

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</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.

**SHINE WORK DAY**

St. Paul's Kankakee is hosting a Shine Service Day on **April 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarahcherry30@yahoo.com) or the church office at 815-932-0312 to participate. If you register on or before March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. All this Jesus did as God's chosen Servant, sent from heaven to earth to be our King, Savior, and Friend.

**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.

**LENTEN DINNERS**



The Lenten Dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup> will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church prior to the midweek worship service at 7:00 p.m. The

Board of Outreach & Connections is serving the dinner and a freewill offering will be taken. The menu is: Pizza. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon and Dan Friesner have arrived safely in California. As many of you know, this was a very bittersweet move for them so if you would like to drop them a note or card (or add them to your Christmas card list), their new address is:

7429 Azimuth Lane #232  
Sacramento, CA. 95842

**READER'S CHOICE AWARDS**

Last week, the Daily Journal released their Reader's Choice awards. We are proud to announce that **Pastor Koeppen was voted Best Pastor** and **St. Paul's Lutheran School was voted Best Preschool**. We were also named Runner-Up to Best Private School. Please tell your friends! Thank you to everyone who voted!

**Congratulations!**  
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### **KNOW THY ENEMY**

A new Bible Study with Pastor Koeppen started on March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 at 9:45 on Sunday mornings in Room 131.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** **“LECTURES IN GENESIS”**

**Teacher: Pastor Drinnon**

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

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!

### **LWML SPRING RALLY**

LWML Zone 19 will hold its annual Spring Rally on **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** at Peace Lutheran Church in Beecher. All ladies are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Sarah Cherry from the Kankakee chapter of Phil's Friends. This is an organization that provides support and encouragement for cancer patients. We will have a collection of fleece fabric that they use to make blankets to be included in the boxes they send to the cancer patients. The fleece needs to be in one and quarter (1 1/4) yard increments. After the presentation we will participate in an activity to benefit Phil's Friends. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Lynch at 708-997-7241.

**TABEA RUMMAGE SALE**



Spring is upon us, which means many of us will be spring cleaning! As you purge, please keep St. Paul's in mind. We are now accepting donations

for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thursday & Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors on Saturdays before the 5 pm service or schedule a time to drop off or pick up with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds help purchase much needed supplies like candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations! May God bless you for helping so faithfully.

**YOUTH NIGHT**

Our next Youth Night will be **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at the school. These events are open to all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. If that's you, we would love to have you join us for an evening of fun!

**ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH**

On **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a Pro-Life March at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building in Springfield. From 10 am to noon, an early lunch will be served at the Stratton Cafeteria, where you can meet Illinois' pro-life legislators. LCMS will host a Matins Service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 11 am. A light lunch will also be served at the church following the service. The rally begins at 1 pm, the march at 2 pm and lobbying at 3 pm. If you would you like to participate and have your voice heard, please go to [illinoisprolifemarch.com](http://illinoisprolifemarch.com) for more details and to RSVP.

	<b>Wednesdays 7:00 pm</b>
	<b>March 26</b>
	<b>April 2 &amp; 9</b>
	<b>Downtown Church</b>

<b><u>HOLY WEEK - Downtown Church</u></b>
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b>
7:00 pm
<b>Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup></b>
12:05 pm and 7:00 pm (Tenebrae)
<b>NO SERVICE on Sat., April 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup></b>
6:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am

**SPRING FUNDRAISER RESULTS**

What a Totally RAD Time we had last weekend at PTL's Anniversary Blast & Auction! If you don't believe us, check out the amazing Facebook posts and videos! The outfits were epic! THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the event and to those who contributed items or money to the event.

Our silent auction was off the charts! With 145 items donated by YOU and so many generous businesses, we raised over \$18,000, setting a new record! Praise God for all the donors, bidders, and everyone who helped make this happen. Even if you didn't win an item, your bid contributed to our AMAZING success!

Overall, we raised over \$70,000!! All profits will be used on teacher stipends for classroom supplies, new English and math curriculum, and a shade structure for the playground.

A huge THANK YOU to God for his work in us, and to all those who diligently prayed for our team of parents and teachers who made this event possible.

If you made a cash donation and would like something for your taxes, please contact Christie at 815-932-0312.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
<b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:05 am</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Wednesday, 3/12</b>	
	<b>77</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	
	<b>20</b>
<b>Youth Bible Study</b>	
	<b>11</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	
	<b>14</b>
<b>Offerings Given:</b>	
<b>General</b>	<b>\$13,335.31</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$1,525.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>
<b>Anniversary</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

## 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, AJ Reardanz

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Rich Engel  
8:30: Loree Yoakum  
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Nolan Freitas, Ty Luhman  
11:05: Layna Rahn, Beth Schreurs

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

**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:** Chloe Butler, Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Alena LaGesse

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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Mar. 23</b>	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	Family Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Mon, Mar. 24</b>			
<b>Tue, Mar. 25</b>			
<b>Wed, Mar. 26</b>	5:30 pm	Lenten Dinner (Pizza)	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service	<i>(Downtown)</i>
<b>Thur, Mar. 27</b>	6:00 pm	<i>Lectures in Genesis</i> Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
<b>Fri, Mar. 28</b>			
<b>Sat, Mar. 29</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	6:00 pm	Tables of Eight	<i>(Various Homes)</i>
<b>Sun, Mar. 30</b>	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>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>