

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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](https://vbspro.events/p/stpauls2025) to register your child for VBS or to sign up as a volunteer. Anyone who is registered prior to June 8<sup>th</sup> will be guaranteed a free VBS t-shirt so don't delay!



**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

A new Bible class **begins this Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. "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 this Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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](mailto:rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net).



On **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will be meeting in the gym at **12:30 pm** to discuss and approve the 2025-26 budget. Please plan to attend if you can.

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.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025!!

We pray God's blessings on all of our 8<sup>th</sup> 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



### 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to "Serve the Lord with Gladness"!



**Summer Office Hours  
starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

### PHIL'S FRIENDS WORK DAY

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

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>





**MAY VOTERS MEETING SUMMARY**

The Voters Assembly met on Sunday, May 18, 2025, with 29 voters in attendance. The following actions were taken:

- **Treasurer’s Report** accepted -  
(as of 4/30/2025)  
Budgeted Income to date: .....  
\$1,665,794.54  
Budgeted Expenses to date: .....  
\$1,848,217.81  
**Deficit: ..... (\$182,423.27)**

Agenda actions items as follows:

- **Income report** - We are currently tracking at about 85%-86% of what is needed in weekly giving and building fund giving. This prompted a discussion on giving and how to help the congregation know what is needed and what is being given for the work of the church and school. This summary is a way to inform the congregation of the challenges we are facing.
- **Lay Ministry Member changes** were approved (New members accepted and those being released from membership and transferring to another church).
- **Elections** - All nominated Board Members, Directors, and Church Officers were elected to their positions. We thank all of these people for their service to St. Paul's.
- **Endowment Fund Distribution** - Endowment Fund earnings distribution approved for 2025-2026.

\$82,707.00 was allocated to various ministry requests.

- **Discussion** - There was some discussion about low attendance at Voter’s meetings. This summary is a way of informing the congregation of actions taken at the meetings. It is our prayer that more members would attend voter’s meetings and participate in the work of the congregation.
- **Budget** - There is still more to do to prepare the budget for presentation to the Voter’s Assembly. A motion was made, seconded and passed for continuation of the meeting with deferred action on the Budget to allow for additional research and input. The meeting to approve the 2025-2026 budget is scheduled for **Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 12:30 pm** in the School Gym.

There were many more discussions during the meeting than can be covered in this brief summary. This would be an encouragement for all members to participate in the three meetings each year to hear of the joys and struggles of our leadership as we lead our church and school. If you have any questions, you can talk to one of the pastors or church leaders.



**YOUTH MINISTRY’S FUNDRAISER:**  
**CULVER’S SHARE NIGHT**

This July 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, fifteen youth and five supportive adults will be attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We have almost reached our fundraising goal for the trip, but we need your help to close the final gap! Join us **Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm** at the Bourbonnais Culver’s location. 10% of your purchase will go directly towards supporting our trip. No flyer is necessary. Thank you for supporting our youth and this formational opportunity to attend the gathering!

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else and join us for some food and fellowship! Each month, we visit a different restaurant and share a couple of hours eating and getting to know each other better. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Everyone is invited! Our next fellowship dinner will be on **Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Hoppy Pig.**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b> ..... | <b>81</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b> .....   | <b>103</b> |
| <b>Sunday, 11:05 am</b> .....  | <b>71</b>  |
| <b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b> .....     | <b>255</b> |

**Offerings Given**

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| <b>General</b> .....     | <b>\$9,616.91</b> |
| <b>Building</b> .....    | <b>\$329.00</b>   |
| <b>School Ops</b> .....  | <b>\$308.00</b>   |
| <b>Anniversary</b> ..... | <b>\$350.00</b>   |

**LWML CONVENTION**

The LWML 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention will be in Omaha, Nebraska **June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of the convention is “Growing in God’s Grace” and each convention attendee will be inspired to dig deeper in God’s Word, nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm, and encouraged to support missions with joy. For more information on the event and a link to register, please visit the LWML website. Registration is open now!



**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Liturgists:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Organist:** 5:00: Aaron Heldt                      8:30: Gail Ferrebee

**A/V:** 8:30: Todd Engel                      11:05: Josh Cherry

**Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Mo Macari

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Bob Carruthers  
8:30: Hal Bryant, Bruce Clark, Greg Deck, Rich Engel  
11:05: Ken Capps

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Pat Hatch  
8:30: Lauren Lundmark  
11:05: Karen Beatty

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Dain & Dylan Blair  
11:05: Norah Callan, Audrey Nordmeyer

**Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnson  
8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
11:05: Greg Wheeler

**Ushers:** 5:00: Keith Christensen, Pat Hatch, Terry Treece  
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Jim Baron, Aidan LaVoie, Nolan LaVoie, Scott Styck, Steve Weith  
11:05: Dave Kesinger, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

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| <b>Sun</b> , June 1  | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>11:05 am<br>12:30 pm | Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)<br>Adult Bible Study (Bourb)<br>Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)<br>National Youth Gathering Meeting (Bourb) |
| <b>Mon</b> , June 2  | 7:00 pm                                    | Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)   |
| <b>Tue</b> , June 3  |  |  |
| <b>Wed</b> , June 4  |  |  |
| <b>Thur</b> , June 5 |  |  |
| <b>Fri</b> , June 6  |  |  |
| <b>Sat</b> , June 7  | 9:00 am<br>5:00 pm                         | Phil's Friends Work Day (Downtown)<br>Worship - Traditional (Downtown)   |
| <b>Sun</b> , June 8  | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>11:05 am             | Worship - Traditional (Bourb)<br>Adult Bible Study (Bourb)<br>Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)   |