

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - May 17th & 18th

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.

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 **this Sunday, May 18th**.

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. We hope to see you there!

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!

Please use the QR code below or go to vbspro.events/p/stpauls2025 to register your child for VBS or to sign up as a volunteer. Anyone who is registered prior to June 8th will be guaranteed a free VBS t-shirt so don't delay!



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

A new Bible class **begins on Sunday, June 1st**. "The God Who Speaks" challenges the church to live as if God truly does speak.

There is a war raging around us – in society, in our churches, and in our homes. It is not a battle over marriage, race, or the sexual revolution. Rather, it is a battle for the truth. Is God real? Does He speak, and if so, how would we know? While many churches are faithfully proclaiming the truths found in Scripture, others have lost confidence in the Bible's divine authorship.

This Bible Study will take sections from a documentary that traces the evidence of the Bible's authority through interviews with some of the world's most respected biblical scholars. This film answers common objections about the Bible's reliability and equips believers to confidently base their lives on the power of God's Word.

We hope you are able to join us as Pastor Koeppen begins this class.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

The May Voter's Meeting is scheduled for **this Sunday, May 18th at 12:30 p.m.** in the school gym. We will be approving the budget and endowment fund distribution as well as voting on new board directors and members among other things, so please consider attending this meeting. These agenda items are critical to the functioning of our church and its increasing number of ministries!

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 this week's voters' meeting is included as an insert. Everyone up for election or re-election is in bold.



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 **this Sunday, May 18th from 6 pm to 8pm** at the school campus for fun, fellowship, and devotions. Bring your bible and a friend!



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.

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! Think TRIP as you are planning summer parties & vacations. TRIP cards also make fabulous graduation gifts! 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 leave your books in the labeled red donation box. At the church, there are labeled containers just inside the alley doors. If you have any questions, would like to arrange a time to drop off, or 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.



"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.**

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.

Beginning June 1st, we will meet in the school library between church services. Books will be provided. All are welcome—come grow in wisdom and grace! For more info or to register for the class, email Pastor Drinnon at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net.

"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.



PHIL'S FRIENDS

We have two opportunities coming up to help with our Phil's Friends ministry! On **Saturday, May 24th** we will have our next Pack Party from 9:30 am to 11 am. **Saturday, June 7th** will be our next Work Day from 9 am to noon. Both events will be at our downtown location.

Also, we are always accepting donations of Thrivent Action Team cards to purchase fleece and other care package items. If you would 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 use donations of puzzle books, small packs of tissues, new playing cards, lip balm, 5 oz lotions, and travel size toothpaste too. 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 10th & 11th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	63
Sunday, 8:30 am	155
Sunday, 11:05 am	68
WEEKEND TOTAL	286

Children's Sunday School	21
Youth Bible Class	7

Offerings Given

General	\$19,721.06
Building	\$1,092.00
School Ops	\$275.00

If anyone has keys for the church or school and you no longer need them, please return them to the office. We have new volunteers who need keys and the cost to make additional copies is between \$4 and \$10 each. Please help us keep our costs down.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Joel C. Elowsky	
Liturgists:	Rev. Karl Koeppen & Rev. Roger Drinnon	
Organist:	Nadine Engel	
A/V:	8:30: Todd Engel	11:05: Josh Cherry
Live Streaming/Recording:	Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Trevor Smith	
Lay Ministers:	5:00:	Bob Carruthers
	8:30:	Greg Deck, Brent Eden, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz
	11:05:	Bruce Clark
Lay Readers:	5:00:	Jennifer Richardson
	8:30:	Samuel Bottorff
	11:05:	Josh Cherry
Acolytes:	8:30:	Dylan Blair, Ty Luhman
	11:05:	Norah Callan, Annie Schneider
Trustees:	5:00:	Rob Wood
	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, Heather Stroo		
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyché, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell		

Youth & Adult Band:

Flute
Liz Deck
Mason Raloff

Violin
Shari Ebert
Ruth Fabbro
Micah Lundmark
Lana McHugh
Ellana Turrell

Oboe
Allison Dyche

Clarinet
Amy Fox
Chelsie Fox
Ruthie Fox
Olivia Reardanz
Elaina Storer

Bass Clarinet
Norah Callan

Alto Sax
Matt Callan
Jack Stirnaman
Grace West

Tenor Sax
Greg Ronchetto

Trumpet
Dain Blair
Diana Dyche
Nadine Engel
Gail Ferrebee
Benjamin Kubal

Horn
Isaac Fabbro

Trombone
Rev. David Bottorff

Percussion
Hope Brammer
Dylan Blair



THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, May 18	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Worship - Contemporary - Communion	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Voters Meeting	(Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	(Bourb)
Mon, May 19	1:00 pm	Prof Insights Workshop	(Bourb)
Tue, May 20	9:00 am	Prof Insights Workshop	(Bourb)
	5:00 pm	Culver’s Share Night	(Culver’s, Bourb)
Wed, May 21	9:00 am	Prof Insights Workshop	(Bourb)
	7:00 pm	8 th Grade Graduation	(Bourb)
Thur, May 22	6:00 pm	Lectures in Genesis Bible Study	(Bourb)
Fri, May 23		LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL	
Sat, May 24	7:30 am	Men’s Bible Breakfast	(Riverside)
	9:30 am	Phil’s Friends Pack Party	(Downtown)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	(Downtown)
Sun, May 25	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	(Bourb)