

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - May 24th & 25th

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.

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. Planning a vacation? Doing some home improvements? Starting your child in a new sport? Planning a graduation party or summer get-together? Think TRIP! Choose from over 750 retailers including Bass Pro, Dick's Sporting Goods, Disney, DQ, Royal Caribbean, Menards, Lowe's, Amazon, Walmart, lots of hotels and airlines, and so much more! 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.

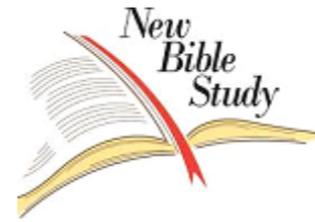
SAVE THE DATE!!!



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.

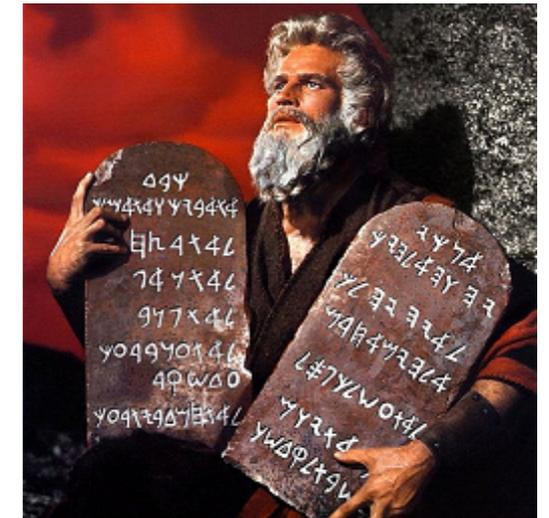
This Bible Study will take sections from a documentary that traces the evidence of the Bible's authority through interviews with some of the world's most respected biblical scholars. This film answers common objections about the Bible's reliability and equips believers to confidently base their lives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

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

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 drinnon@stpaulslutheran.net.





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025!!

We pray God’s blessings on all of our 8th grade graduates as they say goodbye to St. Paul’s and embark on their new adventures! Congratulations to Grace West (Class Valedictorian and recipient of the Kiwanis Student Achievement Award), Mo Macari and Mason Raloff (Co-Salutatorians), and Norah Callan and Brooks Wonder (recipients of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Rotary Four-Way Test Award)!

“I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.”

JEREMIAH 29:11-13



INSTALLATION WEEKEND

All new Board Members and Directors will be installed on **Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st** at the worship service they attend. Present officers and board members will be rededicated.

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.

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.

“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 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 & November.**

VBS PROPS NEEDED

If you have a Christmas tree that you would be willing to loan us for VBS, the Board of Parish Education would be very appreciative! We are looking for various sizes so even little ones would be helpful. Please feel free to drop them off at the church office and be sure to label the box AND the tree with your name. Thank you in advance!



LWML SERVANT EVENT

LWML will once again be collecting used eye glasses, sun glasses and eye glass cases for MOST Ministries. The glasses will be cleaned, sorted and used at vision clinics on various mission trips. The people being served are excited to receive a new pair of glasses whenever the mission teams arrive in their villages. Many times they walk several miles just to receive a new pair of glasses. Please bring your contributions to the school site and drop them in the box marked “LWML Donations”. There will also be a box by the elevator at the church outside the sanctuary. **Glasses will be collected from June 1st - June 30th.** Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to “Serve the Lord with Gladness”!



PHIL'S FRIENDS

Saturday, June 7th will be our next Work Day from 9 am to noon at our downtown location. Please join us as we prepare journals, blankets, cards, boxes, and more for our next Pack Party! Phil's Friends sends 300 Care Packages every week and 9,000 Cards of Hope every month and unfortunately that number continues to grow.

BE THE CHURCH: June 19th - 22nd

Each summer, the Board of Youth Ministry sponsors opportunities for our youth and adults in the congregation to serve our greater community. This summer, we will be helping with the VBS finale, sharing the love of Jesus with our shut-in members, hosting a community awareness event and project work day for Phil's Friends, collecting and bundling diapers for the local pregnancy resource centers, and more. Everyone is invited to join us! Students entering grades 7-12 can be dropped off each day; younger students are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Lunch is provided for registered volunteers. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AFAC28A0FECE9-56929532-2025>

| OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE | |
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| May 17th & 18th | |
| Worship Attendance: | |
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 63 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 164 |
| Sunday, 11:05 am | 71 |
| WEEKEND TOTAL | 298 |
| Children's Sunday School | |
| | 14 |
| Youth Bible Class | |
| | 5 |
| Offerings Given | |
| General | \$12,670.31 |
| Building | \$970.00 |
| School Ops | \$380.00 |

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If your son or daughter is graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college this spring (or they graduated in December), please email the church office at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net with their name, grade, and school by June 1st so that we can pray for them! If you have an 8th grader that graduated from St. Paul's, there is no need to send an email. :)

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen
- Liturgists:** Rev. Roger Drinnon
- Organist:** 5:00: Aaron Heldt 8:30: Nadine Engel
- A/V:** 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry
- Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, George Morocho Loja
- Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Bob Carruthers
8:30: Greg Deck, Brent Eden, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz
11:05: Bruce Clark
- Lay Readers:** 5:00: Audra Taylor
8:30: Bill Balgeman
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Micah Lundmark, Ty Luhman
11:05: Emma Davis, Beth Schreurs
- Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson
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:** Isaac Fabbro, Ellana Turrell
- Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyché, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| Sun, May 25 | 8:30 am 11:05 am | Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) |
| Mon, May 26 | | NO SCHOOL CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day |
| Tue, May 27 | 7:00 pm | Road to Coronation Bible Study (1573 Surrey, Bourb) |
| Wed, May 28 | | |
| Thur, May 29 | | PTL PICNIC |
| Fri, May 30 | | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL |
| Sat, May 31 | 5:00 pm | Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown) |
| Sun, June 1 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 12:30 pm | Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb) National Youth Gathering Meeting (Bourb) |