

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - November 15th & 16th

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 week number six of our **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge** (ten percent for ten weeks). The sainted pastor and author Charlie Shedd wrote, "The tithe is a time-honored practice which has glorified God in the lives of many people. In the first Biblical accounts of man's relation to God, the tithe was law. In the coming of Christ, man moved from a period of law to a period of grace. The response of the Christian soul will be one of earnest desire to yield its all to Him Who gave His all for us. As we consider tithing in the light of Bible history and in the practice of many Christians today, we will discover that the tithe is not dead, nor should it be, but we must also go beyond the tithe and consider the New Testament teaching of proportionate giving. Out of this background we believe in calling people to percentage giving, in order that they may have a specific starting point on a road which encompasses the doctrine of tithing and moves beyond it to the total surrender of all they have and all they are. As such, we are concerned with Jesus' attitude toward the tithe. Here we discover that we must let Christ, the Living Word, speak to us personally."

PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

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

Peter told the Council, "It is better to obey God, rather than man." When threatened with prison and execution, he persisted in spreading the message of the Gospel. The Tuesday morning Bible class has one more session this week on Tuesday, November 18th, and we will be studying II Peter Chapter 1. We will then take a Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's break and resume class on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church campus.

In I Peter, the message was we are going to suffer for being Christians, but it will be an opportunity for our faith to grow through trials and temptations if we demonstrate joyful perseverance. In II Peter, writing from jail and about to be crucified, Peter reviews the virtues that make up our Christian walk, offers comfort through the Gospel message and warns against false teachers.

The message concerning virtues of being a Christian in his first chapter are similar to Paul's listing of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. By attending this week, you could solidify your faith as we prepare to move into the holiday season. Join us!

NEED DIRT?



On the corner of Merchant and Dearborn, at the downtown church there is a pile 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!! 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.

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

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.

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

Last weekend, Roy Cordes shared 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 carried 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.



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Family Sunday School on **November 23rd.** We will be preparing an Advent Wreath kit for each family to take home. We will meet in the gym at 9:45.



CARE PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Do you know someone with cancer? Would you like to send them Hope? If you know someone locally and would like to deliver it, you can pick one up from the church office during normal office hours. If the person lives further away and the box needs to be shipped, you can contact Sarah Cherry with the address and we will ship out one of our boxes. Either way we need the person's address so they can receive their monthly Cards of Hope for the next year.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
November 8th & 9th	
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	72
Sunday, 8:30 am	152
Sunday, 11:05 am	89
WEEKEND TOTAL	313
Youth Bible Class	13
Children's Sunday School	20
<u>Offerings Given</u>	
General	\$14,175.58
Building	\$650.00
School Ops	\$275.00
Matching (General)	\$835.00
Matching (Building)	\$250.00

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Don't forget to take time during your celebrations to thank God for all His blessings. Join us for Thanksgiving services at the beautiful downtown church on **Wednesday, Nov 26th at 7pm** or **Thursday, Nov. 27th at 10am.**



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

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: Dennis Hess
 8:30: Roy Cordes
 11:05: Melody Trudeau

Acolytes: 8:30: Lana McHugh, Quinn Styck
 11:05: Jacob Kubal

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Mellody McDonald, Sharla Ronchetto

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

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Nov. 16	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>) Children’s Sunday School (<i>Bourb</i>) Youth Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>) Youth Night (<i>Bourb</i>)
Mon, Nov. 17	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game vs. Trinity, Tinley Park (<i>Bourb</i>) Church Council Meeting (<i>Bourb</i>)
Tue, Nov. 18	9:45 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	<i>Peter’s Joyful Perseverance</i> (<i>Downtown</i>) Jr. Confirmation Class (<i>Bourb</i>) LWML Planning Meeting (<i>Bourb</i>)
Wed, Nov. 19	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Butter Braid Pick-Up (<i>Bourb</i>) Boys Basketball Game vs. Cornerstone (<i>Bourb</i>) Service of Hope & Comfort (<i>Downtown</i>)
Thur, Nov. 20	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game (<i>Illinois Lutheran, Crete</i>) Phil’s Friends Walk-In (<i>Downtown</i>)
Fri, Nov. 21		
Sat, Nov. 22	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Men’s Bible Breakfast (<i>Riverside</i>) Worship - Traditional (<i>Downtown</i>)
Sun, Nov. 23	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (<i>Bourb</i>) Family Sunday School: Advent Project (<i>Bourb</i>) Youth Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Contemporary (<i>Bourb</i>)