

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - November 8th & 9th

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.

LWML PLANNING MEETING

Ladies of St. Paul's are invited to join us **Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 6:30pm** in the school library for a meeting to coordinate future women's ministry and Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) activities.

LWML MISSION GRANT

Next weekend, LWML will collecting mites for this month's mission grant: a portable laundry trailer for Forged by Fire Services.

Forged by Fire Services, a disaster response organization of the LCMS is deployed to the Gulf Coast Region and beyond. They provide human care to the victims, volunteers, and first responders affected by natural and man-made disasters. After a disaster, one of the needs of the people are clean clothes. Forged by Fire's portable laundry trailer will be set up in the parking lot of an LCMS church. The volunteers who will operate the trailer will have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with those they are serving.

GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

This is the fifth week of our **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge**. As Christians, we can, by God's grace, share His love with others through our good acts. God has chosen and equipped us to be His instruments of support, service, and compassion. As C. S. Lewis wrote, "Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest, good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of." A good act that God wants and expects from us is to give faithfully. God wants to use us as His instruments through whom He helps those in need, supports His Church, and advances His kingdom. God uses our financial gifts and multiplies them into something significant. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in every good work*" (2 Corinthians 9:8).



PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

Teacher: Roy W. Cordes
Tuesdays 9:45 am - Fellowship Hall

The Tuesday morning Bible class will finish I Peter Chapter 5 this week and move on to II Peter. Peter informs the church about the suffering and tests that will require joyful perseverance, but he had also witnessed part of the glory by being present for the Transfiguration. His message in both letters had two purposes, (1) to encourage the followers of Jesus to endure their suffering, and (2) to testify and remind them of God's grace. That also applies to us today as we study this portion of the Bible.

It is never too late to join the class. Each lesson is independent of the others because we discuss God's Word verse-by-verse. Have you walked and talked with the Lord recently in places other than a formal worship service? You would be encouraged to do so!

NEED DIRT?



On the corner of Merchant and Dearborn, at the downtown church there is 3 - 4 yards of good, black dirt which needs to be removed ASAP. So bring your buckets or your truck and take what you can use. For more information or for help call Bill Balgeman at 815-937-4947.

TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU!

Thank you to Heather & Neil Stroo and Stephanie & Doug Jones for co-chairing our annual Trunk or Treat Event yesterday!! The event was outstanding! We counted nearly 300 trick-or-treaters plus parents. Thank you to all those who set up "trunks" and handed out treats. We also thank those who manned the different stations and helped with setup and clean up. We are so grateful for everyone's participation.

We also thank Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoekstra for the donation of all the pumpkins used for decorating. The kids were creative and had a lot of fun doing this.

We praise God for our school, our staff, and our Saint Paul's community! Please look at our school and church FB pages for event pictures!!

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. We will meet on **Fri., November 21st at 6 pm at El Mexicano** in Kankakee. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

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.



T.R.I.P. ORDERING

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner? Getting a head start on your Christmas shopping? Use T.R.I.P. cards to fund your purchases for the upcoming holidays!

What is the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program?

- Raise money by buying gift cards for everyday purchases. Choose from 750+ retailers like Ulta, Nike, American Eagle, PetSmart, Cabela's, LL Bean, Michael's, Texas Roadhouse, Amazon, Marshall's, Walmart, Jewel & 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. Call the school office for the enrollment code.



MANY THANKS

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge. (1 Corinthians 1:4-5)"

I give thanks to you all for encouragement in October and throughout the year. I want to thank you for your many cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciate your thoughts, words of encouragement and - most importantly - your prayers. I am so blessed to be part of a team of workers and laity in our church and school that share the love, compassion, and grace of Jesus. I am also so very thankful for the kind, caring and supportive body of Christ here at St. Paul's. May the Lord continue to bless you!

~ Pastor Karl & Lynda Koeppen

BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY

If you ordered Butter Braids from our Youth Group and would like to have them in time for Thanksgiving, they will be available for pick-up on **November 19th at 5pm** at the school. Otherwise they will be in the freezer in the cafeteria for pick-up on Sundays.

PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our mission is to share God's love and to care for 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 Wed., Nov. 12th** at Monical's in Bourb. Questions? Email Pastor Drinnon at rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net or contact Ken Ebert at kebert24@comcast.net or 815-922-0656.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP BAND

6th - 12th grade band and orchestra musicians, along with any adult musicians, are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on **Sunday, December 7th during the 8:30 am worship service**. We will provide music for the pre-service, offertory, and post-service.

We will rehearse on Sat., Dec. 6th at 9am in the school gym. Donuts, juice, & milk will be provided after the rehearsal.

Please contact Bill Dyché by texting 815-592-0870 or emailing bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Include the musician name, instrument, email, and cell number.



Katrina and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous and thoughtful gifts, kind messages, and faithful prayers during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your kindness and support toward me and my family truly moves us.

Your gifts are not only a blessing but also a beautiful reminder of the bond we share in Christ Jesus. It is a true privilege and joy to serve as your pastor.

Thank you again for your generosity, encouragement, and for being such a vital part of our church family.

In Christ,
Pastor Drinnon and Katrina

GOD BLESSES THE TITHES

Roy Cordes is sharing his testimony in the weekend services relating to trusting the Lord by giving a percentage of his family income and eventually leading to giving 10% and gifts beginning in the 1970's. His ministry minute will carry the message of how much God blesses our personal finances if we are willing to trust Him. If you would like to hear more details and Scripture references that developed his testimony, it is available on You Tube, along with other Podcasts he has done over the last few months. Look for "God Blesses The Tithes" on this website: www.youtube.com/@DEJARR-v6K

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

All preschool through 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program on **Sunday, December 21st at 4 pm.** Students will begin rehearsing during the Sunday School hour this week and continuing through the program date. Please have your children attend Sunday School regularly if they plan to participate in the program. There will also be two Saturday morning rehearsals at the downtown church on December 13th & 20th from 9 to 11 am.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual canned food drive **runs through the month of November.** The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry by bringing in nonperishable food and non-food items like paper towels, toilet paper and other toiletries. As we head into the holidays, now is a great time to reflect on everything that we have been blessed with and to share our gifts with those less fortunate. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church.



SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

For some, the upcoming holidays may be a very difficult time of the year - difficult because of the loss of a loved one through death, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage. You are invited to our Service of Hope and Comfort at the downtown church on **Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm** to hear God's Word, meditate, sing hymns and carols of comfort, and pray for healing and hope.



STORIES OF THE SEASON GRIEF WORKSHOP

The holiday season can be challenging for anyone, but especially for those celebrating the holidays without a loved one this season. You are invited to join Uplifted Care for a family event on **Saturday, Nov. 15th from 10 am to noon** at their Community Grief Center on Career Center Rd. They will discuss coping strategies, changing traditions, and setting boundaries for the holiday season. Workshop materials & light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required to attend. To register for this FREE grief workshop or for more information on all of their grief support services, please call their office at 815-939-4141. Uplifted Care offers something for everyone at any stage of their grief journey. All services are completely free.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
November 1st & 2nd	
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	76
Sunday, 8:30 am	130
Sunday, 11:05 am	95
WEEKEND TOTAL	301
Youth Bible Class	12
Children's Sunday School	26
<u>Offerings Given</u>	
General	\$15,739.83
Building	\$3,624.00
School Ops	\$250.00
Matching (General)	\$1,160.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have an announcement or an article that you would like published in the December/January newsletter, please submit your request to the church office **no later than November 15th**. You may email your request to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call 815-932-0312.



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

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Bruce Clark
 8:30: Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz
 11:05: John Veers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Ken Ebert
 8:30: Lauren Lundmark
 11:05: John Veers

Acolytes: 8:30: Brody Brinkmann, J.P. Woods
 11:05: Maddie Billingsley, Ryleigh Reiniche

Trustees: 5:00: Terry Treece
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Jim Sharper, Rob & Mary Wood
 8:30: Manuel Morocho Loja, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
 11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Hope Brammer, Natalie Cherry, Deb Turrell

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

Youth Leaders: Maddie Billingsley, Dylan Blair, Hope Brammer, Amber & Brody Brinkmann, Natalie & Josh Cherry, Kaelyn Freitas, Drew & Jacob Kubal, Micah Lundmark, Layna Rahn, Olivia Reardanz, Daphne & Delilah Sexton, Ava & Jackson Veasey, Gavin & J.P. Woods

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Nov. 9		<i>LAST DAY OF SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</i>
	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional <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>
Mon, Nov. 10	5:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game vs. St. Paul’s, Munster <i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, Nov. 11	9:45 am	<i>Peter’s Joyful Perseverance</i> <i>(Downtown)</i>
	5:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game vs. Grace <i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:30 pm	New Member Class <i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting <i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Nov. 12	9:30 am	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i> <i>(Downtown)</i>
	6:00 pm	Project Compassion & Gabriel’s Callers Quarterly Meeting <i>(Monical’s, Bourb)</i>
Thur, Nov. 13	6:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk-In <i>(Downtown)</i>
Fri, Nov. 14	5:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game <i>(Cornerstone)</i>
Sat, Nov. 15		<i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Commuinon</i> <i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Nov. 16	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> <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>