

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - June 14th & 15th

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 week 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 come between 4:30 and 5:00 pm on Monday! We will be serving hot dogs and BBQ during registration if you're kids are signed up and you would like to come a little early!



"THE GOD WHO SPEAKS"
When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am
Location: Room 131
Teacher: Pastor Koeppen

"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.



Summer Office Hours

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



On **Sunday, June 22nd**, 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.

"PROVOKING PROVERBS"
When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am
Location: School Library
Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY'S FUNDRAISER: CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT



This July 19th - 23rd, 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 24th 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!



LWML SERVANT EVENT

LWML will once again be collecting used eyeglasses, sunglasses and eyeglass 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 downtown church outside the sanctuary. **Glasses are being collected through June 30th.** Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to "Serve the Lord with Gladness"!

CHAINSAW TRAINING

Cross Lutheran Church in Yorkville will be hosting an LCMS Basic Chainsaw Certification Training & Workday on **Friday & Saturday, July 25th & 26th.** If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact the church office at 815-932-0312 or crahn@stpaulslutheran.net.

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 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 22nd. Sizes 3-6 are the greatest need. On **Sunday, June 22nd,** we will gather in the cafeteria during coffee hour to bundle the donated diapers together and pray for the families that will use them.

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 20th at 6:00 pm at Hoppy Pig.**

LWML MISSION GRANT

Lutheran evangelism efforts are being intensified in countries like the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Uruguay. The need for Spanish language Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, children's materials, devotions, and other resources is continuous. New pastors who are being trained to be missionaries and evangelists need to be equipped with materials that help share the Good News.

This grant will provide for the translation and printing costs of approximately 25,000 books by Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). LHF will distribute the printed books free of charge to people in Central and South America who live from week to week and have little to no savings.

This weekend, LWML is collecting mites. Please consider donating your change to this global effort!

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

June 7th & 8th

Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	56
Sunday, 8:30 am	124
Sunday, 11:05 am	63
WEEKEND TOTAL	243
Adult Bible Study	23
Offerings Given	
General	\$19,837.63
Building	\$2,032.00
School Ops	\$250.00



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Liturgists: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Organist: Nadine Engel

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

Live Streaming/Recording: Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Mason Raloff

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Georgia Hess
8:30: Mark Hess
11:05: Deb Turrell

Acolytes: 8:30: Micah Lundmark, Gloria Morocho Loja
11:05: Jacob Kubal, Ty Luhman

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: Isaac Fabbro, Heather Stroo, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun , June 15		<i>HAPPY FATHER’S DAY</i>
	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon , June 16	4:45 pm	Pre-VBS Dinner (Bourb)
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Bourb)
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue , June 17	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Bourb)
Wed , June 18	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Bourb)
Thur , June 19	All Day	Be The Church (Various)
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Bourb)
Fri , June 20	All Day	Be The Church (Downtown)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Hoppy Pig)
Sat , June 21	All Day	Be The Church (Various)
	9:30 am	Phil’s Friends Pack Party (Downtown)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , June 22	All Day	Be The Church (Various)
	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	Special Voters Meeting (Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Be The Church Finale Celebration (Bourb)