

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - April 5th & 6th

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.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Outreach & Connections Board is hosting a blood drive on **Monday, April 21st** in the 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 (sylviab1980@yahoo.com or 815-343-3460) or Isaac Fabbro (isaacfabbro24@gmail.com).

LENTEN DINNERS

The Lenten Dinner for **April 9th** will be served from **5:30- 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church prior to the midweek worship service at 7:00. The Board of Stewardship will be serving **Beef & Noodles and Chicken & Noodles**. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

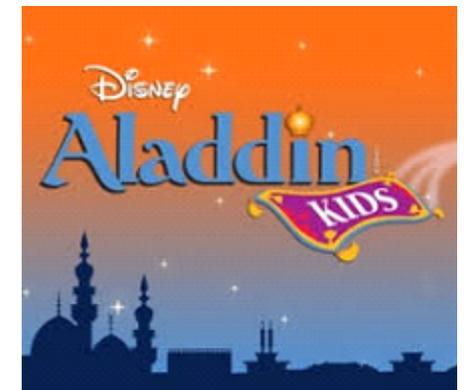
FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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.



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.



Wednesdays 7 pm
April 9
Downtown Church

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

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

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!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
“KNOW THY ENEMY”

Teacher: Pastor Koeppen

When: Sundays, 9:45 am

Location: Room 131

Using clips from the movie, Nefarious, we 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!

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.



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 or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

TABEA RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is upon us, and that means spring cleaning! As you purge, please keep St. Paul’s in mind. We are now accepting donations for our spring rummage sale. The sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., April 24th & 25th** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors before any downtown church services or call Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933) to make other arrangements. 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 supplies like candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations!



DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD’S?

Springtime....synonymous with home improvement projects, deep cleaning, and of course landscaping! If you shop at Menards and do not plan 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!

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!

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!!



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

March 29th & 30th

Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	62
Sunday, 8:30 am	114
Sunday, 11:05 am	70
WEEKEND TOTAL	246
Wednesday, 3/26	
	70
Adult Bible Study	21
Youth Bible Study	15
Children's Sunday School	22
Offerings Given:	
General	\$9,948.81
Building	\$200.00
School Ops	\$275.00
Anniversary	\$0.00

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, Hunter Macari
- Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Greg Deck
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Ken Capps, Bruce Clark, Kevin Kurtz
11:05: Bob Carruthers
- Lay Readers:** 5:00: Jennifer Richardson
8:30: JoAnn Hess
11:05: Melody Trudeau
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Nolan Freitas, Mason Raloff
11:05: Layna Rahn, Trenton Stephens
- Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Jim Trudeau
- 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, Doug Schultze

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Mellody McDonald, Heather Stroo
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Apr. 6	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>
Mon, Apr. 7	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, Apr. 8	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Apr. 9	5:30 pm	Lenten Dinner (Chicken/Beef & Noodles)	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Thur, Apr. 10	6:00 pm	<i>Lectures in Genesis</i> Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Fri, Apr. 11	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner	<i>(Oliver's, Kankakee)</i>
	6:00 pm	School Musical: <i>Aladdin Kids</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Sat, Apr. 12	10:00 am	LWML Spring Rally	<i>(Trinity Lutheran, Herscher)</i>
	2:00 pm	School Musical: <i>Aladdin Kids</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Apr. 13	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>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>