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April/May
2025



ST. PAUL'S
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Worship & Bible Study Opportunities

Traditional Worship:

*Saturday 5:00 pm @ the Downtown Church
located at 348 E. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL
Sunday 8:30 am @ the School
located 1780 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, IL*

Contemporary Worship:

Sunday 11:05 am @ the School

Adult & Youth Bible Class:

*Sunday 9:45 am @ the School
Classes for Adults & 6th - 12th grade*

Children's Sunday School:

*Sunday 9:45 am @ the School
Classes for Pre-K through 5th grade*

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Church & School Office: 815-932-0312
Church Website: www.stpaulslutheran.net

Next Newsletter Deadline May 15th



SPECIAL DATES

Palm Sunday - April 13
Maundy Thursday - April 17
Good Friday - April 18
Easter - April 20
National Day of Prayer - May 1
Mother's Day - May 11
Memorial Day - May 26
Ascension of the Lord - May 29

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! May God bless you for helping so faithfully.



PLEASE NOTE: Our 8th graders will be confirmed at the late service on **Sunday, May 4th**. This service will take place at the downtown church. The early service will be at the school as usual however there will be no Sunday School or Bible Study.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

The May Voter's Meeting is scheduled for **May 18th at 12:30 p.m.** in the school gym. The main agenda item will be voting on our new board directors and members. These positions are critical to the functioning of our church and its many ministries so if you are interested in participating on any of our boards, please call Bill Balgeman at 815-937-4947 prior to the meeting to add your name to the ballot.

Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly meetings in 24 months, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges then continue as long as you remain a member .

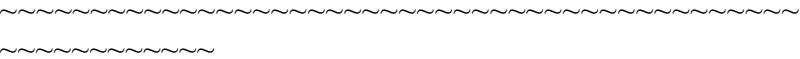
Upside-Down Actions For Easter

Dear Friends in Christ,

I came across this article written by Eric Geiger and as we prepare to celebrate Easter, I thought I would pass it on to you!

Blessings in our Savior, JESUS!

Pastor Koeppen



Upside-Down Actions as You Gather at Church this Easter Weekend

By Eric Geiger

In our Resurrected King’s Kingdom, the values are often opposite of this world. We have been included in what many refer to as an upside-down Kingdom where the weak are strong, the first are last, and the servants are the greatest among us. As we celebrate our King’s defeat of death when we celebrate Easter this month, here are some upside-down actions you can take that will serve others as they celebrate Easter. These are more practical than profound. They are all really simple, but they are also more helpful than you may realize.

- 1. Make Room for Visitors** - - Since visitors may not know everything about worshipping at St. Paul’s, make room for them. Leave the parking spots in front of church open for the visitors so first-time guests can easily find a spot.
- 2. Sit closer** - - This action combines perfectly with the previous one. Get even more steps in and walk as close to the front as you can. By sitting close, you make it easier for those who arrive after you to find a seat, and you have the opportunity to set the pace in singing, listening, and celebrating that Jesus is alive.
- 3. Sing louder** - - It may feel normal to sing softer when you’re surrounded by more people than normal and by people who are not usually in the section where you’re seated. Do the not-normal thing. Sing louder because your singing will encourage others. As visitors hear our singing, they may think: *“Wow, these people must really believe this, listen to them sing!”* Do that.

4. Choose the least popular worship service time to attend - - we have three different services on Easter morning. The 9am tends to be the best attended service, so why not try the 6am or the 11am to make room for our visitors? Of course, if you have friends coming with you who don’t normally come to church, then come to the service that works best for them.

Most of all, enjoy church on Easter and on every weekend! You are part of a Kingdom that will not be shaken, one that will last forever because your King has overcome sin and death. We can be thankful with glad and sincere hearts because He is alive.



Well, . . . what do you think? Why not try making room for our visitors and even taking the time to invite a friend to join us in worship? Remember all the services that we have as we head into Easter! Join us for them all and walk with Jesus during Holy Week and rejoice as we proclaim that Christ is risen indeed!

IF YOU HAVE NEVER TAKEN PART IN ALL OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES WE OFFER, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY THEM OUT THIS YEAR - You have to go through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in order to get to Easter Morning.

4/17	Maundy Thursday - 7pm - we walk with our Lord and Join Him at the Last Supper
4/18	Good Friday - noon - We consider the suffering of our Lord
4/18	Good Friday - 7pm - TENEBRAE - a service of darkness as we contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus....
4/19	SAT - NO WORSHIP SERVICE
4/20	EASTER SUNDAY - 6, 9, 11am - Celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection.

Blessings in the name of our Savior, Jesus!
Pastor Koeppen

A Joyous Lent

And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Deuteronomy 26:10-11

I have grown to not like how Lent is commonly celebrated or portrayed. Often, Lent is about what *I* give up. *I* am giving up chocolate for Lent. *I* am giving up ice cream for Lent. Lent becomes about *me*. Lent becomes about *my* sin.

I want to propose something that may sound odd. I propose that Lent is really a season of joy. I was inspired to think of Lent this way after reading the Old Testament reading for the First Sunday in Lent in the lectionary. Deuteronomy 26 seems to be a reading more appropriate for a stewardship sermon than an introspective reading we would expect. And then there is the word rejoice right there in the reading. Why should we have joy in Lent?

The joy of a Christian never leaves even during the penitential season such as Lent. The joy never leaves us even on Good Friday. The joy is just a reserved joy as we mediate and ponder all what our Lord went through to save us from our sins. There are four reasons why we can have joy in the Lenten season.

- Lent is a season where we **repent** with joy. We can repent with joy because we have a good and gracious God who will always forgive us when we come to Him. In my experience, there is not a lot of joy going to someone and saying you are sorry knowing that they will never forgive you. We can have joy in Lent because our Lord lavishly forgives us our sin.
- Lent is a season where we **release** with joy. The reading in Deuteronomy 26 is about offering your first fruits to the Lord. When farmers offer their first fruits to the Lord, they are releasing control of the most important crop of the year and commending their crop to the Lord. We too are called to give our first fruits to the Lord whether those first fruits are the time we spend volunteering on the various boards and ministries at St. Paul's; the talent we give in various ways; the treasure that God gives to us. Lent is a time to joyously release control and commend our lives to Him.
- Lent is a season where we **return** to the Lord with joy. Every worship service is an opportunity to return to the Lord. No matter how long you have been away, God always

welcomes you back into relationship with Him. We also get to invite others to return with joy knowing that we have a good and gracious God who loves and cares for our neighbor and wishes to see them receive the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.

- Finally, Lent is a season where we **remember**. We get to reflect on all the things our Lord has done for us. We get to remember the story. The story where our good and gracious God created us; we fell into sin; He sent His Son in the flesh to save us from sin; He went to the cross to die for us; He rose from the dead for us. The more we are in church this season. The more we hear the Word. The more we will get out of that message that Easter morning.

The season of Lent is a journey. Lent is an opportunity to refocus on what matters most Jesus. Fasting is an excellent spiritual discipline in order to do this, but do not let the fasting become a focus on *me*, *my* righteousness, *my* works. Instead, when we **repent, release, return, and remember**, Lent is a season of joy. Keep that joy with you from cross to grave to empty tomb. I look forward to Easter where we will say together – Christ is risen. He is risen indeed alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Drinnon





BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“LECTURES IN GENESIS”

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

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

On February 27th, Pastor Drinnon started a new Bible study on the Book of Genesis. This study will meet again on **Thursday, April 10th**. It 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 utilizes 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!

“ROAD TO CORONATION”

This new Bible study takes you on a journey beside Jesus on His walk to the cross, examining the distinct passion narrative in each of the four Gospels. What emerges is a vivid encounter with a King who lived solely to serve rather than to be served—who welcomes outcasts as family, touched the "unclean," performed miracles that made astonishing theological declarations, and raised the dead—all the while challenging and confounding the spiritual authorities of His day.

Little wonder that five days after Jesus entered Jerusalem, Jesus’ “coronation” as King took place—in the form of crucifixion on a cross. Vindicated in the resurrection and enthroned in the ascension, our forgiving Lord and Servant-King, Jesus the Messiah, calls us now to listen, believe and follow—to find life by giving it away.

Call Pastor Dave Bottorff, the leader for this Bible study, at 815-304-4553 to come to this Bible study at his home at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais on the **4th Tuesdays of April, May, September, October and November**.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Pastor Koeppen will be leading the Bible Study “The God Who Speaks” on **Saturday, April 26th and May 24th**. You are invited to join him at **7:30 am in the Riverside cafeteria** to study God’s Word over coffee and breakfast.

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 and on **Friday, May 16th** at Beans & Barley Brews in Ashkum. Please join us! RSVP to Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837.



EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth will be serving pancakes, sausage, egg casseroles & more in

Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 am on Easter morning. A freewill donation will be collected to help with the 2025 National Youth Gathering expenses. Come celebrate our risen Lord in fellowship!!

LENTEN DINNERS

The Lenten Dinners on **April 2nd & 9th** will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church prior to the worship service at 7:00 pm. Parish Education & Deb Turrell’s Small Group will serve soup & sandwiches on April 2nd. Stewardship will serve Beef & Noodles and Chicken & Noodles on April 9th. A freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost of the meal or go toward a ministry of the group serving. Please join us for good food and fellowship and then worship afterwards!



2024-2025 YOUTH NIGHTS:

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

This year, the St. Paul's Youth has been traveling together on a journey. We invite youth in 7th through 12th grade to join us for our last two Youth Nights of the school year on **Sunday, April 13th** and **Sunday, May 18th from 6 pm to 8pm** at the school campus for fun, fellowship, and devotions. Bring your bible and a friend!

WEEKLY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Bible Study at 9:45 am every Sunday. Mr. Eden is leading a "Bible Adventures" study in the Resource Room. Mrs. Drinnon is leading a study called "Journey through Church History" in the Youth Room (adjacent to the school library).

SENIOR SEND-OFF NIGHT

On **Wednesday, April 30th**, join us to celebrate our graduating seniors and pray over them as they prepare for the next leg of their journey. Watch for more details.

2025 WALCAMP SERVICE TRIP:

Friday, Apr. 25th - Sunday, Apr. 27th

This weekend of service and fun is for 7th - 12th graders. Supportive adults are also invited to join us as chaperones and to serve alongside our youth. Last year, we built benches at the wilderness worship site; we will see what projects camp has in store for us this year. Cost to attend is \$80 for St. Paul's Youth, and \$160 for guests. Contact Mrs. Drinnon to sign up by March 30th at katrinadrinnon@gmail.com or 618-975-8361.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you have a child in PreK - 5th grade, they are invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 am. The children learn a Bible lesson and then do a game and/or activity that relates to the story.

Preschoolers and kindergartners meet in the extended care room at the west end of the school. Elementary age children meet in the music room just outside of the gym. Children are rewarded for attending Sunday School with small prizes throughout the year.



SAVE THE DATE!!!



St. Paul's will be hosting VBS this summer from **Monday, June 16th through Thursday, June 19th**. We will be guiding kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

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. 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 updating 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, rearranging rooms, and cleaning. Lunch will be provided and helping with lunch can be an act of service. Please contact the church office at 815-932-0312 to participate.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Outreach and 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 email her at sylviab1980@yahoo.com or Isaac Fabbro at isaacfabbro24@gmail.com.

ANNUAL BENEFIT CAR SHOW



Caleb's Prayer Foundation was formed 11 years ago in memory of Caleb Hoggins, who lost his battle with cancer at 15. The mission of the foundation is to provide financial assistance to families in Kankakee and Iroquois counties that are coping with the effects of cancer. Since its inception, **Caleb's Prayer Foundation** has helped local families with over \$104,820 for groceries, transportation, utilities, housing costs, insurance, medical bills, and funeral expenses. The main source of income is an annual benefit car show at Phillips Auto Group in Bourbonnais. This year's event is **Sunday, May 18th** (rain date June 1st).

There are a multitude of ways you can help if you feel so inclined.

- Become a sponsor
- Donate a door prize
- Register your car or truck (see below)
- Simply show your support by coming to this FREE event to browse the beautiful cars

Registration for car entries is from 9 am to 11 am and the entry fee is \$20. This event opens to the viewing public at noon and is FREE. Grilled burgers and hot dogs, chips, and drinks are available for purchase. 100% of the profit goes to local families. If you would like more information, please contact Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or 815-932-0312. We hope to see you there!

ZONE 18 LWML SPRING RALLY

All ladies are invited to Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher (255 E. Third St.) for the LWML Zone 18 Spring Rally **April 26th** where Sarah Cherry will be speaking about Phil's Friends. Come for a light breakfast at 8:30 with the Rally beginning at 9:00. Find out about area activities! There will be an ingathering of items for Phil's Friends such as puzzle books, playing cards, lip balm, unscented travel size lotions, travel size toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrushes and pocket packs of tissues. Boxes will be packed for Phil's Friends. Do come and support this great mission! Please RSVP by April 20th to Connie Tranos - text or call 815-735-9592.

BOOK COLLECTION REMINDER



St. Paul's will once again be doing a used book booth at Prairieview's Fall Festival in September and **we are in need of books.** There are collection bins at both locations. At the school, you may place your books in the labeled red donation box. At the church, there are labeled containers in the atrium just inside the alley doors. If you have any questions, if you would like to arrange a time to drop off, or if you need to schedule a pick-up, please call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855, call or text her at 815-216-0240, or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

PROJECT COMPASSION /

GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our only agenda is to share God's love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we have devotions and prayer and we share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next quarterly meeting will be at Monical's Pizza in Bourbonnais on **Wednesday, May 14th at 6 pm.** Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend.

CARD CART MINISTRY

Do you have a minute (or two or five) to stop by this colorful cart in the cafeteria between worship services Sunday to color and/or sign a Card of Hope to let those going through tough times know that they aren't alone?



PHIL'S FRIENDS NEEDED ITEMS

We are looking for donations of Thrivent Action Team cards to purchase fleece or if you like to shop for fleece we find that the best way to cost effectively buy it is to purchase 1 ½ yards of a print and matching solid color piece of blizzard fleece when on sale or to buy 72" kits (without words) when on sale. We can always use donations of puzzle books, small packs of tissues, new playing cards, lip balm, 5 oz lotions, and travel size toothpaste. There are donation boxes at both campuses - by the elevator at church and in one of the red donation boxes in the school lobby. If you would like to donate money to the Phil's Friend's project, we will use the money to buy care package items that are not collected through donation and for needed storage items. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's with Phil's Friends in the memo line or send the money in a separate, marked envelope.



CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT!

What a great excuse to indulge in a delicious butterburger and a frozen custard treat! Visit Culver's on **Tuesday, May 20th between 5 pm and 8 pm** to support our 8th graders. All orders (dine-in, drive-thru, and mobile app orders) will benefit the 8th graders fundraising efforts for their class trip to Walcamp. No flyer is needed.

SCHOOL MUSICAL

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.



SPRING FUNDRAISER RESULTS

What a Totally RAD Time we had 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.



There are lots of opportunities to earn school partnership hours through the church!

LAWNMOWING & LANDSCAPING

Now that spring is here, we are looking for two or three more people who would be willing to help maintain the school grounds. We have a lot of land but many hands make light work so if you have a few hours to spare once a week or even once every other week, we would be very grateful for your help. Please contact Barry Gadbois at 815-933-4144 if you would be willing to help. Thank you!



RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS

Anyone can help! We will especially need a few men for heavy lifting. **We are scheduling two-hour sessions for set-up help on April 22nd & 23rd and during the sale on April 24th & 25th between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.** If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). We thank you for your service and pray that God bless you for serving so faithfully.



DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD'S?

Springtime.....synonymous with home improvement projects, deep cleaning, and of course landscaping! If you make purchases at Menards and do not intend to mail in the rebate slip, please consider donating your rebate receipts to the church. Simply drop them off at the church office or put them in the collection plate. Our custodians and trustees shop at Menards regularly and your rebates would go to great use!

SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)

Don't forget about SCRIP as we head into spring! It's easy to make money for your child's or grandchild's school account and St. Paul's while paying face value for gift cards from over 750 retailers including Dick's Sporting Goods, Ace Hardware, Menards, Lowe's, Home Depot, Amazon, Walmart, several hotels and airlines, and so much more! Stop by the church office or call or text Julie Dummer at 815-530-7320 to place your order. You can also order gift cards and download e-cards from the Raise Right app.



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!!



NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

If you would rather receive St. Paul's bi-monthly newsletter via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call the church office at 932-0312. The newsletter is also posted on our website at www.stpaulslutheran.net.

**FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP
STATISTICS**

Baptized	1790
Communicant	1317
Communing	288
Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship (as of the end of the month):	
Month	277
Year-to-date	278

**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES
(through March 23rd)**

Thankofferings

Receipts (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School + Electronic): \$514,438.58
Budgeted Amount: \$608,730.74
% of Need: 84.51%

Building Fund

Receipts(Envelopes+Electronic):
\$116,499.44
Budgeted Amount: \$127,884.44
% of need: 91.10%

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month</p> 		<p>1 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (B)</p> 	<p>2 5:30pm Lenten Dinner (D) 7:00pm Lenten Worship (D)</p> 			<p>5 9:00am Shine Work Day (D) 5:00pm Worship (D)</p> 
<p>6 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth & Adult Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 11:05am Worship (B)</p> 	<p>7 7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (B)</p> 	<p>8 6:30pm School Board Meeting (B)</p> 	<p>9 5:30pm Lenten Dinner (D) 7:00pm Lenten Worship (D)</p> 	<p>10 6:00pm Lectures in Genesis Bible Study (B)</p> 	<p>11 6:00pm Aladdin Kids School Musical (B) 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Oliver's, W. Kankakee)</p> 	<p>12 2:00pm Aladdin Kids School Musical (B) 5:00pm Worship (D)</p> 
<p>13 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth & Adult Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 11:05am Worship (B) 6:00 pm Youth Night (B)</p> 		<p>15 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (B)</p> 		<p>17 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship (D)</p>	<p>18 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED 12:05pm Good Friday Worship (D) 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service (D)</p>	
<p>20  6:00 am Sunrise Easter Worship (D) 7:00 am Easter Breakfast (D) 9:00 am Easter Worship (D) 11:00 am Easter Worship (D)</p>	<p>21 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED 12:00pm Blood Drive (B) 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (B)</p> 	<p>22 7:00pm Road to Coronation Bible Study (1573 Surrey)</p> 		<p>24 6:00pm Lectures in Genesis Bible Study (B)</p> 	<p>25 RUMMAGE SALE (8am - 4pm) 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Tucci's)</p>	<p>26 7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside Cafeteria) 9:30am Phil's Friends Pack Party (D) 5:00pm Worship (D) 6:00pm Tables of Eight (Various)</p>
<p>27 WALCAMP YOUTH RETREAT 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth & Adult Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 11:05am Worship (B)</p>		<p>29 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (B)</p> 		<p>30 </p>		

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4 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION DAY	5	6	7 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	8	9	10
8:30am Worship (B) 11:05 am Jr. Confirmation (D) 	7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (B)  MEETING	4:00pm Jr. Confirmation Class (1st Year Confirmands Only) (B) 		6:00pm K-8 Spring Program (B) 6:00pm Lectures in Genesis Bible Study (B) 		5:00pm Worship (D) 
11  8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth & Adult Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 11:05am Worship (B)	12 7:00pm Church Council (B)  MEETING	13 6:30pm School Board Meeting (B)  MEETING	14 6:00pm Project Compassion / Gabriel's Callers Quarterly Meeting (Monical's, Bourb) 6:30pm Preschool Spring Program (B)	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00pm 8th Grade Banquet (B) 	16 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Beans & Barley Brews)	17 5:00pm Worship (D) 
18 8:30am Worship (B) 9:50am Youth & Adult Bible Study (B) 9:50am Children's Sunday School (B) 11:05am Worship (B) 12:30pm Voters Meeting (B) 6:00pm Youth Night (B) 	19	20 CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT	21 7:00pm 8th Grade Graduation (B) 	22 6:00pm Lectures in Genesis Bible Study (B)	23 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL	24 7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside Cafeteria) 9:30am Phil's Friends Pack Party (D) 5:00pm Worship (D)
25 8:30am Worship (B) 9:50am Youth & Adult Bible Study (B) 9:50am Children's Sunday School (B) 11:05am Worship (B)	26 NO SCHOOL / OFFICE CLOSED 	27 7:00pm Road to Coronation Bible Study (1573 Surrey) 	28	29 PTL PICNIC 	30 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am	31 5:00pm Worship (D) 



Serving our Lord in April

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE					
Wed., April 2 DOWNTOWN		7:00 pm	Maci Proctor, Quinn Styck		
Sun., April 6		8:30 am 11:05 am	Nolan Freitas, Mason Raloff Trenton Stephens, Layna Rahn		
Wed., April 9 DOWNTOWN		7:00 pm	Layna Rahn, Olivia Reardanz		
Sun., April 13		8:30 am 11:05 am	Ashton Finnegan, Jackson Veasey Jacob Kubal, Claire Wilson		
Thurs., April 17 DOWNTOWN		7:00 pm	Dain & Dylan Blair		
Fri., April 18 DOWNTOWN		12:05 pm 7:00 pm	Gavin & J.P. Woods Annie Schneider, Miles Truax		
Sun., April 20 DOWNTOWN		6:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Nora McHugh (crossbearer) Ava & Jackson Veasey Nolan LaVoie (crossbearer) Aidan LaVoie, Lucas Porter Emma Davis (crossbearer) Daphne & Delilah Sexton		
Sun., April 27		8:30 am 11:05 am	Mo Macari, Ryleigh Reiniche Audrey Nordmeyer, Beth Schreurs		
LAY READERS SCHEDULE					
Sat., April 5 Sun., April 6	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson JoAnn Hess Melody Trudeau	Sat., April 12 Sun., April 13	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Mark Hess Karen Beatty
Sat., April 19 Sun., April 20		EASTER	Sat., April 26 Sun., April 27	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Pat Hatch John Veers Sharla Ronchetto
TURN OVER FOR TRUSTEES SCHEDULE					

Wed., April 2 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson	Sat. & Sun., April 5 & 6 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Wed., April 9 7:00 pm - Rob Wood
Sat. & Sun., April 12 & 13 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Brian Porter 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Thurs., April 17 7:00 pm - Rob Wood	Fri., April 18 12:05 pm - Terry Treece 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson
Sun., April 20 (EASTER) 6:00 am - Jeff Johnson 9:00 am - Terry Treece 11:00 am - Rob Wood	Sat. & Sun., April 26 & 27 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	



Serving our Lord in May

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., May 4	8:30 am 11:05 am	Brody Brinkmann, Quinn Styck Daphne & Delilah Sexton Dain Blair (crossbearer)
Sun., May 11	8:30 am 11:05 am	Gloria Morocho Loja, Ava Veasey Luke Stirnaman, Claire Wilson
Sun., May 19	8:30 am 11:05 am	Dylan Blair, Ty Luhman Norah Callan, Annie Schneider
Sun., May 26	8:30 am 11:05 am	Micah Lundmark, Trevor Smith Emma Davis, Beth Schreurs

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., May 3 Sun., May 4	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Sam Bottorff CONFIRMATION	Sat., May 10 Sun., May 11	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Diane Barber Loree Yoakum Deb Turrell
Sat., May 17 Sun., May 18	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Sam Bottorff Josh Cherry	Sat., May 24 Sun., May 25	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Bill Balgeman Sharla Ronchetto

TRUSTEE SCHEDULE

Sat. & Sun., May 3 & 4 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman * 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler **	Sat. & Sun., May 10 & 11 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Brian Porter 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Sat. & Sun., May 17 & 18 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler
Sat. & Sun., May 24 & 25 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Brian Porter 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau		

* Trustee to open and close for early service only. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class.

** This is the Confirmation Service. Trustee to open and close downtown church.



Upcoming



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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

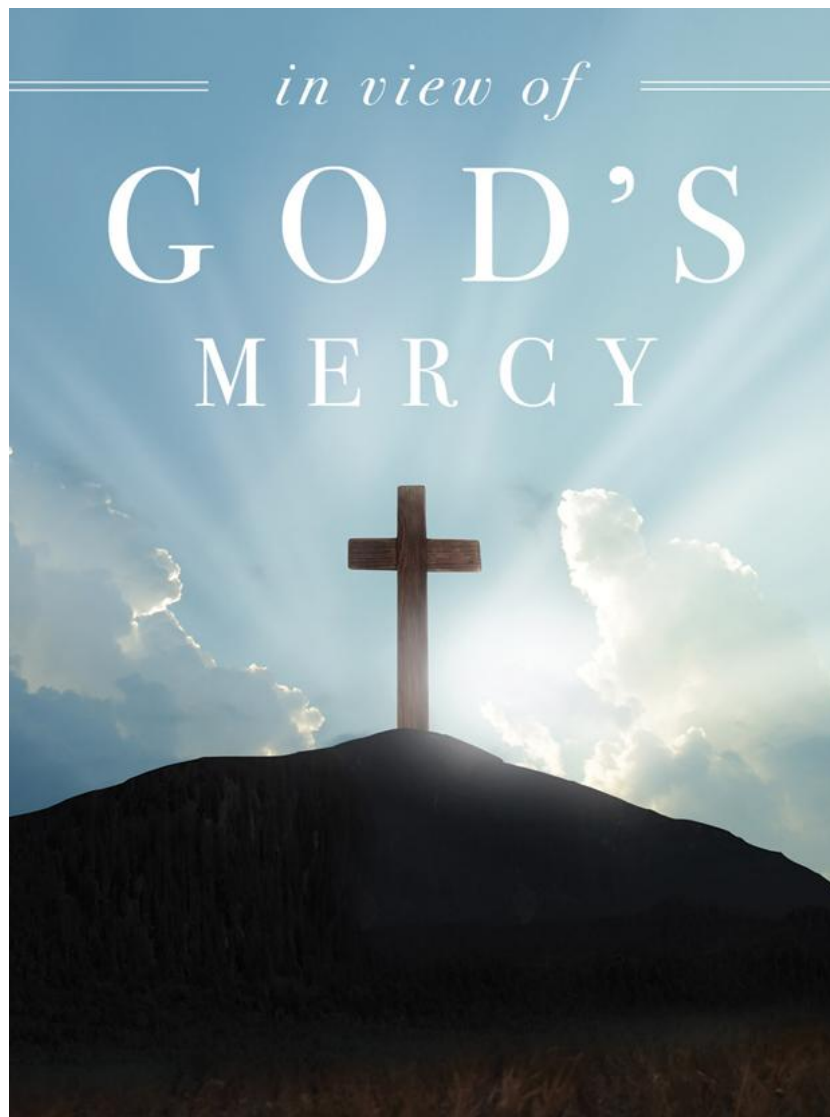
June

7

Work Day

St. Pauls' Mission &
Ministry Center

9:00 AM - Noon



IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for Him, displaying our devotion to Him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in His life, death and resurrection. The services in this worship series for Lent focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ.

I pray that you can join us as we walk with our Savior this Lenten Season and consider this season **In View Of God's Mercy.**

- † 3/5 - Mercy In Ashes
- † 3/12 - Mercy In Temptation
- † 3/19 - Mercy In Suffering
- † 3/26 - Mercy In Betrayal
- † 4/2 - Mercy In Relationships
- † 4/9 - Mercy In Service

All midweek services are held at the downtown church (348 East Merchant, Kankakee) on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm
(Join us for a Lenten Meal each week prior to worship, starting at 5:30pm - meals start on 3/12)

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**Join us for our Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday Weekend - 4/12-13** (Regular worship times and locations)

**Maundy Thursday - 4/17 - 7:00 pm** (Downtown Campus)

**Good Friday - 4/18 - 12:05pm & 7:00pm** Tenebrae Service  
(Downtown Campus)

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON SATURDAY, 4/19**

**Join us as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Savior!**

**Easter Sunday - 4/20 - 6:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am**  
(Downtown Campus)