

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - May 3rd & 4th

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.

**PLEASE NOTE,
THIS WEEKEND IS 8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION SO....**

The 11:05 am Jr. Confirmation
Worship Service will be held at the
downtown location.

**There will be NO Adult Bible Class,
Youth Bible Class, Children's Sunday
School or Coffee Hour between the
services.**



Thank you to the donors at our recent blood drive event. Many lives are helped by your gift. Also thank you to the volunteers who worked at the event, and teachers and students who wrote thank you notes for the donors.

~ Outreach and Connections Board

GETTING THE BAND TOGETHER

All 6th through 12th grade band and orchestra musicians, along with any adult musicians, please join us for the Worship Ensemble on **Sunday, May 18th during the 8:30 am worship service.** We will provide music for the pre-service, offertory, and post-service. ***We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, May 17th from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the school gym.*** Donuts, juice, and milk will be provided after the rehearsal.

Please contact Bill Dyche by sending a text to 815-592-0870 or send an email to bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Please include the following information: musician name, instrument, email, and cell number.



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!

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

Don't forget about T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) 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 Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855, call or text her at 815-216-0240, or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

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





VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

The May Voter's Meeting is scheduled for **May 18th at 12:30 p.m.** in the school gym. One of the items on the agenda 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. We will also be approving the budget and endowment fund distribution, among other things, so please consider attending this meeting.


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.

YOUTH NIGHTS: LIFE IS A JOURNEY

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

PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS MEETING

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 **Wed., May 14th at 6 pm**. Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend.



If you have an announcement or article that you would like to have published in the June / July newsletter, please submit it to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net no later than **Wednesday, May 15th**. Thank you!

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**.

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

THANK YOU TO EASTER FLOWER DELIVERERS

The Board of Parish Fellowship would like to thank those members who delivered 40 Easter flowers to St. Paul's members who are shut-ins or in area nursing homes. Those who helped were Bill & Kim Balgeman, Joan Gehm, Colleen Lagesse, Jack & Janice Tomblin, and Larry & Anita Schluter Wilson. A special thanks to Lynda Koeppen for ordering, preparing, and arranging the display in the sanctuary and to those members who donated flowers for delivery.



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. No flyer is needed.

REGISTER TODAY! **FACULTY-LED WORKSHOP**

You are invited to the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis' Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop Series, which is coming near us this summer! Designed for pastors, other church workers and laypeople, the annual series offers in-depth study on contemporary topics that influence the practice of ministry and worship.

As part of the 2025 series, the workshop ***Introduction to Athanasius*** will be held **May 19th through 21st** at the Downtown Campus in Kankakee. The presenter is Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky, who is Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The local contact for this workshop is Rev. Roger A. Drinnon, who can be reached at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net.

On Monday after class is over, Gemutlichkeit (fellowship) will be at the Drinnon's. You are invited (but not required) to bring a side dish for dinner. Pastor Drinnon will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs on the Blackstone Grill.

The fee for each workshop is \$150. Registration should be made no later than 14 days before the beginning of each workshop. Find the list of workshops, dates, locations, presenters, titles and registration details at csl.edu/workshop-series. For more information, contact Concordia Seminary Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or ce@csl.edu.

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? Come check out our card cart in the cafeteria!

<u>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</u>	
April 26th & 27th	
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	63
Sunday, 8:30 am	117
Sunday, 11:05 am	63
WEEKEND TOTAL	243
Children's Sunday School	14
Youth Bible Class	6
<u>Offerings Given</u>	
General	\$9,844.93
Building	\$489.50
School Ops	\$385.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Roger Drinnon	Liturgist:	Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist:	Nadine Engel		
A/V:	8:30: Todd Engel	11:05: Josh Cherry	
Live Streaming/Recording:	Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Micah Bass		
Lay Ministers:	5:00: Bruce Clark		
	8:30: Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, Brent Eden, Kevin Kurtz		
	11:05: John Veers		
Lay Readers:	5:00: Ken Ebert		
	8:30: Sam Bottorff		
	11:05:		
Acolytes:	8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Quinn Styck		
	11:05: Daphne & Delilah Sexton		
Crossbearer:	11:05: Dain Blair		
Trustees:	5:00: Jeff Johnson		
	8:30: Tom Stirnaman		
	11:05: Greg Wheeler		
Ushers:	5:00: Jim Sharper, Rob & Mary Wood		
	8:30: Dain Blair, Dylan Blair, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith		
	11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Hailey Porter		
Contemporary Service Song Leaders:	Mellody McDonald, Heidi Ostrowski		
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 , May 4	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Worship / Jr. Confirmation - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
Mon , May 5	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue , May 6	4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (7 th Grade Only) (Bourb) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
Wed , May 7		
Thur , May 8	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	K - 8 th Grade Spring Program (Bourb) <i>Lectures in Genesis</i> Bible Study (Bourb)
Fri , May 9		
Sat , May 10	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , May 11	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	<i>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</i> Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)