

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<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.

The 2024 financial statements and 2025 envelopes are now all out at the school. They are organized alphabetically on the table in the hallway by the office. If you are unable to pick yours up, please contact the church office.

**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 (see enclosed insert for specifics). Please put **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30-11 am** on your calendar - that is our first Pack Party of 2025. Our next work day is March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. All events will take place at the newly renamed St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center (downtown campus buildings). Please use the alley entrance.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

"Living Faith: A Journey Through James" has finished. There will be no Adult Bible Study this weekend during coffee hour.



**PTL'S ANNIVERSARY BLAST & AUCTION**

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 music (featuring Greg Ronchetto and Bill Dyche'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. A full-service dinner will begin served at 7pm and will include chicken and beef, roasted fingerling potatoes, green beans, and a dinner salad. There is also a vegetarian, gluten-free option. A decadent dessert bar will feature amazing desserts by the Bennett Curtis House. After dinner, Cosmic Rewind will entertain us with live 60's, 70's, and 80's music until 10pm with intermittent breaks for live auction items throughout the night.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.stpaulsanniversaryblast.ludus.com](http://www.stpaulsanniversaryblast.ludus.com) or you may scan the QR code to the right. There will be two ticket options. 1) You may purchase an entire table with

preferred seating for \$500. In addition to being closer to the entertainment, these tickets include eight dinners and sixteen complimentary drink tickets. 2) You may purchase individual seats for \$50, which will include dinner and one complimentary drink ticket.

Don't forget to check out our silent auction, which will open on March 9<sup>th</sup> and will close at the end of the live event on March 15<sup>th</sup>! Watch for that link in the coming weeks. You will also have an opportunity to view the silent auction items at Trivia Night on February 28<sup>th</sup>!

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 English curriculum (costing upwards of \$35,000), an update to our Math curriculum, and a shade structure for the playground. Thank you for your support!



**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**

We meet again **Saturday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 am** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Come join us for breakfast as we study God's Word. I pray that you can join us for the study!

### 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. Thank you in advance for your support!



### 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. 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 is **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm at Monical's 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.



### 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 newsletter shows this event on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in error.)

### 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 it a Shine Work Day. We will be hosting this work day on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> and Sat., February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 4:30 pm**. Choose just one day to attend. Go to <https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/583011/register> to sign up. The cost is \$42.39, including fees.

### "TRANSFORMING YOUR PRAYER LIFE" BIBLE STUDY

**Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff**

**When: February 25<sup>th</sup> 7 pm**

**Where: 1573 Surrey Dr., Bourbonnais**

Throughout this Bible study, we will examine many Bible verses on the power of prayer, hindrances in our prayer life and what to do about them. We will explore God-instilled prayer habits and prayer helps such as prayer partners, prayer groups, prayer chains. Come and have your prayer life reinvigorated and deepened during this Bible study!

### LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you are interested in beginning or renewing a subscription to Lutheran Witness, please contact the church office at 932-0312. **Orders are due by March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The cost is \$20.65 for the year.



### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Don't leave FREE money on the table! If you have a Thrivent insurance policy or annuity product, you may be eligible to choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funding. **Call 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836) by March 31<sup>st</sup> to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**



**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**“LECTURES IN GENESIS”**

**Teacher: Pastor Drinnon**

**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:00 pm**

I am excited to announce an upcoming Bible study on the Book of Genesis, **beginning February 27<sup>th</sup>**. This study offers a profound opportunity to deepen our understanding of God’s creation, His covenant with His people, and the foundational truths of our Christian faith.

Why study Genesis? Genesis is the first book of the Bible and holds a unique place in both the Old and New Testaments. It is filled with profound theological insights, rich narratives, and timeless lessons. From the creation of the world, to the fall of humanity, to God’s promises to Abraham and the patriarchs, Genesis sets the stage for the entire biblical account. It is here that we first encounter God’s sovereignty, His justice, and His mercy—elements that are essential to understanding the Gospel.

Throughout this study, we will:

- Explore the creation account and its theological and Christological significance.
- Dive into the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.
- Discuss the implications of original sin, the promise of redemption, and God’s ongoing faithfulness.
- Reflect on how Genesis relates to our lives today especially in the light of humanistic rationalism and how the accounts in Genesis point forward to the fulfillment found in Christ.

Materials: The study will utilize the ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal: Genesis to write notes in to take with you beyond the classroom. You can order one yourself on Amazon or email Pastor Drinnon to order you one. Please bring your Bible, your Illuminated Scripture Journal, and a heart ready to dive deep into God’s Word.

All are welcome! Whether you’re new to Bible study or have been studying the Scriptures for years, this study is for you. Come, engage with us as we explore the ancient truths of Genesis that continue to shape our faith and our understanding of God. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email me at [rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net). I look forward to seeing you there!

**JANUARY VOTERS MEETING**

**SUMMARY**

The Voters Assembly met on Sunday, January 19, 2025. Business and information items were light.

Agenda action items as follows:

- **Lay Ministry Member changes** were approved (New members accepted and those being released from membership and transferring to another church).
- **Nominations Committee** is being formed for elections in May.
- **Financial Review Committee** appointments were made.
- **Downtown School Name Proposal** - There was a request to re-name the old school and gym, at the downtown site to **"St. Paul’s Mission and Ministry Center."** The request was approved. This is a result of recognizing the great amount of mission and ministry that is already occurring as well as the future mission and ministry opportunities that we are pursuing at that site. Currently, there are 16 different ministries that use the downtown church and school location. Twelve of those ministries are using the old school and gym buildings and two of those have started within the last year. In order to expand our ministry in those buildings, there will need to complete some much needed repairs and updates to those facilities. Currently, there is a group that is reaching out to area LCMS congregations and researching grants

(From the Northern Illinois District and Synod) to help fund those repairs.

If you have any questions, you can talk to one of the pastors or church leaders.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm	46
Sunday, 8:30 am	116
Sunday, 11:05 am	97
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>	<b>259</b>

Adult Bible Study	6
Youth Bible Study	13
Children’s Sunday School	17

**Offerings Given:**

General	\$11,419.58
Building	\$2,357.00
School Ops	\$275.00

**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, Luke Stirnaman

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00:  
8:30: John Veers  
11:05: Karen Beatty

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Mo Macari, Quinn Styck  
11:05: Emma Davis, Audrey Nordmeyer

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
11:05: Jim Trudeau

**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:** Debbie Turrell, Ellana Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill & Diane Dyche, Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Feb. 16</b>	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Volunteer Reception (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Feb. 17</b>	7:00 pm	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>in observance of President's Day</i> Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, Feb. 18</b>	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Feb. 19</b>		
<b>Thur, Feb. 20</b>		
<b>Fri, Feb. 21</b>	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Family Reading Night (Bourb) Fellowship Dinner (Monical's, Bourb)
<b>Sat, Feb. 22</b>	7:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm Various	Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside) Phil's Friends Pack Party (Downtown) Worship - Traditional (Downtown) Tables of Eight (Various Homes)
<b>Sun, Feb. 23</b>	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)