

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</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.

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 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, is coming up on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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!



**YOUTH LOCK-IN**

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-7am for our annual Lock-In led by college students from Concordia University Chicago's CYM (Concordia Youth Ministry) team. Cost to attend is \$10. Scan the QR code to sign up!



Congratulations to Ben Kubal, who has been named an Illinois State Scholar. Ben attended St. Paul's all the way through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be graduating from BBCHS this spring.

*Congrats!*



### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE TUMBLER FUNDRAISER

Our 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://elitedesigngroup.us) (click "Team Shops", then "St. Paul's") and will be available to purchase from the website until February 28<sup>th</sup>. There are two designs to choose from and they are \$25 each. If you would prefer, you may purchase directly from an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Thank you in advance for your support!



### 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 2025 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.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. Please note, this meeting will be at **Monical's in Bourbonnais** (NOT Chicago Dough). Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend.

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION RECEPTION

We LOVE our volunteers!! The Board of Parish Fellowship is hosting a Volunteer Recognition Reception during coffee hour on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**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](http://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.



**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BABYSITTING NIGHTS**

Parents, are you ready for a night out? Or maybe just a quiet night at home? The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be offering their babysitting services for Valentine's Day! On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, babysitting for (potty trained) 3 year olds through 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be available at the Bourbonnais campus from 5pm to 8pm. They will have tons of fun with our responsible 8<sup>th</sup> graders and adults, playing games, doing crafts, watching a movie and more, and they can come in their pjs! Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$30 per child (\$10 for each additional sibling per family). The proceeds earned will help fund the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Wal-Camp. To sign your child(ren) up, please contact **J a m i e S t i r n a m a n** at [jstirnaman@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:jstirnaman@stpaulslutheran.net), go to <https://forms.gle/oxaakw6aYCrvrKfa8> or scan the QR code:



<b>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</b>	
January 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm .....	83
Sunday, 8:30 am .....	202
Sunday, 11:05 am .....	74
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Youth Bible Study .....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School .....</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Offerings Given:</b>	
<b>General .....</b>	<b>\$9,885.98</b>
<b>Building .....</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>
<b>School Ops .....</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>
<b>Anniversary .....</b>	<b>\$.00</b>

**SUNDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**

Youth Bible Study resumed Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** between the church services. Everyone is invited! (Please note: The calendar in the upcoming newsletter shows this event on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in error.)

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon      **Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen
- 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, George Morocho Loja
- Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Ken Capps  
8:30: Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel Kevin Kurtz, John Veers  
11:05: Greg Deck
- Lay Readers:** 5:00: Rich Nordmeyer  
8:30: Mark Hess  
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Gavin & J.P. Woods  
11:05: Lucas Porter, Luke Stirnaman
- Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson  
8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
11:05: Jim Trudeau
- Ushers:** 5:00: Pat Hatch, Fred Langelett, Terry Treece  
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Jim Baron, Judy Browning, Steve Weith  
11:05: Kirk Anderson, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Isaac Fabbro, Heather Stroo  
**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, Feb. 2</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	LWML Tea Party (Downtown)
<b>Mon, Feb. 3</b>	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, Feb. 4</b>	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Feb. 5</b>		
<b>Thur, Feb. 6</b>		
<b>Fri, Feb. 7</b>	7:00 pm	Youth Lock-In (Bourb)
<b>Sat, Feb. 8</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Feb. 9</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)