

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - March 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.

SHINE WORK DAY

St. Paul's Kankakee is hosting a Shine Service Day on **April 5th from 9am to 2pm**. There will be two major projects going on. One will be a Phil's Friends Work Day in Fellowship Hall. Creative projects for all ages will be available all day - tying fleece blankets, coloring boxes and Cards of Hope, creating journals and cards. Second, St. Paul's is working to update the old school building. Work crews will work on various projects that day including, but not limited to, hauling garbage out of the basement, hanging new blinds, possibly laying flooring in one room, rearranging rooms, and cleaning. They also plan to provide lunch and helping with lunch can be an act of service. Please contact Sarah Cherry at sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or the church office at 815-932-0312 to participate. If you register on or before March 9th, a Shine t-shirt will be provided free of charge.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The new Lenten devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries are now available at the church and the school so feel free to grab a copy of *Servant of the Lord*.

In *Servant of the Lord*, we see Jesus as God's Son and our Redeemer. He has made the Heavenly Father known to us. Proclaiming the kingdom of God, Jesus served us lovingly, patiently, and compassionately as He died for our sins and rose three days later in Easter victory.

We have in Jesus the supreme example of devoted service. His teachings define the lives we are to live—both in praise and honor to God and in love and peace toward one another. All this Jesus did as God's chosen Servant, sent from heaven to earth to be our King, Savior, and Friend.

YOUTH NIGHT

The next Youth Night is this **Sunday, March 9th from 6 - 8pm** at the school campus. All 7th through 12th graders are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!



THE SILENT AUCTION IS NOW LIVE!

If you didn't buy tickets to our Anniversary Blast, it's not too late to support us! The silent auction is now live. These items are only available online so you will have the same chance of winning as those who are attending the live event. To check out each of 150 silent auction items and place your bids, go to 32auctions.com/stpaulslutheran2025. You can even set up auto-bidding so you don't miss out on those items you just have to have! The online auction will close at the end of the live event (10pm, March 15th). To streamline the checkout process, the items will be available for pick-up at the school on Sunday, March 16th from 9am to 1pm. Therefore the baskets will not be at the live event. They are, however, set up at the school site for your personal viewing. Feel free to browse the tables on Sunday or stop by during the week.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000. All proceeds from the silent auction and live event will be used to provide classroom 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!

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. Would you like to take this over and make it your own? 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 in either of these options, please call the church office.

PAPER & CARDBOARD RECYCLING

For those who have no other options for the recycling of their cardboard and paper products, St Paul's will continue to offer our recycle dumpster for your use. However, due to the volume of recyclables from the school, everyone MUST flatten boxes before putting them in the container in order to have adequate room for everyone's needs. Thank you for your cooperation.

LENTEN DINNERS

Lenten Dinners begin this **Wed., March 12th** and will be served from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church prior to worship. This week's dinner is served by the Board of Human Care. Proceeds from this meal will go to St. Matthew Lutheran Church Soup Kitchen. The menu is: BBQ sandwiches, chips, applesauce, and veggies. Desserts, coffee, lemonade, and water will also be provided. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 p.m.



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 training at **Trinity Lutheran 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



EASY STREET THEATRE PRESENTS....

Come support Steve Weith and all of our local special ability actors in....

"The Wizard of Oz"

St. John Paul II's Settle Center
956 S. 10th St., Kankakee

Saturday, March 8th, 7 pm
Sunday, March 9th, 2 pm

Tickets are \$15 at the door. Metal folding chairs will be available but you are welcome to bring your own camp chair for more comfortable seating. Refreshments will be provided by Love-a-Latte.



KNOW THY ENEMY

A new Bible Study with Pastor Koeppen is **starting this Sunday, March 9th beginning at 9:50 am.** Using clips from the movie, Nefarious, we will consider the work and influence of Satan. The movie has been described as "The Screwtape Letters on steroids." In that momentous work on demonic influence, author C.S. Lewis warned about the twin traps we fall into when it comes to acknowledging evil: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

We live in a world in which there is more danger in underestimating the influence of evil in our culture than over-emphasizing it. Evidence of the spiritual battle is

everywhere. Let's face it, few people want to be in a battle. As followers of Christ, however, we're in the middle of a conflict that has been raging for thousands of years - whether we know it or not. Thus, it is critical for us to know the eternal stakes.

And so, you need to know your enemy. Together, we will take a deeper look at the truth about Satan, demons, and the pervasive evil from the unseen realm that has manifested in our culture today. Yes, those are dark subjects, but they're also critical for us as children of God.

This study will help you to understand the times and to examine everything we've been given in Christ to stand courageous and firm against the forces of evil. As the Scriptures tell us 365 times, "fear not." In fact, through the truth of who we are in Christ and the armor He has made available to us, we can stand confidently against the Enemy's snares and schemes.

YES, SATAN IS MIGHTY, BUT OUR GOD IS ALMIGHTY!

Join us for class in Room 131.



Upcoming
pf phil's friends
 we bring hope

KANKAKEE AREA CENTER EVENTS

February
22
 Pack Party
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:30-11 AM

March
8
 Work Day
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:00 AM - Noon

March
22
 Pack Party
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:30-11 AM

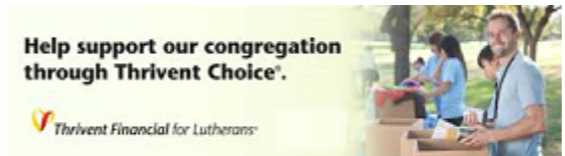
April
5
 NID Shine Service Week Work Day
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:00 AM - Noon

April
26
 Pack Party
 LWML Zone 18 Rally at Trinity Herscher
 9:00 AM

May
3
 Work Day
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:00 AM - Noon

May
24
 Pack Party
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:30-11 AM

June
7
 Work Day
 St. Pauls' Mission & Ministry Center
 9:00 AM - Noon



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.**

FAITH IN ACTION
 Have you received hope, comfort, and love at a time in your life when you needed it most? Do you feel it's time to give to others the blessings you have received?
 There are hospice patients in your area that would benefit greatly from your companionship and encouragement. We are also looking for people who would like to knit, crochet, or sew for our comfort care hospice program. Volunteers create blankets, robes, drawstring bags, prayer shawls and other needed items for hospice patients. Your volunteer time would suit your schedule and your location. **Also donations of yarn are needed and welcomed!!!** Find out more about our amazing team of caring VITAS volunteers by calling or emailing Joseph Calderone at 7 0 8 - 7 8 1 - 4 4 0 5 o r joseph.calderone@vitas.com.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
March 1 st & 2 nd	
Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	98
Sunday, 8:30 am	112
Sunday, 11:05 am	75
WEEKEND TOTAL	285
Youth Bible Study 11	
Family Sunday School (children only) 12
Offerings Given:	
General	\$12,051.81
Building	\$3,709.00
School Ops	\$255.00

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, Amber Brinkmann

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Ken Capps
8:30: Kevin Kurtz, Greg Deck, Rich Engel, Hill Love
11:05: Bruce Clark

Lay Readers: 5:00: Jennifer Richardson
8:30: Roy Cordes
11:05: Tammie Mesenbring

Acolytes: 8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Audrey Nordmeyer
11:05: Mason Raloff, Trenton Stephens

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Brian Porter
11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Jim Sharper, Rob & Mary Wood
Subs: Brandon Tomblin
8:30: Dain Blair, Dylan Blair, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
Subs: Brody Brinkmann, Seth McHugh, Layna Rahn, Olivia Reardanz
11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Hailey Porter
Subs: Chloe Butler, Andrew Kubal, Ben Kubal, Doug Schultze

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Ben Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Mar. 9	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	NEW 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, Mar. 10			
Tue, Mar. 11	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Mar. 12	5:30 pm	Lenten Dinner (BBQ Sandwiches)	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Thur, Mar. 13	6:00 pm	Lectures in Genesis Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Fri, Mar. 14			
Sat, Mar. 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	6:00 pm	PTL Anniversary Blast & Auction	<i>(Quality Inn)</i>
Sun, Mar. 16	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Family Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - Communion	<i>(Bourb)</i>