

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</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 **began last 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.

We 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.

### **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"!



### **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 an adult. Lunch is provided for registered volunteers. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AFAC28A0FECE9-56929532-2025>

### **"BE THE CHURCH" DIAPER DRIVE**

This year during Be The Church we will be collecting and bundling diapers for our local pregnancy resource centers: River Valley PRC in Bradley and Living Alternatives in Kankakee. If you would like to donate diapers, please bring them to church on or before Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sizes 3-6 are the greatest need. On Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will gather in the cafeteria during coffee hour to bundle the donated diapers together and pray for the families that will use them.



### **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.**



**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.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm .....	73
Sunday, 8:30 am .....	101
Sunday, 11:05 am .....	87
WEEKEND TOTAL .....	261
Adult Bible Study .....	18
<b>Offerings Given</b>	
General .....	\$13,556.58
Building .....	\$3,405.00
School Ops .....	\$300.00



## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Liturgists:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Organist:** Nadine Engel

**AV:** 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry

**Live Streaming/Recording:** Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Lana McHugh

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Dennis Hess  
8:30: John Veers  
11:05: Melody Trudeau

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Olivia Reardanz  
11:05: Layna Rahn, Annie Schneider

<b>Trustees:</b>	5:00:	Rob Wood
	8:30:	Barry Gadbois
	11:05:	Jim Trudeau

**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: Ben Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal

**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferreebe, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun</b> , June 8	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon</b> , June 9		
<b>Tue</b> , June 10	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Wed</b> , June 11		
<b>Thur</b> , June 12	6:00 pm	<i>Lectures in Genesis</i> Bible Study (Bourb)
<b>Fri</b> , June 13		
<b>Sat</b> , June 14	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
<b>Sun</b> , June 15	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	<b><i>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</i></b> Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)