

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - October 4th & 5th

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.

STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Koeppen will be doing a Bible study between the church services this week in Room 131 (Mrs. Stirnaman's room) in the upper grade hallway. This Bible study aligns with the stewardship campaign, *Give As You Are Blessed (Guided by the Tithe)*. We pray you join us!



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.



GIVE AS YOU ARE BLESSED
(GUIDED BY THE TITHE)

This is the third week of our stewardship emphasis **Give as You Are Blessed (Guided by the Tithe)**. Next week, we begin the **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** (ten percent for ten weeks). Today is Commitment Sunday. God gives and never stops giving. God gave to us first through His creation and then through the most indescribable gift—the gift of His grace through His Son, Jesus. As created and redeemed people, we give out of gratitude for His wonderful blessings and lavish love for us. Our giving honors and worships our Lord. To help all of us grow in the grace of giving, we are encouraging everyone to participate in our ten-week giving challenge. Giving is an important part of being a disciple for Jesus. Please seek God's guidance as to what proportionate amount of your income He wants you to give during the **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge**. May God grant us all giving and generous hearts.

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



Oct. 6th at 5:30 pm
Girls Basketball Game
@ St. John's, Buckley

Oct. 9th at 5:00 pm
Girls Basketball Game
@ Cornerstone

Oct. 10th at 4:00 pm
Cross Country Sectionals
@ Perry Farm

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is back! All preschoolers through 5th 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 1st - 5th 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.

CAROL GOODWIN'S BIRTHDAY

Carol is turning 80 on October 22nd. Her son, Jeff, is trying to get birthday cards for her sent to his home. Her family plans to give them to her all at once on her birthday! If you would like to wish Carol a happy birthday, please send a card to Carol c/o Jeff Goodwin, 20153 C St., Omaha NE 68130.

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!



T.R.I.P. ORDERING

What is the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program?

- Raise money by buying gift cards to use for everyday purchases. Choose from 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 the school, you may donate your share 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 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!!



NO. DAKOTA BOYS & GIRLS RANCH

On **Thursday, October 9th**, Emmanuel's LWML will host a speaker from the North Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch at 6:30 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran in Dwight (325 E. Mazon Ave.). They will be taking an ingathering of personal hygiene products for their "Caring Closet", as well as any quilts or fleece blankets for the children there. At the conclusion, desserts will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 815-584-3433.

PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

Tuesdays 9:45 am - Fellowship Hall

** We will resume the Sunday Bible Study on October 12th, once the Stewardship Bible Study series has finished*

Do you have the bestselling book in the world in your library? Do you use it every day? Do you ever take the time to study it? If every month you attend four worship services, four 1-hour Bible classes, and have a 30-minute personal devotion every day, you are spending 4.5% of your 720 hours that you live per month in God's Word.

Of course the bestselling book in the world is ***The Holy Bible***. Here at St. Paul's, there are always adult Bible studies on Sunday morning, and some during the week throughout the year. If you only attend two church services a month and do Bible studies, then you use 3.6% of your time in God's Word. If you only attend church, have no personal devotions and do not attend any Bible studies, you are at 1.1% of your time walking and talking with the Lord. Remember the more we give God, the more we receive from Him.

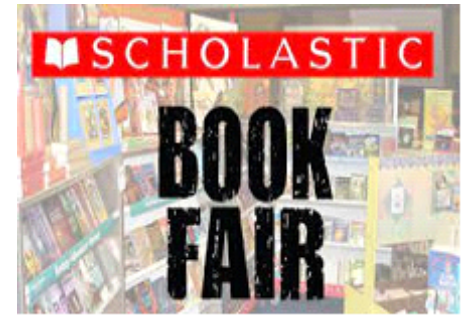
Here is another challenge for you in addition to our congregation's *Ten for Ten*. Why not try to be at least a 4% participant for the next few weeks? I am sure God will love it and who knows? Maybe you will too!

VETERANS' DAY CHAPEL



We will be honoring our Veterans in chapel on **TUESDAY, 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.



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.

“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. 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! Come, engage with us as we explore the ancient truths of Genesis that continue to shape our faith and our understanding of God.



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 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE
September 27th & 28th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	65
Sunday, 8:30 am	140
Sunday, 11:05 am	79
WEEKEND TOTAL	284

Adult Bible Class	12
Youth Bible Class	8
Children’s Sunday School	19

Offerings Given

General	\$12,967.31
Building	\$1,135.00
School Ops	\$325.00
Matching (General)	\$1,380.00
Matching (Building)	\$830.00

SEPTEMBER VOTERS MEETING SUMMARY

The Voters Assembly met on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Business and information items were light.

- Treasurer’s Report accepted
- (as of 8/31/2025)
Budgeted Income to date:
\$367,215.48
Budgeted Expenses to date:
\$365,436.35
Balance: (\$1,779.13)

Agenda actions items as follows:

- Lay Ministry Membership changes were approved.
- The Treasurer discussed the summary of the School Financial Review with the Voters.
- Mission & Ministry Update. Sarah Cherry gave an update of the Grant process for help with repairs at the downtown Mission & Ministry Center. They have submitted the grant to the Northern Illinois District to help update the Mission & Ministry Center. They will hopefully receive an answer in December. They are also getting ready to apply for Synodical grants for the Mission & Ministry Center.
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Forum Delegates - Pastor Drinnon and Brent Eden were approved as Pastoral and Lay Delegates to the Circuit Forum where the circuit will elect Pastoral and Lay Delegates to attend the Synodical Convention in 2026.
 - Housing Allowance approval for our Called Workers. The voters approved an amended 2025 Housing allowance. Total for 2025 is \$176,998.76 (an increase of \$3,000.00) The voters also approved the 2026 housing allowances for a total of \$179,870.00.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Organist: Nadine Engel

AN: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry

Live Streaming/Recording: Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Layna Rahn

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Greg Deck
8:30: Ken Capps, Bruce Clark, John Veers
11:05: Bob Carruthers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Jennifer Richardson
8:30: Ruth Fabbro
11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: George & Gloria Morocho Loja
11:05: Emma Davis, Beth Schreurs

Trustees: 5:00: Terry Treece
8:30: Barry Gadbois
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: Heidi Ostrowski, Heather Stroo

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, Oct. 5	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, Oct. 6	5:30 pm	Girls Basketball Game	<i>(St. John's, Buckley)</i>
	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, Oct. 7	9:45 am	<i>Peter's Joyful Perseverance</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:30 pm	New Member Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Oct. 8	9:30 am	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Thur, Oct. 9	5:00 pm	Girls Basketball Game	<i>(Cornerstone)</i>
Fri, Oct. 10	4:00 pm	Cross Country Sectionals	<i>(Perry Farm)</i>
Sat, Oct. 11	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Oct. 12	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>