

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - February 22nd & 23rd

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.



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!

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness, a monthly publication by LCMS, is the go-to magazine for interpreting the contemporary world from a Lutheran perspective. 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 2nd**. The cost is \$20.65 for the year.



PTL'S ANNIVERSARY BLAST & AUCTION

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 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 at 7pm and will include chicken and beef, roasted fingerling potatoes, honey glazed carrots, 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. Before and 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.

Buy your tickets before March 3rd by scanning the QR code to the right or go to www.stpaulsanniversaryblast.ludus.com. If you would rather not make your purchase electronically, you may purchase your

tickets directly from PTL with a check or cash. A representative will be available in the cafeteria between Sunday services today and next Sunday or you may stop by the church office during the week.

There are 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 9th and will close at the end of the live event (at 10 pm) on March 15th! 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 28th!

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 and math curriculum (which costs upwards of \$70,000), and a shade structure for the playground. Thank you for your support!



You're Invited to
YOUTH NIGHT



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Our next Youth Night will be **this Sunday, February 23rd at 6pm** at the school. These events are open to all 7th through 12th graders. If that's you, we would love to have you join us for an evening of fun!

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 to make other arrangements.

**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.



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!

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 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.

**"TRANSFORMING YOUR PRAYER
LIFE" BIBLE STUDY**

Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff

When: February 25th 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!



**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
"LECTURES IN GENESIS"**

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:00 pm

I am excited to announce an upcoming Bible study on the Book of Genesis, **beginning February 27th**. 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. I look forward to seeing you there!

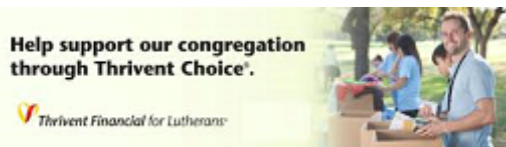


DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR GARDENING?

In the past, Ms. Hinze has hosted a Garden Club every summer and involved the children in taking care of the garden just outside the south doors of the school. If you would like to take this over and make it your own, please contact the church office. If you are not interested in leading a club but find gardening therapeutic, we would welcome your help in maintaining the garden too so if you are interested, please call the church office.

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 31st to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**



LERT DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

St. Paul's is working to build a team to provide disaster relief when it happens in our area. We invite you to join our team but training is needed to deploy. There is a local training at **Trinity Lutheran Church in New Lenox on March 15th from 9 am to 1 pm.** Please consider attending LCMS LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) volunteer training offered by Lutheran Church Charities. Federal guidelines indicate that volunteers responding to a disaster should be trained and certified. Should a disaster strike, you could deploy to a disaster site and serve those affected in a church and community. This training will prepare LERT team members for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work, and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders. This training is part of a Synod-wide disaster response program, facilitated by a national network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams. After the training, you will receive a certificate, ID badge, manual, vest and a T-shirt. In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. This training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or to respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. To sign up use the link below and let Pastor Drinnon know that you are joining the St. Paul's LERT team.

https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail?need_id=1047115

VOTERS MEETING SUMMARY

The Voters Assembly met on January 19th. Business and information items were light. Agenda action items as follows:

- **Lay Ministry Member changes** were approved (New members, releases, and transfers).
- **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 - 12 of those ministries are using the old school and gym buildings and 2 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 15th & 16th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	83
Sunday, 8:30 am	110
Sunday, 11:05 am	69
WEEKEND TOTAL	262

Youth Bible Study	11
Children's Sunday School	17

Offerings Given:

General	\$10,127.71
Building	\$520.00
School Ops	\$480.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

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

A/V: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry

Live Streaming/Recording: Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Mason Raloff

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: Loree Yoakum
11:05: Dave Bottorff

Acolytes: 8:30: Layna Rahn, Olivia Reardanz
11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
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: Ben Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Feb. 23	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<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, Feb. 24			
Tue, Feb. 25	7:00 pm	Transforming Your Prayer Life(1573 Surrey, Bourb)	
Wed, Feb. 26			
Thur, Feb. 27	6:00 pm	Lectures in Genesis	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Fri, Feb. 28	6:00 pm	Trivia Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Sat, Mar. 1	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion (Downtown)</i>	
Sun, Mar. 2	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>