

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - May 10th & 11th

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.

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!



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.

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.



"ROAD TO CORONATION"

This 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.

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**.

"LECTURES IN GENESIS"

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

When: 2nd & 4th 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
- Dive into the stories of Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, 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

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.

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 may become voting members and 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 continue as long as you remain a member.


NOTE: The preliminary ballot for next week's voters' meeting is included as an insert. Everyone up for nomination is in bold. If you would like to volunteer for any of our boards, please contact the church office. We are still in particular need of an Assistant Executive Director and a back-up for the Treasurer.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Pastor Koeppen will be leading the Bible Study "The God Who Speaks" on **Saturday, 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 3rd & 4th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	60
Sunday, 8:30 am	102
Sunday, 11:05 am	174
WEEKEND TOTAL	336

Offerings Given

General	\$15,502.31
Building	\$4840.00
School Ops	\$275.00

NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

Join us as we dive into David Lawrence Coe's *Provoking Proverbs: Wisdom and the Ten Commandments*, a thought-provoking study that connects the timeless truths of Proverbs with God's Law for daily life. Explore how the wisdom of Scripture guides us in honoring God and loving our neighbor.

Start Date: June 1st

Time: 9:50 am

Location: School Library

Books will be provided. All are welcome—come grow in wisdom and grace! For more info or to register for the class, call the church office at 815-932-0312 or email Pastor Drinnon at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net.

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, Norah Callan

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Bob Carruthers
8:30: Greg Deck, Brent Eden, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz
11:05: Bruce Clark

Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
8:30: Loree Yoakum
11:05: Deb Turrell

Acolytes: 8:30: Ava Veasey
11:05: Luke Stirnaman, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Brian Porter
11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, May 11	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional <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>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, May 12	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting <i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, May 13		
Wed, May 14	6:30 pm	Preschool Spring Program <i>(Bourb)</i>
Thur, May 15		<i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>
Fri, May 16	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner <i>(Beans & Barley, Ashkum)</i>
Sat, May 17	1:00 pm	St. Paul's Inaugural Golf Outing <i>(Aspen Ridge)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion <i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, May 18	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion <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 - Communion <i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Voters Meeting <i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night <i>(Bourb)</i>