

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - March 29th & 30th

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.



Wednesdays 7 pm
April 2
April 9
Downtown Church

HOLY WEEK - Downtown Church

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18th
 12:05 pm and 7:00 pm (Tenebrae)

NO SERVICE on Sat., April 19th

Easter Sunday, April 20th
 6:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am

LENTEN DINNERS



The Lenten Dinner on **April 2nd** 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 pm. The Board of Parish Education & Debbie Turrell's Small Group is serving the dinner. The menu is: Soup and Sandwiches. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 pm.

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!
 We are "**Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education.**"



MONDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO DESIGNATE YOUR 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.**

LWML SPRING RALLY

LWML Zone 19 will hold its annual Spring Rally on **Saturday, April 12th 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.

Dee and I would like to thank St. Paul's, its staff, and laypeople for their recent prayers and support for Dee's shoulder surgery and my medical issues and adjustments. We are so grateful that you have come forward to us with promises from God, reminding us that He is in control. The Romans 8:28 passage says "We know that all things work for the good of those who love Him" and Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you - plans to give you hope and a future." Dee and I believe that!


Thank you,
 Roy W. Cordes

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to our monthly fellowship dinners. No 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! We will be meeting on **Friday, April 11th** at Oliver's in West Kankakee. Please join us! RSVP to Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837.



BLOOD DRIVE

 The Outreach & Connections Board is hosting a blood drive on **Monday, April 21st** in the St Paul's school gym from **12 to 5 pm**. The students may not be old enough to donate blood, but they are learning how blood donations can save lives.

The Future Blood Donor program teaches students about the function of blood in the body and the importance of blood donation. Students can recruit their parents to volunteer and/or donate at the drive and raise funds for the school. Students can receive recognition from Red Cross and know they helped save lives. To donate, visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code **stpauls** to schedule your appointment. For questions, please contact Sylvia Burger at 815-343-3460 or sylviab1980@yahoo.com or Isaac Fabbro at isaacfabbro24@gmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY "LECTURES IN GENESIS"

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

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.

Please bring your Bible, THE ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal (available on Amazon), and a heart ready to dive deep into God's Word. All are welcome!

SCHOOL MUSICAL: ALADDIN KIDS

The St. Paul's Lutheran School Theater Program invites you to their production of **Aladdin Kids**. The show consists of 35 incredibly talented students! Performances are **Friday, April 11th at 6:00 pm** and **Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 pm**. Run time is 30 minutes and perfect for children of all ages. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



"KNOW THY ENEMY"

A new Bible Study with Pastor Koeppen started on March 9th. 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.

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.

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 24th & 25th** 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!

YOUTH NIGHT

Our next Youth Night will be this **Sunday, March 30th 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!

SPRING FUNDRAISER RESULTS

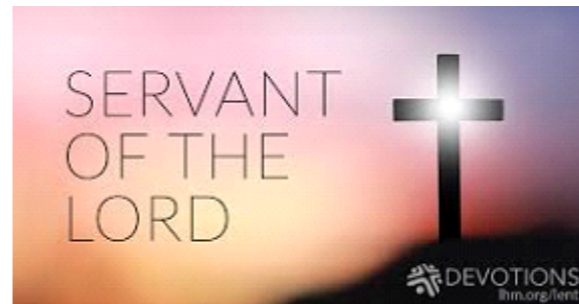
What a Totally RAD Time we had last weekend at PTL's Anniversary Blast & Auction! If you don't believe us, check out the amazing Facebook posts and videos! The outfits were epic! THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the event and to those who contributed items or money to the event.

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.

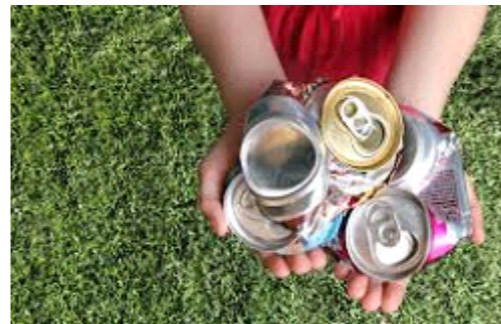
If you made a cash donation and would like something for your taxes, please contact Christie at 815-932-0312.



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.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

March 22nd & 23rd

Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	63
Sunday, 8:30 am	124
Sunday, 11:05 am	85
WEEKEND TOTAL	272
Wednesday, 3/19	
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Adult Bible Study	21
Youth Bible Study	8
Children's Sunday School	21
Offerings Given:	
General	\$12,284.07
Building	\$384.00
School Ops	\$275.00
Anniversary	\$300.00

SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST

The SCORE recycling contest is coming to an end in April so bring your cans before it's too late. We are currently in 4th place. Let's finish strong!! The more we collect, the more the school earns! You can also bring them directly to Belson. When you bring your ticket to the cashier, just tell them you'd like the points to go to St. Paul's. Thank you!!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

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, Beth Schreurs

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
8:30: Nancy Eden
11:05: Deb Turrell

Acolytes: 8:30: Dain & Dylan Blair
11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
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: Isaac Fabbro, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Mar. 30	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Mar. 31		
Tue, Apr. 1	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
Wed, Apr. 2	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Dinner (Soup/Sandwiches) (Downtown) Midweek Lenten Worship Service (Downtown)
Thur, Apr. 3		
Fri, Apr. 4		
Sat, Apr. 5	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Shine Work Day (Downtown) Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
Sun, Apr. 6	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Family Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)