much fun we have! The next fellowship dinner will be **Friday, February 21st at 6 pm at Monical's Pizza in Bourbonnais**. If you would like to join us, please call or text Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837. We would love to see you!

REFRESH, RE-ENERGIZE, & RECONNECT WITH MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

When: March 21st - 23rd

Where: The Springs, Gladwin, MI

Couples gather from Friday night to Sunday afternoon to practice new communication techniques taught by Presenter Couples who share their own marriage experiences in inspiring and relatable talks. This will be the last weekend led by Ruth Fabbro's parents, Ed and Emily Kast. Sign up soon because it will fill quickly. Visit GodLovesMarriage.org, click on The Springs and Apply Now. The cost is just \$100 per couple with a donation opportunity over the weekend to cover room and board. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Fabbro.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

January 18th & 19th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	55
Sunday, 8:30 am	108
Sunday, 11:05 am	83
WEEKEND TOTAL	246

Adult Bible Study	4
Youth Bible Study	16
Children's Sunday School	23

Offerings Given:

General	\$10,495.98
Building	\$1,485.00
School Ops	\$350.00
Anniversary	\$.00

SUNDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Youth Bible Study resumed 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.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us as we begin Lent with a special Family Sunday School on **March 2nd** between the church services. Everyone is invited! (Please note: The calendar in the upcoming newsletter shows this event on February 2nd in error.)

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

Organist: 5:00: Nadine Engel 8:30: Nadine Engel

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

Live Streaming/Recording: Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Trevor Smith

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Audra Taylor
8:30: Jack Stirnaman
11:05: Norah Callan

Acolytes: 8:30: Olivia Reardanz, Ryleigh Reiniche
11:05: Daphne & Delilah Sexton

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: St. Paul's School Students, Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Keith Christensen, Dan Friesner

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Mellody McDonald, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Jan. 26	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Jan. 27		LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
Tue, Jan. 28	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) Transforming Your Prayer Life(1573 Surrey, Bourb)
Wed, Jan. 29		
Thur, Jan. 30		
Fri, Jan. 31		
Sat, Feb. 1	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown) Daddy Daughter Dance (Bourb)
Sun, Feb. 2	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 12:30 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb) LWML Tea Party (Downtown)