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October/
November
2025



ST. PAUL'S
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CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Worship & Bible Study Opportunities

Traditional Worship:

*Saturday 5:00 pm @ the Downtown Church
located at 348 E. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL*

*Sunday 8:30 am @ the School
located 1780 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, IL*

Contemporary Worship:

Sunday 11:05 am @ the School location

Adult Bible Class & Youth Bible Class:

*Sunday 9:45 am @ the School location
Classes for Adults & Youth (6th - 12th grade)*

Sunday School:

*Sunday 9:45 am @ the School location
Classes for Children (Preschool - 5th Grade)*

Church & School Office: 815-932-0312

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Church Website: www.stpaulslutheran.net



Newsletter Deadline November 15th

Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month, October
- World Communion Sunday, October 5
- Columbus Day, October 13
- Reformation Day, October 31
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight Savings Time ends, November 2
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!

Youth Nights, 6-8pm:

- Sundays, October 5th & 19th
- Sundays, November 2nd & 16th
- Friday, December 5th - Christmas Party

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Youth in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join the Youth Leadership Team. This team will meet on Sunday, October 5th at 5 pm (before Youth Night) for pizza and to plan upcoming youth events. Any youth interested in volunteering for leadership roles at youth group should attend.



OKTOBERFEST DINNER 2025!

Wear your lederhosen or dirndl and join us for a fun evening of German food and music on **Saturday, October 18th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.!!** Oktoberfest 2025 will be in St. Paul's School gym. We will enjoy the sounds of Die Musikmeisters Band from Chicago and feast on brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, pretzel rolls, desserts. For those that aren't brat lovers, we'll have hot dogs and potato chips. We will provide non-alcoholic beverages but you are free to bring your own beer or wine. There will be a freewill offering, but it is not required. Invite your friends and RSVP by October 12th at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ADA72BAA8-58759660-oktoberfest> or scan the QR code! Prost!!



TRUNK OR TREAT

The school family favorite, Trunk or Treat, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 19th from 3 to 6 pm.** There will also be a bounce house, barrel train rides, hayrides, petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, and fun fall games for the kids to enjoy. Come and join in the fun and bring your friends and family!

HERE I STAND!!

“Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me. Amen.”

At the end of September, Lynda and I were blessed to go on a trip to Germany again with the Balgeman tour group. We also went in 2010 and visited many of the Luther sites as well as attended the Passion Play in Oberammergau.

This year, while not specifically a Luther trip, we did have a great opportunity to visit many of the cities that were pivotal in Martin Luther's life.

First things

A couple of definitions are needed as we continue:

DIET - A Diet was a meeting of the Princes and the Emperor and the city of Worms was the next location for their meeting in 1521, so the “Diet of Worms” is not what it sounds like ☺.

DISPUTATION - This was a formal academic debate about various topics. The Heidelberg Disputation came after Luther posted his theses for debate on the church door in Wittenberg in 1517.

TOTAL DEPRAVITY - By this, we affirm that man's nature is thoroughly corrupted by the fall and his natural inclination is to sin against God.

BONDAGE OF THE WILL - The will, in a spiritual sense, is enslaved to sin and cannot freely choose God or respond to the Gospel.

Let's look at these places that Luther visited:

Heidelberg

On August 26, 1518, in the lecture hall of the Augustinian order, was the Heidelberg Disputation. It was here that Martin Luther, as a delegate for his order, began to have occasion to articulate his views. In the defense of his theses, Luther defended the doctrine of human depravity and the bondage of the will. Martin Bucer, the reformer of Strasbourg, heard Luther here and became an avid follower. This disputation also led to Johann Eck's challenging Martin Luther to the Leipzig Debate.

Augsburg

A couple of months later, Martin Luther had a hearing before Cardinal Cajetan at the Imperial Diet of Augsburg on October 12, 1518. The subject of the hearing before Cajetan was Luther's famous 95 theses which had been posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg almost a year earlier. When Luther appeared before Cajetan on October 12, Cajetan asked him to recant his errors. To which Luther asked to be shown



where he was in error according to the Scriptures. After the Reformation began to take hold, the German princes would meet the Emperor in Augsburg to declare their faith.

Worms

The Diet of Worms of 1521 was pivotal for Martin Luther.

This imperial diet of the Holy Roman Empire was called by Emperor Charles V and conducted in the Imperial Free City of Worms. Martin Luther was summoned to the diet in order to renounce or reaffirm his views in response to a Papal bull of Pope Leo X.

In answer to questioning, Luther defended the views that had been criticized and refused to recant them. At the end of the diet, the Emperor issued the Edict of Worms, a decree which condemned Luther as “*a notorious heretic*” and banned citizens of the Empire from propagating his ideas. Although the Reformation is usually considered to have begun in 1517, this edict is the first overt schism associated with it.

Reflections

One of the interesting things about this trip was walking with Luther at some of the same places that he walked as his theology was becoming more clear and more centered in God's Word

This is a photo of Lynda and me in front of the monument to the reformers at Worms with Luther at the center. The photo on the next page is of the spot, supposedly, where Martin Luther stood when he uttered those famous words. *“Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me. Amen.”*



(NOW, . . . There is some debate as to whether Luther actually said those words. If you are interested, this article might be helpful. [<https://blog.cph.org/read/everyday-faith/lutheranism/did-luther-really-say-here-i-stand>]. I'd like to think that Luther did say those words.)

At each place, in his debate and speeches, Luther desired that the Church realize that it had diverted from God's Word and that they should reject some of the practices that had crept in over the years.

At each place, Luther declared that what he had written and preached, stood firm on God's Word.

At each place, Luther asked that they refute his assertions using God's Word ALONE.

HERE I STAND TODAY

Isn't that our challenge today? We look to God's Word over and against the messages of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. We cling to God's Word of promise and hope that in Jesus, our sins are forgiven, we are claimed as His own children, and our eternity is certain and secure in His hands.

Now, more than ever, we need to be anchored on God's Word. Society, social media, mainstream media, peer pressure, and sometimes popular opinion, push us to reject what God's Word says and to follow the crowd. If you refuse, you face protests, anger, sometimes pressure, and even (more recently) violence may be directed your way.

Are you willing to be anchored on God's Word Alone? No matter what your friends or family might say? No matter what your boss or co-workers might say? Scripture tells us to speak the truth in love. To speak God's Word of truth in love, means that you need to know God's Word. Are you willing to study and meditate on God's Word?

Let us be that bright light of God's Word and truth in a world that wants to reject Him! Speaking the truth is a loving thing to do. That you care enough to risk your relationships to speak God's truth to the people you love the most.



God's Word can be an anchor in these chaotic and violent times. His truths are an anchor for you and me in good times, in turbulent times, and in times when it seems like the evil one is winning.

GOD'S WORD ALONE lifts our eyes from this vale of tears and helps us focus on our true inheritance, our true homeland, being with Jesus face-to-face for all eternity.

May God's Word preached, read, studied, prayed, and lived here at St. Paul's bring to you the joy of being a child of God, the confidence of knowing God is with you always to the end of the age, and the comfort of God's presence as your Good Shepherd throughout your life.

Blessings in Him!
Pastor Karl Koeppen



PERSEVERE WITH THANKSGIVING

Please mark your calendar as we close our anniversary year here at St. Paul's. 165th Church Anniversary - Our closing CHURCH anniversary service will take place at the downtown church on Sunday, December 14th at 10:00 am. There will be a reception in the fellowship hall afterwards.



Give As You Are Blessed - (Guided By The Tithe)

God has demonstrated His love for us by creating and redeeming us. A meaningful way we express our gratitude to God is through our faithful giving. By God's grace, we can make giving important, and, when we do, we give Him the glory and honor that He deserves. Faith enables us to give freely and generously. Our giving can have no greater foundation than the Gospel of forgiveness and God's promises.

In His Word, God gives us giving principles.

We are called to give cheerfully, regularly, sacrificially, and proportionately of our firstfruits.

Even with all these giving principles, one question that all of us have likely asked is, ***“How much should I give?”*** In the Old Testament, God answered that question. God's people were commanded to tithe, which meant they were to give one-tenth of their crops, livestock, and gold and silver. But the tithe does not answer the question, ***“Why give?”*** However, it does help to answer the question, ***“How much should I give?”***

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16:2, ***“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper. . .”*** According to the income that we receive, we are to give proportionately. The tithe acts as a Biblical guide to calculate the dollar amount to give. Because Abraham, Jacob, and Moses tithed even before the law was given, could the tithe be a benchmark for us to consider as well?

In the New Testament, Jesus affirms the tithe when He told the Pharisees to continue tithing but not to neglect ***“the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness”*** (Matthew 23:23).

It is interesting that, other than the tithe, the only giving referenced in the New Testament exceeded the tithe. Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him and leave everything they owned behind. He directed the Rich Young Ruler to give all His money away. Jesus commended the widow when she gave her last two mites. When He changed Zacchaeus' heart, Zacchaeus gave half of his wealth to the poor. Jesus said, ***“Freely you have received, freely give”*** (Matthew 10:8 NIV), and, in Acts 20:35, He said, ***“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”***

When we examine what we give, remember that God wants our hearts more than our gifts.

May God grant us hearts of faith that give freely and generously. May God bless you on your stewardship journey during the **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** and beyond.

Even with our giving, we can **“Persevere with Thanksgiving”!!**

Blessings in Him!
Pastor Karl Koeppen



“Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” Luke 21:3-4

Catechism Spotlight

1st Commandment: Keeping First Things First

What do you find yourself trusting most when life gets uncertain—a person, a plan, money, or something else?

Take a moment to consider your answer. How does what you trust shape your decisions, your priorities, and your peace of mind? This is exactly what the First Commandment calls us to examine: Who or what do we truly rely on in every area of life?

When we hear the words, “*You shall have no other gods before me*” (Exodus 20:3), it’s easy to picture ancient people bowing before golden statues or stone idols. We might wonder, does this really apply to us today? After all, most of us don’t have shrines in our living rooms. Yet the First Commandment is far from outdated—it goes straight to the heart of what, or whom, we trust most in life.

Luther puts it simply and powerfully in the *Large Catechism*:

A god is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need. To have a god is nothing else than to trust and believe him with our whole heart (LC 1–2).

In many ways, the rest of the Ten Commandments are really an explanation of the First. Each one shows what it means to fear, love, and trust God above all things. I often remind my confirmands that breaking any commandment also breaks the First, because sin always begins with turning away from God. Whenever we sin, we are essentially saying, “*I know better than You.*” We put ourselves in the place of judge over matters that God has already decided. This was the very failure of our first parents. When Satan tempted Eve with the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, he promised, “*You will be like God*” (Gen. 3:4). And every time we sin, we echo that same rebellion begun in Eden.

This stands in sharp contrast to our Lord’s sinless life. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus honored the First Commandment perfectly when He prayed, “*Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done*” (Luke 22:41–42). Unlike us, He trusted His Father fully. Jesus kept the Law in every

way—both in His active obedience, living the perfect life we could not, and in His passive obedience, suffering the punishment our sins deserved. On the cross He bore the penalty for our rebellion. Through His death and resurrection, He now gives us forgiveness, eternal life, and salvation. Satan’s lies give way to God’s truths: God became man so that we might share in His life.

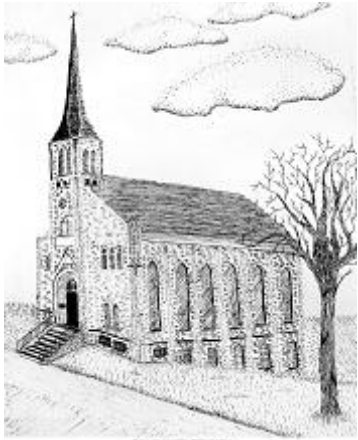
When the First Commandment takes its rightful place in our hearts, everything else falls into order. But when anything takes God’s place—whether money, sports, reputation, or security—that is exactly where the devil works and where everything begins to unravel. Our sinful nature longs to wrest control from God, insisting on our way over His. Yet by His grace, Christ restores us, drawing us back to trust the only true God.

With humble hearts, let us follow our Lord and keep Him first. We do this by gathering in the Divine Service, where He gives us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. In Him we have every blessing—both for this life and for the life of the world to come. As St. Paul writes, “*Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him*” (Colossians 3:17). May our lives be marked by thankfulness to the Lord who has given us all things. So let us keep first things first. Amen.

Pastor Drinnon



MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE!!



For a little more than a year now, we have been celebrating God's goodness and mercy to St. Paul's. We began with the outdoor service and church picnic in August 2024, marking the beginning of the 160th year of our school. Then we joined with the school's Trunk or Treat event and included Oktoberfest with lots of fun activities for all and a great meal of brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and homemade desserts!! Both events provided an opportunity for church and school families to enjoy some time together. Next was the PTL Anniversary Blast--another great time to gather with church and school families and friends! We've

celebrated another graduating class—the Class of 2025—from St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Just a few weeks ago, we held our 2nd annual outdoor worship service and church picnic! And what a GLORIOUS day the Lord gave us to enjoy and to **give thanks** to Him for all of His blessings, closing out the 160th anniversary year and the beginning of year 161!! A big thank you to the banner committee for all their work in creating two banners commemorating our anniversary celebrations! The first one was displayed at our outdoor service and is now in the gym. The second one is for our downtown sanctuary.

On October 18th, we will celebrate Oktoberfest in the school gym with a great meal and the **German band, Die Musikmeisters**, that we all enjoy so much, beginning at 6 p.m.!! The 160th/165th Anniversary commemorative ornament will be on display and order forms will be available. It is absolutely BEAUTIFUL, and you will definitely want to reserve one for yourself and for your loved ones!! Be sure to mark your calendars now!

The very next day will be PTL's Trunk or Treat. What a great opportunity for all of us to get to know our school families better and also welcome the area neighborhoods to St. Paul's. Relationships are so important!

December 14th at 10 a.m. will be the closing celebration of **165 years** of God's faithfulness, grace, and mercy to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This is the **one** service for the weekend with special music, a special message, a celebration reception following the service in Fellowship Hall and the atrium, and a special tour of St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center (formerly referred to as the downtown school). **Alumni** will have the opportunity to come together on December 13th to visit the Butterfield school and our "new" school, catch up with each other, have dinner together at Aurelio's, and, of course, attend worship on Sunday!! A block of rooms has been reserved for those who are out of town and need accommodations.

I pray that you have had the opportunity to take in the timeline on the cafeteria walls at school. There is SO MUCH history displayed there, and I pray that it has given you a new perspective on **just how FAITHFUL** God has been to St. Paul's throughout the last 165 years!!! Our St. Paul's ancestors have **PERSEVERED** through SO MUCH!! They **PERSEVERED**, knowing and believing that our **Heavenly Father** is **FAITHFUL** to His people!! It is my prayer that you have grown in your understanding and your thankfulness to God for **His unending faithfulness to us!!**

In His service, Nancy Eden

WELCOMING BACK ALUMNI!

On **Sunday, December 14th**, the congregation is having one joint service downtown celebrating 165 years of ministry in Kankakee County. A group of St. Paul's alumni are making plans to celebrate this momentous occasion. On **Saturday, December 13th**, they are making arrangements to tour the previous school site on Butterfield Trail. After that the Career Center site will be open for a tour. Alumni are then invited to dinner at Aurelio's in Bourbonnais. A group of rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn Express by the mall for visitors from out of town on Friday and Saturday night. On Sunday, we will all gather together to worship and praise God for 165 years of blessings. Following the service, there will be a tour of the old downtown school, which has been repurposed as a Mission & Ministry Center. More details to follow on how to register for the hotel rooms and a final itinerary of times and places.

PHIL'S FRIENDS GRAND OPENING:
A NEW ERA OF HOPE AND MISSION IN DOWNTOWN KANKAKEE



On Saturday, September 20th, we celebrated the grand opening of the Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center. The weather was decent; only a few raindrops fell as the church and community gathered to witness the rebirth of the St. Paul's old school building with a new mission—bringing hope to those affected by cancer.

The lovely temperatures set the tone for the event, as speakers shared

heartfelt words about the significance of this moment. The space, originally dedicated to the service of the Lord in 1959 as a school, has seen many chapters in its life. After the school moved away in 1991, the building continued its service as Sunday school classrooms until 2009. For many years after, it fell silent, except for a few ministries who remained faithful to using the building in service.

But now, this once-vibrant space, full of life with children learning and growing in faith, is being revived with a new purpose. The Kankakee Hope Center is now dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. Every Thursday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm and on two Saturdays each month, volunteers gather to assemble care packages that offer comfort, hope, and love to those facing a cancer journey.

This new mission is breathing fresh life into the building and, we hope, into the heart of downtown Kankakee. The grand opening of the Phil's Friends Hope Center marks not just the start of a new chapter for this historic building, but also a new era of outreach

and service for St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Our mission is to bring together volunteers from all over the community to spread hope and care to those battling cancer.

We are excited to invite everyone to join us in this new venture. We hope you'll consider being part of this meaningful work. By offering your time or resources, you'll be contributing to a larger movement of compassion and support that extends far beyond the walls of the Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center and St. Paul's.

This grand opening is only the beginning. Together, we can bring hope and new life to our community and make a lasting impact. Let's continue to honor the legacy of this building by filling it once again with life, service, and faith in action.

Thank you to all who attended and supported us in this important milestone!

Sarah Cherry
Phil's Friends Coordinator





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Don't forget to set your clocks back when Daylight Savings Time ends **Sunday, Nov 2nd !**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your children are invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. The preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in the Extended Care room at the end of the lower grade hall. The 1st through 5th graders will meet in the Music Room by the gym and then disburse to various classrooms in the upper grade hallway. Our time together will be filled with exciting Bible stories, games, activities and songs! Children will be rewarded for attendance throughout the year.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be practicing for the Sunday School Christmas program throughout the months of November and December so attendance is especially important.

SAVE THE DAY FOR THESE SPECIAL UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

- Family Sunday School on....
~**October 26th** for Reformation
~**November 23rd** for Advent
- Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, **December 21st** in the beautiful, historic downtown church

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Please join us for the LWML Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on **Saturday, October 4th** at the school. We will be begin packing

the shoeboxes around 10:00 am. We will pack as many boxes as we can depending on the amount of supplies that are received. Please come and help share the love of Jesus with the children who will receive these gifts. If you would like to donate items for the boxes, please see the enclosed insert for some ideas. Because of your support of this project, many children throughout the world get to know Jesus. Thank you for your generosity!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Youth Bible Study with Mr. Eden has resumed on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Room 132. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Faith Friends - Faith Friends is a ministry at St. Paul's, where an adult prays for a youth of our congregation for a whole school year. We are looking for adults who are willing to pray for students and their families, greet them in church, and send cards of encouragement throughout the school year. If you were part of the ministry last year, watch for an email about the new year. If you would like to start now, please contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 (text is best) or sarahcherry30@yahoo.com. All confirmation students and active high schoolers will be partnered with an adult, unless a parent chooses to opt out of the prayer ministry.

Faith Friends Prayer Ministry will be

starting again in mid-October. Adults and youth pairings will be sent out in October and there will be a Meet and Greet on **October 26th** between services. If you signed up to pray for a student, watch the mail and email for updates. Families with a 7th-12th grader please mark your calendar for the Faith Friends Meet and Greet so you can meet your Prayer Partner.

Butterbraids will be available for pre-order October 5th through October 19th. They will be delivered on Wednesday, November 19th. We will be taking orders between church services or you may contact a youth family or Liz Lesch (815-263-0537) to place an order.

Calling all bakers! Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale is not possible without your generous donations of homemade cookies. Please sign up between Sunday services in November or contact Katrina Drinnon (katrinadrinnon@gmail.com or 618-975-8361) no later than December 1st if you are willing to volunteer your baking talents. The cookie sale is **December 20th & 21st** so we ask that all donations be dropped off at the school on Friday, December 19th.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



We meet again **Saturday, October 25th & November 22nd** at 7:30 a.m. in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Join us as we study God's Word.

"ROAD TO CORONATION"

Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff

When: 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm

Where: Pastor Dave's home

"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 - who welcomed outcasts as family, touched the "unclean," performed miracles that made astonishing theological declarations, and raised the dead - 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 October 28th and November 25th.

"THE PATRIARCH AND THEIR JOURNEYS"

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

NEW TIME, DAY & LOCATION!

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:30 am

Where: St. Paul's Mission & Ministry Center, 240 S. Dearborn Ave, Kankakee

This study on the book of Genesis offers a profound opportunity to deepen our understanding of God's creation, His covenant with His people, and the foundational truths of our Christian faith.

Why study Genesis?. It is filled with profound theological insights, rich narratives, and timeless lessons. From the creation of the world, to the fall of humanity, to God's promises to Abraham and the patriarchs, Genesis sets the stage for the entire biblical account. It is here that we first encounter God's sovereignty, His justice, and His mercy—elements that are essential to understanding the Gospel.

All are welcome! Whether you're new to Bible study or have been studying the Scriptures for years, this study is for you. Come, engage with us as we explore the ancient truths of Genesis that continue to shape our faith and our understanding of God.



“COME AND BE FILLED”

Teacher: Deb Turrell

When: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm

Where: Deb’s home

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.

“PETER’S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE”

Teacher: Roy W. Cordes

When: Every Tuesday at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall and every Sunday at 9:45 am at the school

Outdoor church sign - “If You Are Too Busy To Pray, You Are Too Busy!” It could have said “If You Are Too Busy To Attend A Weekly Bible Class, You Are Too Busy!” You have the opportunity to study some of Peter’s New Testament life as he becomes a disciple of John the Baptist and then a disciple of Jesus and one of the great Apostles who spread the Gospel message until he was crucified and used as a human torch in Emperor Nero’s garden.

Peter’s letter to the new Gentile Christians and converted Jews offers the hope of eternal life in heaven even though the 1st century church was being persecuted by the Roman government. Peter reminds his readers that we will face trials and temptations, but if we persevere and endure the suffering, our reward will be eternal salvation. Jesus told His disciples life wasn’t going to be easy, but the Lord has promised a great reward and God

always keeps His promises.

You may attend either time listed above. The classes will not be on the same schedule so Tuesday attenders who come to class on Sunday will hear a repeat lesson. Every Tuesday will be a new lesson. Bring your Bibles or your smart phone. We will be studying I & II Peter verse by verse. So are you too busy? I hope not!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly fellowship dinners. We visit a different restaurant each month and share a great 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. Anyone who has come even once will tell you how much fun it is! We will meet again on **Friday, November 21st at 6 pm** at **El Mexicano** in Kankakee. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL’S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our mission is to share God’s love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we have devotions and prayer and we share our ministry over a meal. Don’t worry about whether you have the skills; we will train you. We will meet at **6pm on Wednesday, November 12th** at Monical’s in Bourbonnais. Contact Pastor Drinnon at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net or Ken Ebert at kebert24@comast.net or 815-922-0656 with any questions.

SERVICE OF HOPE & COMFORT

For some, the holidays may be a very difficult time of year because of the loss of a loved one, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage. Therefore, you are invited to the downtown church on **Wednesday, November 19th at 7pm** to hear God's Word, to meditate, and to join in singing hymns and carols of comfort and in praying for healing and hope.



VETERANS' DAY CHAPEL

We will be honoring our Veterans in chapel on **Wednesday, November 11th from 8:30-9:15 am** with a program and reception afterward. There are a few ways that you can help make this day special for our Veterans.



- **Field of Flags:** We will be creating a Field of Flags. You may purchase a flag for \$5 in honor of a specific veteran or for all veterans. The students will plant the flags in front of the school. The money collected will be sent to the Manteno Veterans Home. Purchase flags using the enclosed order form.
- **Attend Chapel and Reception:** Please come to our chapel service and invite anyone who would like to celebrate our heroes with us. The children will sing and lead the chapel service to thank the men and women who have served our country. RSVP so we may plan accordingly using the enclosed form.
- **Volunteer:** We will be asking for volunteers to donate baked goods for the reception, and we will need help setting up the event. Watch the weekly announcements for the Sign-Up Genius.
- Questions? Contact Mrs. Stirnaman at jstirnaman@stpaulslutheran.net.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual canned food drive **runs through November**. The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry with nonperishable food and items like paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, and toiletries. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES



Crutches, walkers with and without seats, wheelchairs, bathroom & shower equipment, etc. are available in our medical assistance room in the basement of the Ministry & Mission Center. If you need to borrow something, call the church office or call Roy Cordes (815-573-5085). 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 walking sticks. If you have any to donate, please call to arrange a pick-up.***

PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

The 2025 Fall Festival was a great success and we were blessed with beautiful weather.

St. Paul's book booth raised approximately \$1,600 towards the worthwhile ministry of Prairieview Lutheran Home, Faith Place and Luther Place. Proceeds from this year's festival will fund improvements to Prairieview's buildings and the construction of a walking path.

We are blessed to have such hardworking and amazing volunteers that make the book booth the success it is. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped in any way: Karen Beatty, Mike and Deb Callan, Rhonda Childs, Liz Deck, Bennie Ehrich, Nadine Engel, Joan Gehm, Kathy Goers, Michelle Gossman, Earl Jensen, Linda Johnson, Judy Krones, Kathy Lindgren, Jan Monk, Anita Schluter, Doug Schultze, Sylvia Stone, Sean and Aric Turrell, Gene Wachholz, Kayla Wagner, Matt and Loree Yoakum, and Jahna Zimmerman.

Also, thanks to all who donated books. Remember that we collect books all year. Collection boxes are at both locations.

~ Nancy Campbell and Jeanne Vilt
Human Care Board

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

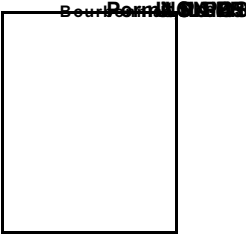
The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from **Thursday, October 30th through Sunday, November 9th**! The Book Fair will be set up in the school library and it will be open before and after school, during half day preschool pick-up, during parent-teacher conferences, and on Sunday mornings. Stop by for some early Christmas gifts! Ordering online is also available and enhances your book fair shopping! There are more books available for all ages on the website and you can also filter your search by interest, reading level and age/grade to find the perfect book. Plus you can shop 24/7. All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our school library. Please call the school office with any questions.

PHIL’S FRIENDS KANKAKEE
HOPE CENTER NOW OPEN!

We have reached the goal of becoming a Phil's Friends Hope Center. We had our Grand Opening on September 20th. Now the Center will be open on a weekly basis on Thursdays from 6 to 8pm. Plus there will still be two Saturday events a month - one longer walk-in opportunity and one Pack Party where a larger number of care packages will be prepared, packed, and prayed over. All Phil's Friends Walk-in opportunities are "come when you can, leave when you must" style events. Join us for crafting and packing whenever it works best for you. See the calendar insert for exact dates and please remember there are ongoing needs to keep the care package items in stock. Prayerfully consider regularly adding a few Phil's Friends care package items to your grocery cart when you shop. It will take many volunteers and donations to keep up with our new goal of 100 care packages a month. If you have not been to a Phil's Friends event, now would be a great time to grab a few friends and come check out the newly refreshed space at the St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center at the Kankakee Campus. You can help spread hope to those affected by cancer.

<u>August MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS</u>	
Baptized	1796
Communicant	1326
Communing	440
Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship (as of the end of the month):	
Month	248
Year-to-date	265
 <u>YTD FINANCES</u> (through 9/7/24)	
Thankofferings	
Receipts: (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School + Electronic)	\$120,698.51
Budgeted:	\$160,192.30
% of Need:	75.35%
 Building Fund	
Receipts:(Envelopes+Electronic)	
.	\$23,111.00
Budgeted:	\$33,653.80
% of need:	68.67%

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?
Would you like to receive St. Paul’s newsletter electronically instead? If so, email Christie in the church office at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net. The newsletter is also available on our website.





Sunday School/Adult & Youth Bible Class SUN 9:45 am - Bourbonnais School Site (B)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 NO SCHOOL - LEA TEACHERS' CONFERENCE 6:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	3	4 8:30am LWML Fall Gathering (B) 10:00am Op. Christmas Child (B) 5:00pm Worship (D) 
5 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B) 6:00pm Youth Night (B)	6 7:00pm Lay Ministry Mtg (B) 	7 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation Class (B) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 	8 9:30am Adult Bible Study (D) 	9 6:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	10	11 9:00am Phil's Friends Work Day (D) 5:00pm Worship (D) 
12 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B)	13 NO SCHOOL 	14 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 6:30pm School Board Meeting (B) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 	15	16 6:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	17	18 5:00pm Worship (D) 6:00pm Oktoberfest (B) 
19 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B) 3:00pm Trunk or Treat (B) 6:00pm Youth Night (B) 	20 7:00pm Church Council Mtg (B) 	21 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation Class (B) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 	22 9:30am Adult Bible Study (D) 	23 6:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	24 EARLY DISMISSAL	25 7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside) 9:30am Phil's Friends Parck Party (D) 5:00pm Worship (D)
26 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Family Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B)	27	28	29	30	31	 Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month.
	RED RIBBON WEEK					
		9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 7:00pm Adult Bible Study (1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb)		6:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR REFORMATION DAY 	

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							1 5:00pm Worship (D) 
2	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	3	4	5	6	7	8
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR							
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9 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR		10	11 8:30am Veterans Day Chapel (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 6:30pm School Board Meeting (B) 	12 9:30am Adult Bible Study (D) 6:00pm Project Compassion & Gabriel's Callers Dinner (Monical's, Bourb) 	13 6:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE PTL Mother-Son Event (B) 5:00pm Worship (D) 
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Serving our Lord in October

<i>ACOLYTE SCHEDULE</i>		
Sun., October 5	8:30 am 11:05 am	Micah Lundmark, George Morocho Loja Emma Davis, Beth Schreurs
Sun., October 12	8:30 am 11:05 am	Olivia Reardanz, Annie Schneider Hudson Bade, Jacob Kubal
Sun., October 19	8:30 am 11:05 am	Nolan Freitas, Zachary Porter MacKenzie Norton, Layna Rahn
Sun., October 26	8:30 am 11:05 am	Mo Macari, Mason Raloff Dylan Nordmeyer, Luke Stirnaman

<i>LAY READERS SCHEDULE</i>					
Sat., October 4 Sun., October 5	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Ruth Fabbro Karen Beatty	Sat., October 11 Sun., October 12	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Lauren Lundmark Sharla Ronchetto
Sat., October 18 Sun., October 19	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Diane Barber Loree Yoakum Mellody McDonald	Sat., October 25 Sun., October 26	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Dee Cordes Tammie Mesenbring

<i>TRUSTEE SCHEDULES</i>	
Sat & Sun., Oct. 4 & 5 5:00 pm - Terry Treece 8:30 am - Barry Gadbois 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Sat. & Sun., October 11 & 12 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler
Sat. & Sun., October 18 & 19 5:00 pm - Mike Callan 8:30 am - Mike Regas 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Sat & Sun., October 25 & 26 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler

Serving our Lord in November

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., November 2	8:30 am 11:05 am	Micah Lundmark, George Morocho Loja Norah Callan, Claire Wilson
Sun., November 9	8:30 am 11:05 am	Brody Brinkmann, J.P. Woods Maddie Billingsley, Ryleigh Reiniche
Sun., November 16	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lana McHugh, Quinn Styck Jacob Kubal, Briggs Mitchell
Sun., November 23	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ty Luhman, Anthony Wozniak Vincent Kreft, Lucas Porter
Wed., November 26 THANKSGIVING EVE	7:00 pm (Downtown)	Dylan Blair (crossbearer) Dain Blair, Olivia Reardanz
Thurs., November 27 THANKSGIVING DAY	10:00 am (Downtown)	Mo Macari (crossbearer) Zachary Porter, Layna Rahn
Sun., November 30	8:30 am 11:05 am	Nolan LaVoie, Kaden McDonald Emma Davis, MacKenzie Norton

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., Nov. 1 Sun., Nov. 2	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Bill Balgeman Sharla Ronchetto	Sat., Nov. 8 Sun., Nov. 9	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Ken Ebert Lauren Lundmark John Veers
Sat., Nov. 15 Sun., Nov. 16	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Dennis Hess Roy Cordes Melody Trudeau	Sat., Nov. 22 Sun., Nov. 23	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Georgia Hess Rich Engel Tammie Mesebring
Sat., Nov. 29 Sun., Nov. 30	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Nancy Eden Mellody McDonald			

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Sat. & Sun., Nov. 29 & 30 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Mike Regas 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau		



KANKAKEE HOPE CENTER

FALL 2025

Phil's Friends is a non-profit organization that distributes **FREE** care packages and monthly Cards of Hope to cancer patients of all ages across the country. We deliver up to **300 Care Packages per week** and mail **over 9,000 Cards of Hope each month**.

As diagnoses increase and awareness of the Phil's Friends mission grows, we anticipate a continued rise in demand. The **Kankakee Hope Center** is a crucial part of this mission.

You can help by volunteering at the center by expressing your creativity in coloring boxes or Cards of Hope, by making homemade cards and journals, or by cutting and tying fleece blankets. You can also prepare and pack care packages.

The Kankakee Hope Center has **Volunteer Walk-in Hours** happen **every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm** and **one Saturday a month**.

One Saturday a month is a **Pack Party** where a large number of care packages are packed.

See the calendar for dates and times.

Kankakee Hope Center
 240 S Dearborn Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901
 Use the **blue door** under the Phil's Friends sign
 For more information contact Sarah Cherry
sarahc@philsfriends.org (815) 651-6864

SEPT 25

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

OCT 2

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

OCT 9

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

OCT 11

Walk-in Opportunity - 9am to Noon

OCT 16

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

OCT 23

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

OCT 25

Pack Party - 9:30am to 11am

OCT 30

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

NOV 6

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

NOV 8

Walk-in Opportunity - 9am to Noon

NOV 13

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

NOV 20

Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

NOV 22

Pack Party - 9:30am to 11am



phil's friends

cancer is strong. **hope is stronger.**

As diagnoses increase and awareness of the Phil's Friends mission grows, we anticipate a continued rise in demand.

Please help so no one is turned away!

Gather items or order from our **Amazon Wishlist**. Collect items on your own, with your neighborhood, church, or business organization and bring them to one of our Hope Centers or ship to our **Crown Point location**.

CARE PACKAGE NEEDS

BLANKETS

Throw blankets, crocheted, or fleece tied



HATS

Knitted & Crocheted



FUZZY SOCKS

Women's Only

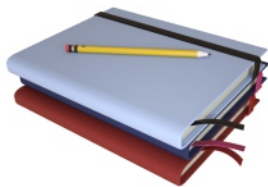


TISSUES



LIP BALMS

JOURNALS



PUZZLE BOOKS



LOTIONS



Fragrance-free; 16oz. or smaller

MOUTH RINSE



Alcohol-free
4-8oz. or smaller

TOOTHBRUSH



& Travel size
TOOTHPASTE

PLAYING CARDS

No Casino
Decks



GIFT CARDS *

\$20 value
or higher



MONETARY GIFTS



SCAN QR CODES AMAZON LIST PF WEBSITE



Please note: all items need to be new and unused because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems.
** Gift Cards are used to purchase needed items. We do not put them in the care packages

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

CALL OR EMAIL FOR HOURS

julied@philsfriends.org 224-653-8315

Crown Point, IN
1249 Arrowhead Ct.
Crown Point, IN 46307

Wheaton, IL
213 W. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187-5135

Addison, IL
1150 N. Swift Rd.
Addison, IL 60101-1452



2025

Wear your Lederhosen or Dirndl and join us for a fun evening of German music and food!

- When:** Saturday, October 18th
Where: St. Paul's School Gym
Doors Open: 5:45 p.m.
Dinner: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Band: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Die Musikmeisters Band from Chicago!
Menu: Brats, hot dogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, potato chips, applesauce, pretzel bread rolls, pumpkin & apple desserts.

Feel free to invite non-St. Paul's family & friends! We will provide non-alcoholic beverages & you can bring your own beer or wine if you wish.

Please RSVP by October 12th by going to the link on our home page (stpaulslutheran.net) or by calling the church office at 815-932-0312.

A freewill offering will be taken, but is not required.

Veterans' Day Chapel Program

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

We will be honoring our Veterans in chapel on Tuesday, November 11, from 8:30-9:15 am with a program and reception afterward. There are a few ways that you can help make this day special for our Veterans.

Field of Flags We will be creating a Field of Flags. You may purchase a flag for \$5 in honor of a specific veteran or for all veterans. The students will plant the flags in front of the school. The money collected will be sent to the Manteno Veterans Home. Purchase flags using the attached order form.

The names we collect for the Field of Flags will also be used for a special Veterans' Day video to be shown during chapel.

Attend Chapel and Reception Please come to our chapel service and invite anyone who would like to celebrate our heroes with us. The children will lead the chapel service to thank the men and women who have served our country. RSVP so we may plan accordingly using the attached form.

Volunteer We will be asking for volunteers to donate baked goods for the reception, and we will need help setting up the event. Check FastDirect to sign up via the Sign-Up Genius.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Stirnaman via FastDirect.



Field of Flags and Video Tribute

This form is due to the office by October 31. Please put the form and money in an envelope marked "Veterans Day".

Student Name: _____

How many flags would you like to order? _____

Please check one:

_____ My flag(s) are for all veterans.

_____ My flag(s) are in honor of the following veterans (please print names clearly):

Each flag is \$5. How will you pay for your flags?

_____ Cash Enclosed

_____ Check Enclosed (payable to St. Paul's Lutheran School)

_____ FastDirect



Veterans Day Chapel RSVP

_____ How many additional guests (veterans or not) will attend our chapel presentation on Tuesday, November 11?



Suggestions and Ideas

Good basics to include:

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| * Washcloth | * Scissors | * Pencil bag |
| * Spiral notebooks | * Construction paper | * Drawing tablets |
| * Coloring books | * Crayons | * Colored pencils |
| * Pencils | * Pens | * Pencil sharpener |
| * Erasers | * Stickers | * Solar calculator |

For fun:

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| * Plastic animals | * Balls | * Cars | * Baby dolls |
| * Stuffed animals | * Yoyos | * Whistles | * Jacks |
| * Musical instruments | * Building sets | * Jump ropes | |
| * Picture books | * Colorful card games | | |

Also good ideas:

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|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| * Sunglasses | * Socks | * Hats | * Gloves |
| * Hair ties/clips | * T-shirts | * Kids jewelry | |

WHATEVER WILL BRING A CHILD JOY!

Each box needs one special WOW item to catch the child's attention as soon as they open the box and let them know they are special.

NOT Allowed

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|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| * Candy/food | * Medications | * Toothpaste | * Liquids |
| * Violent toys | * Lotions | * Soap | * Used items |
| * Easily broken items | | | |

NOT recommended

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|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| * Playdoh | * Reading books | * Superhero books or toys |
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Monetary gifts are very welcome as each box costs \$10 to ship.