

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - February 8th & 9th

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 for pickup. They are all now at the school.

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!

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

Congrats!



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. There are two designs to choose from and they are \$25 each. Thank you in advance for your support!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
***“Living Faith: A Journey
Through James”***

When: Sundays, 9:45 am
Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

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 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 **this Wednesday, February 12th 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 **next 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.



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.



8TH GRADE BABYSITTING NIGHTS

Parents, are you ready for a night out? Or maybe just a quiet night at home? The 8th graders will be offering their babysitting services for Valentine’s Day! On **Friday, February 14th**, babysitting for (potty trained) 3 year olds through 7th graders will be available at the Bourbonnais campus from **5pm to 8pm**. They will have tons of fun with our responsible 8th 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 8th 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, go to <https://forms.gle/oxaakw6aYCrvrKfa8> or scan the QR code:



SHINE WORK DAY

Each spring the NID (Northern Illinois District) hosts a time of service and encourages all congregations of the district to do service projects together to Shine the light of Jesus in their communities. We normally call these work days Be The Church days but this time we are partnering with a larger group of people and calling is a Shine Work Day. We will be hosting this work day on **April 5th**. We will be doing physical work in the St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center buildings and hosting a Phil's Friends work day in Fellowship Hall. There will be all kinds of work to be done (physical labor, crafting, cleaning, etc) and anyone of any age or ability is welcome. There will be jobs for everyone. Please, put the date on your calendar now and watch for more details closer to the day.



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.)

PHIL'S FRIENDS DATES

We are increasing our efforts with Phil's Friends in 2025. We will be hosting a work day and a Pack Party every month. Please put **February 22nd, 9:30-11 am** on your calendar - that is our first Pack Party of 2025. Our next work day is March 8th from 9am to noon. All events take place at the newly renamed St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center (downtown campus buildings). Please use the alley entrance.



PRAIRIEVIEW LUTHERAN HOME

Prarieview Lutheran Home for the Aged Development Corporation's 2024 Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 pm**, with registration beginning at 1:30 pm. Please note this meeting to be in a new location at Zion Lutheran Church, 100 N. Maple St, Clifton, IL 60927. The voting body will include up to two delegates and one pastor from each of the 26 member congregations. If you are interested in representing St. Paul's as a delegate, please contact the church office this week. Guests are also welcome. There will be refreshments following the meeting.

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.

LEGACY GRANDPARENTING SUMMIT

The Legacy Grandparenting Summit 2025 is the only national conference focused on Christian grandparenting and embracing your God-given role as grandparents in passing down faith to the next generation. Olivet Nazarene University is hosting this event at **Manteno Church of the Nazarene** (698 N. Locust/Route 50, Manteno) on **Fri., February 21st and Sat., February 22nd** from **9 am to 4:30 pm**. Choose just one day to attend. To sign up, go to <https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/583011/register> or scan the QR code below. The cost is \$42.39, including fees. If you would like a boxed lunch, the registration deadline is February 14th.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

February 1st & 2nd

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	64
Sunday, 8:30 am	139
Sunday, 11:05 am	75
WEEKEND TOTAL	278

Adult Bible Study	3
Youth Bible Study	17
Children's Sunday School	23

Offerings Given:

General	\$16,510.31
Building	\$3,662.00
School Ops	\$250.00
Anniversary	\$.00

Contemporary service choir:

Hope Brammer, Renee Brammer, Chloe Butler, Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Mike Clendenin, Liz Deck, Katrina Drinnon, Olivia Douglas, Brent Eden, Nancy Eden, Rick Einfeldt, Ruth Fabbro, Duane Ferrebee, Gail Ferrebee (director), Sharon Friesner, Adele Hinze, Ben Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal, Becky Landrie, Alena LaGesse, Mellody McDonald, Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Daphne Sexton, Delilah Sexton, Deb Turrell, Ellana Turrell, Eugene Wachholz

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, Mo Macari

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Ken Capps
8:30: Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel Kevin Kurtz, John Veers
11:05: Greg Deck

Lay Readers: 5:00: Pat Hatch
8:30: JoAnn Hess
11:05: Tammy Mesenbring

Acolytes: 8:30: Gloria Morocho Loja, Nora McHugh
11:05: Daphne & Delilah Sexton

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Brian Porter
11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Keith Christensen, Pat Hatch, Terry Treece
Subs: Brandon Tomblin
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Jim Baron, Aidan LaVoie, Nolan LaVoie, Scott Styck, Steve Weith
Subs: Brody Brinkmann, Seth McHugh, Layna Rahn, Olivia Reardanz
11:05: Dave Kesinger, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams
Subs: Chloe Butler, Andrew Kubal, Ben Kubal, Hailey Porter, Doug Schultze

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
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, Feb. 9	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
Mon, Feb. 10		
Tue, Feb. 11	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting (Bourb)
Wed, Feb. 12	6:00 pm	Project Compassion/Gabriel's Callers Quarterly Meeting (Monical's, Bourb)
Thur, Feb. 13	6:00 pm	Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Bourb)
Fri, Feb. 14	5:00 pm	EARLY DISMISSAL 11:15 / 11:30 am 8 th Grade Babysitting Fundraiser (Bourb)
Sat, Feb. 15	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Feb. 16	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Volunteer Reception (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)