

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Announcements - January 3rd & 4th

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.



PTL'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

PTL will be hosting St. Paul's Lutheran School's **Boots & Blessings** on **Saturday, February 28th** at Quality Inn in Bradley. Join us for an evening of dinner and live music (provided by South Side Social Club)! Doors will open at 6 pm with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7 pm and the band will entertain us from 7 to 10 pm with intermittent breaks for live auction items throughout the night.

Tickets are on sale now! **EARLY BIRD pricing has been extended!!** Buy your tickets now for just \$45! On January 12th, the ticket price will increase to \$55. Individual tickets include a meal and one beverage ticket (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). You may also buy an entire table for \$500, which includes eight meals and sixteen beverage tickets.

To purchase your tickets, go to <https://stpaulsptlauction.ludus.com/200510681> or scan the QR code:



Our silent auction will be exclusively online again. It will open a week before the event and close at the end of the event. **If you work for or own a business that would be willing to sponsor the event or donate a basket, service, or experience, please call the school office for the proper paperwork.** All donors will be advertised at our live event and on our auction website, as well as in our Thank You Video, which will run on our school website and Facebook page. **If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products for the auction!**

Our goal is to raise \$40,000. **All proceeds from the event will be used to provide teaching supplies for our teachers, iPads and chromebooks for the lower grades, laptops for our teachers, and additional security measures for our school.** Thank you for your support!

ALTAR FLOWERS

 The 2026 Flower Chart has been moved to the school. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or some special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. Please include your phone number.

The cost is \$25.00 per vase. Checks (payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church) or cash payments may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Please contact Lynda Koeppen at lykoeppen@comcast.net or 815-932-1545 with questions.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2026 envelopes are now available for pick-up. If you typically attend church on Saturday evening, your envelopes are in Fellowship Hall. If you attend on Sundays, your envelopes are in the hallway outside of the school office. If you have been giving online, you may not have envelopes. If you would like envelopes and cannot find yours, please contact the church office at 815-932-0312. We thank you for your generous spirit. God bless you!



Thank you to Brian & Missy Milton for the generous evergreen sprigs they donated. We used them to decorate the flower boxes at the Mission & Ministry Center for Christmas.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The February/March newsletter deadline is fast approaching! If you have an upcoming event or ministry that you would like to promote in the next newsletter, please submit your article to the church office no later than January 15th. You may either email it to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call Christie at 932-0312.



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

January 6th marks the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 13th, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on January 20th. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment over the years so don't delay.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

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 when you are able. Anyone who has come even once will tell you how much fun it is! We will meet again at **6:00 pm on Friday, January 16th at Hoppy Pig**. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

Lynda and I want to extend our thanks to everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for the many cards, notes, and gifts over the Christmas season. We are truly humbled by your encouragement and thoughtful generosity. We are so very thankful for the blessing of our church family here at St. Paul's! May the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours in this New Year.

In Christ, Pastor & Lynda Koeppen

Dear St. Paul's Family,

I want to express my deepest thanks for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts that you have given me this season. Your kindness is a beautiful reminder of the love and support that surrounds me and my family. I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor, and I am deeply grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and thoughtful gifts.

This Christmas season, Katrina and I give thanks for each of you and for the privilege of ministering to such a wonderful congregation. May God bless you abundantly with His love, peace, and joy in the coming year.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Pastor and Katrina*

PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

Happy New Year! Many people make New Year's resolutions! Here is one for you - how about a new you, in a new month, establishing a new routine, by attending a new for you weekly Bible class? *Peter's Joyful Perseverance* will resume with II Peter Chapter 2 on **Tuesday, January 6th, in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am**.

Research says that only 9% of the individuals who make a New Year's resolution are keeping it after three weeks. By January 21st, most people are back to their old ways of living. Research also says that if you can do something for at least three weeks, you can establish a habit that will survive for a longer period of time. So that means you could attend on January 6th, 13th & 20th and still be under the deadline of three weeks to be one of the 9%.

The class has decided that when we have finished studying the last two chapters of II Peter, we will move on to ***The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark*** because Mark helped Peter in his ministry and wrote the Book of Mark after Peter was crucified. Mark never followed Jesus as a disciple, but we can be sure that Peter talked to him about his experience.

Join us for this verse-by-verse study, prayer, and fellowship.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on **Sunday, January 25th at 12:30 pm** at the school. The Church Council will be announcing its selection of qualified voting members who, together with the pastor(s), shall serve as the Nominating Committee. At this meeting, the voters may submit to the committee the names of possible candidates for the various boards. Please contact the church office if you would like more information about the different boards.

Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly meetings in a twenty-four months, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges then continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES!

Join us this Epiphany season for a new six-week Bible Study **beginning Sunday, January 11th at 9:45 a.m.** as we explore the parables of Jesus found throughout the Gospels. Each week, we'll take a closer look at one of Jesus' parables — unpacking its meaning, discussing its context, and discovering how these timeless stories continue to shape our faith and daily life. Whether you're a longtime student of Scripture or just beginning to dig deeper, this study will offer rich conversation, thoughtful insight, and encouragement from God's Word. We hope you'll join us!

COME CHEER ON YOUR ST. PAUL'S TIGERS!



Jan. 6th @ 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball Game
@ St. Anne

Jan. 7th @ 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball Game
@ Momence

Jan. 8th @ 5:30 pm
Boys Basketball Game
@ Donovan



ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE ORNAMENT

It's not too late to purchase a beautiful anniversary keepsake ornament! They capture our history perfectly and they're only \$25! Stop by or call the church office during normal business hours if you are interested.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULT LUTHERAN SINGLES



Trinity Lutheran in Tinley Park is hosting a Young Adult Lutheran Singles event on **January 24th**. If you are between the ages of 21 and 35, you are invited to join them for a fun night of fellowship at Arena Lanes (4700 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn) beginning at **7:00 pm**. To register, please contact Stephen Seils at 773-209-9761 or stphnseils@gmail.com.

"ROAD TO CORONATION"

Road to Coronation takes you on a journey beside Jesus on His walk to the cross, examining the distinct passion narrative in each of the four Gospels. What emerges is a vivid encounter with a King who lived solely to serve rather than to be served, while challenging the spiritual authorities of His day. Call Pastor Dave Bottorff at 815-304-4553 to come to this Bible study at his home on **Tuesday, January 27th**.



ASSIMILATION CLASSES

If you attended our Faith & Membership Classes before the holidays or if you are transferring your membership from another LCMS church, please plan to attend our Assimilation Classes **between the church services on January 4th, 11th, and 18th**. We will be receiving new members and transfers into the congregation at the early service on Sunday, February 1st.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

December 24th, 25th, 27th & 28th

Worship Attendance:

Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm	239
Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm	135
Christmas Eve, 10:00 pm	113
Christmas Day, 10:00 am	63

Saturday, 5:00 pm	58
Sunday, 8:30 am	103
Sunday, 11:05 am	68
WEEKEND TOTAL	229

Offerings Given (incl Christmas)

General	\$30,425.43
Building	\$3,305.00
School Ops	\$345.00
Matching (General)	\$100.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist:	Nadine Engel
Lay Ministers:	5:00: John Veers 8:30: Bruce Clark, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz 11:05: Ken Capps
Lay Readers:	5:00: Jennifer Richardson 8:30: JoAnn Hess 11:05: Deb Turrell
Acolytes:	8:30: George Morocho Loja, Mason Raloff 11:05: Maddie Billingsley, Norah Callan
Trustees:	5:00: Jeff Johnson 8:30: Barry Gadbois 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:	Mellody McDonald, 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 , Jan. 4	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)
Mon , Jan. 5	7:00 pm	NO SCHOOL Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue , Jan. 6	9:45 am	Peter's Joyful Perseverance (Downtown)
Wed , Jan. 7		
Thur , Jan. 8	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
Fri , Jan. 9		
Sat , Jan. 10	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Phil's Friends Work Day (Downtown) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , Jan. 11	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Assimilation Class for New Members/Transfers (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)