

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - October 11th & 12th

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.



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.

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.



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!!



COME CHEER ON YOUR
ST. PAUL'S TIGERS!



Oct. 14th at 4:30 pm

Girls Basketball Game

@ HOME vs. Illinois Lutheran

Oct. 18th

IESA State Cross Country Meet

@ Maxwell Park, Normal

TRUNK OR TREAT



The school family favorite, Trunk or Treat, is scheduled for **Sunday, Oct. 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! Scan the QR code to sign up to help or to include your car in the trunk or treat fun!



CAROL GOODWIN'S BIRTHDAY

Carol is turning 80 on October 22nd. Her family would like to collect birthday cards and 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will run from **Sun., June 14th through Thurs., June 18th** next summer. Kids will step through the mist into **Rainforest Falls**, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

T.R.I.P. ORDERING

What is the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program?

- Raise money by buying gift cards for everyday purchases. Choose from 750+ retailers like Starbucks, Kohl's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bath & Body Works, LL Bean, Chipotle, & more!
- Pay face value for gift cards. St. Paul's will receive a portion of what you spend and a portion will be applied to your school account to use 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.



PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

Teacher: Roy W. Cordes

Tuesdays 9:45 am - Fellowship Hall

Sundays 9:45 am - Room 130

Do you remember a time when you joined others by attending Sunday morning Bible class between services? Are you suffering by living in this world of sin? Are you being persecuted for being a Christian? Do you have a friend who is struggling and asking you for help? Are you thankful that God is blessing your life right now?

Perseverance, joyful perseverance, is what helped 1st century Christians make it through Nero's domination over "Christ ones," some who died because they wouldn't abandon Jesus or their faith. Peter's instructions, based on God's Word, gave them the courage to stand up for Jesus, even in tough times. As the world gets worse every day, are you sure that your faith will allow you to joyfully persevere?

The 15 people who are signed up on Tuesday mornings would welcome more attendees, and the course is just starting this Sunday at 9:45 am in Room 130, the 7th grade room in the school. Bring some coffee and your Bible and we will have some fun and also be serious about God's plan for us to be examples in our daily walk with Him. See you there!

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.

"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 opts out.

Faith Friends Prayer Ministry will be starting 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 are now available for pre-order until October 19th. They will be delivered on Wed., November 19th. We will be taking orders between church services this Sunday and next Sunday or you may contact a youth family or Liz Lesch (815-263-0537) to place an order.

**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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

October 4th & 5th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	94
Sunday, 8:30 am	141
Sunday, 11:05 am	91
WEEKEND TOTAL	326

Adult Bible Class	14
Youth Bible Class	11
Children's Sunday School	20

Offerings Given

General	\$15,199.81
Building	\$4,359.00
School Ops	\$250.00
Matching (General)	\$770.00
Matching (Building)	\$1,600.00
Anniversary	\$165.00

**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

TITHING IS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

This is the first week of our **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** (ten percent for ten weeks). One of the blessings of our **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** is that it will help many of us become more disciplined in our giving. The tithe is a spiritual discipline that helps us put our lives under the lordship of Jesus. As New Testament Christians, we look at all we have as blessings from God. However, to proclaim that 100 percent belongs to the Lord does not help us to know what dollar amount to write on the check to the Lord through our church. The tithe is a Biblical benchmark or guide that helps us determine an amount to give.

The goal of this giving challenge is to help each of us grow in the grace of giving. To know what to give, we need to go to God in prayer. God knows our hearts and our financial conditions. In our prayers, we should ask for both direction and strength. After receiving His guidance as to what He wants us to give, we also need the strength to follow His direction. He will encourage some to tithe and even to give beyond the tithe. He knows that others are not ready currently to start tithing. May God grant us discipline for proportionate giving not only during this **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** but throughout our lives.



