

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<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.

**COMING SOON:  
GIVE AS YOU ARE BLESSED  
(GUIDED BY THE TITHE)**



God comes to us and blesses us. He freely gives us life, families, work, and faith. Despite our ingratitude and unwillingness to acknowledge that *"every good gift and every perfect gift comes from above"* (James 1:17), He still blesses us. Our stewardship emphasis this year titled **Give as You Are Blessed (Guided by the Tithe)** will help remind us that God blesses us to be a blessing to others. A very meaningful way we bless others and express our gratitude to God for all His blessings is through our faithful and generous giving. We give because God gave first. *"For God so loved the world that He gave..."* (John 3:16). By God's grace, we become givers. When the Holy

Spirit changes our hearts, we come to realize that our heavenly Father has not only created all things, but He also owns, sustains, and provides everything. Most important, He has given us what we needed the most, a Savior.

Our stewardship emphasis, **Give as You Are Blessed (Guided by the Tithe)**, which includes a sermon series and Bible Study, starts on September 20-21. This series will help us grow in the grace of giving as we give proportionately from the resources that God enables us to earn. Giving proportionately means equal sacrifice but not equal gifts. Those with larger incomes can give more than those with smaller incomes. In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to give a tithe, one tenth, from their harvests or produce. Jesus renewed that pledge with the Pharisees in the book of Matthew.

As we meditate on His grace that provides all we need in this world, we are compelled to respond in generous giving and to grow daily in the desire to return to God what He has first given us. To help us grow in the grace of giving, there will be a **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** (ten percent for ten weeks) that will start immediately after the three-week stewardship emphasis.

**AN INVITATION  
TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION**

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's but not yet become a member? 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 these classes, please check the box "Looking for a Church" 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 September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are undecided about becoming a member, consider taking the class so that you feel better equipped to decide.

**COME CHEER ON  
YOUR ST. PAUL'S  
TIGERS THIS  
WEEK!**



**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**

**pm - Home Soccer Game v. Grace Christian**

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 - Soccer Game @ Illinois Lutheran**

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm - Cross Country Meet @ Bishop Mac**

**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm - Soccer Game @ Grace Christian**

**YOUTH NIGHT LOCATION CHANGE**



On **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, St. Paul's Youth Ministry will hold our fall Bonfire Youth Night at the Lundmark home (3422 N 4000E Road, Bourbonnais) from 6 pm to 8 pm. In the event of bad weather,

please watch GroupMe and socials for updates. Rain location will be St. Paul's Lutheran School. Please bring a lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School began again last Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. All preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to come! Preschool and kindergartners meet in the extended care room at the end of the lower grade hallway. The 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the music room by the doors to the back parking lot. Sunday School begins at 9:45 and ends at 10:45.

### 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!
- 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 at St. Paul's, you may donate your share to a school family or to the school.

#### **How do I order?**

- Call or text Julie Dummer at 815-530-7320.
- Install the RaiseRight app and order your gift cards electronically.



### TABEA ALTAR GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

We are still accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The fall sale will be **Thursday & Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym. You may schedule a time to drop off your items with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds from our sales help purchase candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations!

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP HOURS

We are looking for volunteers to work two-hour or four-hour shifts during the rummage sale. Please contact Carol Ginger if you would like to volunteer. School families, be sure to turn your hours in for partnership credit.



### OKTOBERFEST

Save the date! On **October 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will once again be hosting OktoberFest at the school. The event will feature delicious German fare and live entertainment by *Die Musikmeisters*, a renowned German polka band. Please watch future announcements for more details and an opportunity to sign up.



The deadline for the next newsletter is **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have an event coming up in October or November or if your board has an article they would like published, please email it to Christie at [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net).

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SAVE THE DATE! On **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, LWML will be hosting their annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party at our school (details to follow). Please plan to come and help share the love of Jesus with the children who will receive these gifts.



### PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

Tuesdays 9:45 am - Fellowship Hall  
\* **We will resume the Sunday Bible Study on October 12<sup>th</sup>, once the Stewardship Bible Study series has finished**

Jesus told his disciples that they would have tribulation in this world. Christ faced it too - and has overcome it. He speaks so honestly to us in order to give us peace, joy, and hope despite the fact that there will be sorrow and struggles. To follow Jesus means to pass through death into resurrected life, just as He has. He says to His disciples and us, "Take heart! Don't ever give up!" Revelation 2:10 - "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Peter remembers what Jesus said and writes two letters to suffering Christian Gentiles and converted Jews. His works, inspired by the Holy Spirit, are worthy of study and discussion so we can understand the answer to the question: Why do we have to suffer? Endurance & Perseverance will be explored every week. Join us!

### TRUNK OR TREAT

SAVE THE DATE! Trunk or Treat is scheduled for **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 pm**. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for our school and church families to mingle and get to know each other. Please come!!

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly fellowship dinners. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Our next fellowship dinner will be on **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Tucci's**. To RSVP, call or text Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837.



**“COME AND BE FILLED”**

*Teacher: Deb Turrell*

**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30 pm**

**Where: Deb's home**



**VOTERS' MEETING**

A Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on **Sun., September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm** at the school. We encourage all members of the church who are at least 18 years old to get involved in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly Meetings in 24 months, a member may be accepted into voting membership.

**PRAYER WALK**

During the Staff Appreciation Reception this morning, please take a minute to post a prayer on the posters for our teachers and staff!



**MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED**

A memorial service for Jerry Stack has been scheduled for **10 am on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at the downtown church. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 9 am.

Beginning in September, our ladies' Bible study will begin a new study by Kristopher Whitby. Listen along with the disciples as Jesus teaches them about welcoming others and seeking the lost. Sit with God's people as they eat His Passover meal each year, remembering God's promises to rescue them. Learn anew at the Last Supper to what lengths your Lord will go to bring you to His Table, shoulder to shoulder with believers of all time. Your Lord invites you to come and be filled with His good gifts. Experience the joy of gathering around the table with His people, sharing together in the blessings of Christ. Through Jesus, your meals will mean more.

If you are interested in joining this study, please call Deb at 815-325-4518.

**“ROAD TO CORONATION”**

“Road to Coronation” 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 on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES**



Crutches, walkers with and without seats, wheelchairs, bathroom & shower equipment, etc. - all of these items are available in our medical assistance room in the basement of the Ministry & Mission Center (former downtown school). If you need to borrow something, call Christie in the church office (815-932-0312) or call Roy Cordes (815-573-5085) who will meet you at the alley entrance of the church. There is no charge and no deadline on returning borrowed items. You do not have to be a member - if you have a friend who needs medical help, invite them to use the donations we have received from others. **At this time, we are out of canes and/or walking sticks. If you have any to donate, please call Christie or Roy to arrange a pick-up.**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Attendance:**

<b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:05 am</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>	<b>277</b>

<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>15</b>

**Offerings Given**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$12,726.31</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$5,755.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Matching (General)</b>	<b>\$14,750.00</b>
<b>Matching (Building)</b>	<b>\$11,300.00</b>

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**



We will meet again **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Join us as we study God's Word.

Please note:

The church office will close at 3 pm on Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.





**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Roger Drinnon

**Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**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, Brody Brinkmann

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Rich Nordmeyer  
8:30: Bill Balgeman  
11:05: Karen Beatty

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Lucas Porter, Mason Raloff  
11:05: Jacob Kubal, Luke Stirnaman

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
8:30: Barry Gadbois  
11:05: Greg Wheeler

**Ushers:** 5:00: Jim Sharper, Mary & Rob Wood  
8:30: Dain Blair, Dylan Blair, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith  
11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Hailey Porter

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Natalie, Cherry, Heather Stroo  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyché, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Sept. 14</b>	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Staff Dedication</i> (Bourb) Staff Appreciation Reception (Bourb) Children’s Sunday School (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Sep. 15</b>	4:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></b> Soccer Game (Bourb) Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, Sep. 16</b>	9:45 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	<i>Peter’s Joyful Perseverance</i> (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) Soccer Game (Illinois Lutheran)
<b>Wed, Sep. 17</b>	4:30 pm	Cross Country Meet (Bishop Mac)
<b>Thur, Sep. 18</b>	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (Downtown)
<b>Fri, Sep. 19</b>	8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b><i>EARLY DISMISSAL (11:15 /11:30 am)</i></b> Rummage Sale (Downtown) Soccer Game (Grace Christian)
<b>Sat, Sep. 20</b>	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Dedication & Grand Opening (Downtown) Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Sep. 21</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Children’s Sunday School (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Youth Night Bonfire (3422 N. 4000E Rd., Bourb)