

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</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)**



The theme for this year's stewardship education emphasis is titled **Give as You Are Blessed (Guided by the Tithe)**. This three-week series will help us understand how important it is for us as God's people to acknowledge Him as the source of all good gifts (James 1:17) and to express our gratitude to Him by giving faithfully for His generosity. God wants us to give as we are blessed, so how much should we give? The tithe (giving one-tenth of our incomes) helps us answer that question. In the Old Testament, God commanded the tithe, and, in the New Testament, Jesus affirms the tithe (Matthew 23:23). By God's grace, many Christians tithe. Tithing is a guide or Biblical benchmark for our faithful giving.

Through faith, we are enabled to respond to God's love, grace, and mercy by giving proportionately from the blessings that He entrusts to us.

To help you grow in the grace of giving, we will be offering a **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** (ten percent for ten weeks) following our three-week emphasis. This giving challenge is a time for self-examination. Does your current giving reflect your gratitude for who God is and what He has done and continues to do for you? Next week you will be given a giving commitment form for the **Ten for Ten Giving Challenge**. Commitment Weekend is October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Koeppen and Pastor Drinnon will both be doing a Bible study between the church services for three weeks beginning this Sunday. This Bible study aligns with the stewardship campaign, *Give As You Are Blessed*. Pastor Koeppen will be in Room 131 (Mrs. Stirnaman's room) and Pastor Drinnon will be in Room 130 (Mr. Ferree's room) - both in the upper grade wing. We pray you join a class!

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm**

Cross Country Meet @ Liberty, Bourb

**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**

Home Soccer Game v. St. Paul's,  
Munster IN

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm**

Soccer Game @ Southwest Christian

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

Cross Country Meet @ Detweiller  
Park, Peoria

**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.

**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.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is back! 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.



## 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.

## 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.



## 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!!

## 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!

## 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.



## "COME AND BE FILLED"

**Teacher: Deb Turrell**

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

**Where: Deb's home**

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 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Worship Attendance:

**Saturday, 5:00 pm** ..... 60  
**Sunday, 8:30 am** ..... 171  
**Sunday, 11:05 am** ..... 67  
**WEEKEND TOTAL** ..... 298

**Youth Bible Class** ..... 20  
**Children's Sunday School** ..... 31

#### Offerings Given

**General** ..... \$13,007.11  
**Building** ..... \$280.00  
**School Ops** ..... \$250.00  
**Matching (General)** ..... \$765.00  
**Matching (Building)** ..... \$910.00

### 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 4 0 0 0 E 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.



### 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, A.J. Reardanz

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

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Audra Taylor  
8:30: Lauren Lundmark  
11:05: Tammie Mesenbring

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Olivia Reardanz, Ryleigh Reiniche  
11:05: Annie Schneider, Beth Schreurs

**Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
11:05: Jim Trudeau

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

**Contemporary Service Song Leaders:** Isaac Fabbro, Ellana Turrell  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyché, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun, Sept. 21</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	Voter's Meeting (Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night Bonfire (3422 N. 4000E Rd., Bourb)
<b>Mon, Sep. 22</b>	4:00 pm	Cross Country Meet (Liberty, Bourb)
<b>Tue, Sep. 23</b>	9:45 am	<i>Peter's Joyful Perseverance</i> (Downtown)
	7:00 pm	<i>Road to Coronation</i> (1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb)
<b>Wed, Sep. 24</b>	4:30 pm	Soccer Game (Bourb)
<b>Thur, Sep. 25</b>	4:30 pm	Soccer Game (Southwest Christan)
	6:00 pm	<i>Lectures in Genesis</i> (Bourb)
<b>Fri, Sep. 26</b>	4:00 pm	Cross Country Meet (Detweiller Park, Peoria)
<b>Sat, Sep. 27</b>	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Sep. 28</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Youth Bible Study (Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)