

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - August 16th & 17th

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.



PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

This year's Fall Festival will be **September 5th & 6th**. Sign-up sheets have been posted at the school and at the downtown church to help with our used book booth. We are in particular need of people to help haul the books there, set up the booth, and then pack up the leftover books afterward. Our book booth is a big undertaking but many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering.

We are also still accepting book donations at both sites. If you have any questions or need a pick up from your home, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855 or text her at 815-216-0240 or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

IT'S A PICNIC! A CHURCH PICNIC!!

On **Sunday, August 24th** we will have a single worship service to close our year-long celebration of St. Paul School's 160th anniversary. The service will be at **10:00 a.m.** outside, under a tent, in front of the school. Following the service, we will celebrate with a church picnic! There will be seating inside and out for the meal and fun activities for all ages - including a bounce house, volleyball, wiffle ball, kickball, bags, bingo, Bozo buckets, and more! Mr. Porter will grill hamburgers and hotdogs and we ask everyone to bring a dish or two to share.

To RSVP, call the church office or scan the QR code below. We ask that everyone sign up so that we know how many people to plan for. We hope all church & school families and alumni will join us to celebrate 160 years of God's blessings on our school and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship! We will be introducing our new staff members and the 2nd graders will be receiving their Bibles at this service!



"WHO IS THE GREATEST?"
(IT'S NOT WHO YOU THINK)"

Teacher: Pastor Koeppen

When: Every Sunday, 9:50 am

Where: Room 131

This class will study Matthew 18 and consider the question: "Who is the greatest?" The study is presented in four separate video vignettes discussed by Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs with Dr. Jeffrey Kloha in a casual, fun setting. Join us as we look to God and His Word.

URGENT! SOCCER COACH NEEDED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have lost our soccer coach for this year. We are in dire need of someone to coach the team, consisting of 5th through 8th grade boys and girls. If you are a school parent, coaching will fulfill your partnership hours and they have a very short season! With the first game scheduled for September 9th, practices should begin this week. The last game is October 3rd. If you are interested, please contact Victoria Nelin at vnelin@stpaulslutheran.net today!! Time is of the essence. Thank you!!



AN INVITATION
TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's for a while, but not yet become a member? If so, we warmly invite you to join our congregation. There are a few ways that this can be accomplished. If you are:

- ▶ **A member in good standing of an LCMS congregation**, we simply need a letter of transfer from your home church
- ▶ **A member in good standing of another Lutheran church**, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes
- ▶ **A member in good standing of another denomination**, we need a release of membership from your church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes
- ▶ **Not a member of another church**, you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes

If you are interested in receiving information regarding these classes, please check the box "Looking for a Church" or "Interested in Joining" on the attendance card along with your contact information or call the church office at 815-932-0312. We will be starting a new session at the end of September. If you are undecided about becoming a member, consider taking the class so that you feel better equipped to decide.

ATTENTION ST. PAUL'S ALUMNI!

On **August 24th**, we will be hosting a brief alumni gathering at the school between the outdoor anniversary worship service and the church picnic. If you ever attended or taught at St. Paul's Lutheran School, please plan to come and please share this announcement with any alumni that you are still in touch with! We would love to see you all!!

2nd GRADE BIBLES



On **Sunday, August 24th**, our church & school 2nd graders will be presented with their very own Bible during the 10:00 worship service at the church picnic. There will be a breakfast with special activities for the 2nd graders and their parents beforehand. Please meet in the cafeteria at 9:15 am. If you have any questions or have not received a letter in the mail, please contact Christie at 815-932-0312.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

If you have a child who is planning to begin or finish the confirmation program this year (typically 7th and 8th graders) and they do NOT attend our school, please watch your mail for a letter concerning confirmation classes. They will be starting August 26th. If you have not received a letter, please call the church office.

"PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE"

"Life is not a bowl of cherries!" When Jesus was instructing His disciples and us, He said life for believers will not be easy. Grief, suffering, and daily problems will make life difficult. In his two letters to Gentiles and converted Jews, Peter says life's suffering and setbacks are an opportunity for believers to show joyful perseverance to unbelievers and help us share the Gospel message.

Please join us, your fellow believers, in a study of I & II Peter along with Peter's witness to the world that Jesus is the Messiah. This class, taught by Roy W. Cordes, began this past Tuesday at 9:50 am in Fellowship Hall at our downtown location and that same class is being repeated this Sunday at the school between worship services. This pattern will be repeated every week. You don't have to sign up - just attend and bring a friend.

ORIENTATION OPEN HOUSE

The Back-to-School Orientation & Open House will be **Monday, August 18th from 5 pm to 7 pm**. Mr. Porter will be speaking at 5 pm and again at 6 pm. Please plan to attend one of these sessions and bring all school supplies to the orientation. School begins Wednesday, August 20th with early dismissal at 11:15 am for the preschoolers and 11:30 am for K-8.

CHURCH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

We could use some volunteers to help with the church picnic - setting up, tearing down, serving food, and monitoring the bounce house and a game or two. If you would be willing to lend a hand, we would be so grateful! Please contact the church office at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or 815-932-0312 if interested. If you are a school parent, this is a great way to get a head start on your partnership hours!

YOUTH MINISTRY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!

Summer is coming to a close. Come join us on **Sunday, August 17th** at the school to celebrate another successful year of youth ministry, a summer of *Be the Church* mission opportunities, and the upcoming year. From 4:00 to 5:30 pm, we will celebrate with last year's youth group. From 5:30 to 8:00 pm, we will welcome our new youth, including the incoming 7th graders and their parents!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date! Our next Women's Retreat will be **September 13th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm** at the school. Lunch is included and there will be beverages and snacks available in the morning. The topic will be: Women in the Bible. Look for a sign-up sheet between services or contact the church office if you plan to attend. If there is any particular woman of the Bible that you are interested in, please indicate that when you sign up.

SUMMER T.R.I.P. ORDERING

What is the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program?

* Raise money by using gift cards to pay for everyday purchases. Choose from over 750 of your favorite retailers, like Amazon, Old Navy, PetSmart, Meijer, Dick's, Dunkin' and so many more!

* Pay face value for gift cards. A portion of what you spend will be credited to St. Paul's and a portion will be applied to your school account to be used for tuition, lunch or extended care.

* If you do not have children that attend St. Paul's, you may donate your share to a school family or to St. Paul's.

How do I order?

* Call or text Julie Dummer at 815-530-7320. Submit your request to her by Thursday for delivery by the following Friday.

* Install the RaiseRight app and order your gift cards electronically.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



In October, LWML will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child workshop, where adults and children will be invited to help assemble shoeboxes that will be shipped to remote areas of the world as a witness of Jesus and his love. ***If you are interested in contributing, now would be a great time to stock up on some extra school supplies to include in the boxes!*** We could use spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, scissors, construction paper, crayons, pens, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, pencil bags, and solar calculators. Thank you so much!!

COLLEGE & MILITARY ADDRESSES



Please use the enclosed form to update the church office on military members and college student addresses for the fall so that we may stay connected to them as they continue their journey. Thank you!

STAFF DEDICATION

Please join us on Sunday, **September 14th during the 8:30 am service** when our church and school staff will be recognized for their years of dedicated service. A reception will be held in the cafeteria following the service. Please come and express your appreciation.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy a back-to-school celebration outside on the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran School from **6pm to 8pm on Friday, Sept 12th**. All school families, church members and alumni are invited!! Watch for more details as the event approaches. This free evening of fun is brought to you by St. Paul's PTL and Thrivent Financial.

"PROVOKING PROVERBS"

When: Sunday at 9:50 am

Last class SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th

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!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen is leading a Bible Study entitled ***"Know Thy Enemy"***. Using clips from the movie, **Nefarious**, we will consider the work and influence of Satan. The movie has been described as *"The Screwtape Letters on steroids."* In that momentous work on demonic influence, author C.S. Lewis warned about the twin traps we fall into when it comes to acknowledging evil: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

This study will help you to understand the times and to examine everything we've been given in Christ to stand courageous and firm against the forces of evil. As the Scriptures tell us 365 times, "fear not." In fact, through the truth of who we are in Christ and the armor He has made available to us, we can stand confidently against the Enemy's snares and schemes.

YES, SATAN IS MIGHTY, BUT OUR GOD IS ALMIGHTY!

Please join Pastor Koeppen on **Saturday, August 23rd and September 27th at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

August 9th & 10th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm 48

Sunday, 8:30 am 103

Sunday, 11:05 am 70

WEEKEND TOTAL 221

Adult Bible Study 10

Offerings Given

General \$14,914.82

Building \$4,012.00

School Ops \$315.00

MUM SALES

The Athletic Department is selling big beautiful mums from Woldhuis (Sunrise) Greenhouse for \$10 each again this fall. Please see the insert to place your order by Friday, August 29th. Mums will be delivered to the school on September 4th and may be picked up that afternoon between 3:00 and 6:00 pm. The plants are in 9" pots and have an 18" flower head. Choose from red, orange, yellow, white, pink, and purple. Thank you for supporting our sports!

PHIL'S FRIENDS PACK PARTY

Join us in Fellowship Hall from **9:30 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, August 23rd** as we pack boxes for Phil's Friends!

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Organist: Nadine Engel

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

Live Streaming/Recording: Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Jacob Kubal

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Ken Capps
8:30: Hal Bryant, Bruce Clark, Kevin Kurtz, John Veers
11:05: Greg Deck

Lay Readers: 5:00: Karen Beatty
8:30: Bill Balgeman
11:05: David Bottorff

Acolytes: 8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Gloria Morocho Loja
11:05: Maddie Billingsley, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Mike Regas
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, Alena LaGesse

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

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Aug. 17	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 4:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Youth Back-to-School Bash (Bourb)
Mon, Aug. 18	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Back-to-School Orientation Open House (Bourb) Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Aug. 19	9:50 am	<i>Peter’s Joyful Perseverance</i> (Downtown)
Wed, Aug. 20		<i>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</i> <i>Early Dismissal 11:15 / 11:30 am</i>
Thur, Aug. 21		
Fri, Aug. 22		
Sat, Aug. 23	7:30 am 9:30 am	Men’s Bible Breakfast (Riverside) Phil’s Friends Pack Party (Downtown)
Sun, Aug. 24	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm	2 nd Grade Bible Breakfast (Bourb) Outdoor Worship Service (Bourb) Alumni Gathering (Bourb) Church Picnic (Bourb)