

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - November 29th & 30th

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.

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 at katrinadrinnon@gmail.com or 618-975-8361 no later than December 1st if you are willing to volunteer your baking talents.

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



Tues., Dec. 2nd at 5:00

HOME Boys Basketball Game

Thurs., Dec. 4th at 4:00

HOME Boys Basketball Game

Fri., Dec. 5th at 5:30 pm

HOME Boys Basketball Game

THE BLESSINGS FROM TITHING

This is the eighth week of our **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge**. God supplies us with property and material wealth. Even though we may think that we have earned our money and possessions through hard work, we must be ever mindful that everything we have has been given to us as a gift from God. *"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the power to get wealth..."* (Deuteronomy 8:17-18) In response, God asks that we show our appreciation for these gifts by sharing a portion of them. Tithing is regular and systematic giving to the Lord. Although tithing is not commanded as New Testament Christians, it is a meaningful, Biblical guide to our giving.

Through tithing we express our thankfulness to our heavenly Father for our lives and all the blessings that He has so generously bestowed upon us. Tithing opens our lives to the potential for further blessings from God who so dearly loves us. May God richly bless you for your faithful giving as you participate in the **TEN for TEN Giving Challenge**.

ADVENT DINNER



The first Advent midweek service and dinner is this **Wednesday, December 3rd** in Fellowship Hall at the **downtown church**. The dinner will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** prior to the 7:00 p.m. worship service. The meal will be St. Paul's famous BBQ sandwiches and will be served by Human Care (although Phil's Friends made the meat. Thank you!) Coffee, lemonade and dessert will also be served. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen. Please join us for food and fellowship and then worship!

PASTOR SHEETS IS RETIRING!

If you would like to create a video message to be played at his retirement reception on December 14th, please go to <https://share.vidday.com/e/r-vrtdt66>. If you would like to mail a card, please send it to:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
ATTENTION: SHEETS RETIREMENT
822 Belvoir Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37412

happy retirement



ADVENT DEVOTIONS

This year's Advent devotions, ***Born to You ... a Savior***, are now available for pick-up at the downtown church and the school. Feel free to grab one for yourself and one to share!

God in His incomparable love has made a way for us through the wilderness. He did this by giving us His Son, our Light in the darkness. In ***Born to You ... a Savior***, we embrace the Christmas joy and wonder of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

At Christ's birth, God the Father did a new and everlasting thing in our lives: He gave us His one and only Son for our redemption. In divine humility, Jesus joined us as a human being. Born of a woman, bearing the sins of the world, Jesus comes to us as our Protector, our Deliverer, our Savior.



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.***

CHRISTMAS PARTY RESCHEDULED

Due to multiple conflicts at St. Paul's and in our community, the Youth Ministry Christmas Party has been rescheduled for **Friday, December 19th from 5-8pm.** Join us for food, cookie decorating, Christmas fun, and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped goofy white elephant gift (valued \$10 or less) for the gift exchange.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Your help is needed with our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale! Youth families, our annual Christmas Cookie Sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year to help fund the LCMS Youth Gathering trip and other youth ministry events. We need your help to bake and pack cookies. ***Please sign-up for one or more volunteer opportunities from November 30th through December 21st via this QR code:***



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.



TABLES OF EIGHT 2026

Have you ever said "hello" to someone at church on Sunday morning and thought "They seem nice. I'd like to get to know them better."? Well, now is your chance! St. Paul's Tables of Eight 2026 begins in January and so it is time to sign up for this fun social event! Four randomly grouped couples meet once a month for four months in each others' homes for dinner. This is a purely social event and a great way to get to know each other better. The dates for this year's dinners are **January 24, February 21, March 21 and April 18** (all Saturdays). You need to be able to host 8 adults for dinner. This event is for adults only, giving parents a night out on their own. If you cannot host 8 people or cannot attend all four dinners, we always need substitutes and you are welcome to sign up on our alternate list.

Sign ups will take place after services on **November 29/30, December 6/7, December 14 and December 20/21.** Stop by our table in the cafeteria during coffee hour or talk to Lynda after church on Saturdays to find out more about Tables of Eight and sign up for the fun! If you have any questions or are not able to sign up at church, contact Lynda Koeppen at lykoeppen@comcast.net or 592-5701 by December 31st.

MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE



The Lord continues to touch the hearts of the people at St. Paul's congregation. The General Fund's donations have reached \$45,778.12.

We are \$4,221.88 short of our \$50,000 goal for General Funds. We would like to reach this goal by Christmas. The Building Fund's donations are \$57,082.15. You are a true blessing!



With
Deepest
Sympathy

If you would like to send your condolences at the passing of Pastor Mueller, you may send them to:

Sandy Mueller

1710 Plum St.

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

BRADLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE



On **Friday, December 5th**, the Village of Bradley will present their annual lighted Christmas parade. This year's theme is "A Christmas Jubilee on Gingerbread Lane" and St. Paul's PTL is

entering a float! We would love to have you walk with us alongside the float. If you are interested, please call the church office or scan the QR code below. The more walkers we have, the bigger impact we'll make as witnesses!



ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

The BIG day is just around the corner! On December 14th we will celebrate God's faithfulness to St. Paul's with a combined worship service at 10 am at our historic downtown church. (Please note there will NO Saturday service that weekend.)

Hopefully you received your printed invitation in the mail this past week. It has all of the information for the weekend, including a special alumni event on Saturday, December 13th. If you did not receive an invitation, please reach out to the church office.

We ask that you please use the QR code in the invitation to let us know you are planning to attend any or all of the weekend festivities. The sign-up link is

also available on our website stpaulslutheran.net or feel free to call the church office at 815-932-0312 to RSVP.

It is going to be a glorious day, praising the Lord for all of His gifts and His grace and mercy to St. Paul's for the last 165 years!! Something to consider....St. Paul's began in 1859, 16 months before the Civil War!! God has seen our congregation through so many ups and downs, all so that His precious Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ would be, and continues to be, shared with those around us—our families, our communities and the world!

There will be a reception and light lunch following the worship service, allowing time for fellowship and catching up with alumni (both students and staff) and former members who will be joining us. At that time, you will be able to view highlights from our historical timeline, Confirmation pictures from throughout the years, and old pictorial directories and yearbooks. In addition, the former school on Dearborn, which has been newly renamed St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center will be open for tours. This is now home to an official Phil's Friends Center of Hope.

You won't want to miss this amazing time together!! So, mark your calendar, plan to attend, and please let us know your intentions to join us on December 13th and 14th!!

165th Anniversary Chairman,
Nancy Eden

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! Order by 9 am on December 8th to guarantee delivery by Christmas.

What is the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program?

- Raise money by buying gift cards for everyday purchases. Choose from 750+ national retailers like Ulta, Nike, American Eagle, PetSmart, Cabela's, LL Bean, Michael's, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Marshall's, Jewel, and tons of restaurants, airlines, hotels & 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.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 22nd & 23rd

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	65
Sunday, 8:30 am	132
Sunday, 11:05 am	64
WEEKEND TOTAL	261

Youth Bible Class	8
Children's Sunday School	12

Offerings Given

General	\$13,449.52
Building	\$1,200.00
School Ops	\$575.00
Matching (General)	\$1,560.00
Matching (Building)	\$1,000.00

ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE ORNAMENT

Don't forget to purchase a beautiful anniversary keepsake ornament for your Christmas tree - and buy a couple extra as gifts! They capture our history perfectly and they're only \$25! They are available for purchase after the Saturday evening service and between the Sunday services or you may call the church office to reserve yours.



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: Audra Taylor
 8:30: Nancy Eden
 11:05: Mellody McDonald

Acolytes: 8:30: Nolan LaVoie, Kaden McDonald
 11:05: Emma Davis, MacKenzie Norton

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
 8:30: Mike Regas
 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: 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 , Nov. 30	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	(Bourb)
Mon , Dec. 1	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	(Bourb)
Tue , Dec. 2	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	(Bourb)
	6:30 pm	New Member Class	(Bourb)
Wed , Dec. 3	5:30 pm	Advent Dinner - BBQ Sandwiches	(Downtown)
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service	(Downtown)
Thur , Dec. 4	6:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk-In	(Downtown)
Fri , Dec. 5	6:30 pm	Bradley Christmas Parade	(Broadway)
Sat , Dec. 6	9:00 am	Phil’s Friends Work Day	(Downtown)
	9:00 am	Holiday Worship Band Rehearsal	(Bourb)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	(Downtown)
Sun , Dec. 7	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	(Bourb)