

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Announcements - January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 Monday, 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. If you would like both vases on a given weekend, please list your name twice. 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](mailto: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!



The Board of Parish Fellowship would like to thank those members who delivered over 45 poinsettias to St. Paul's members who are shut-ins or in area nursing homes. Those who helped were Bill & Kim Balgeman, Joan Gehm, Colleen Lagesse, Matt & Loree Yoakum, and Larry & Anita Schluter Wilson. A special thanks to Lynda Koeppen for all her assistance and to those members who donated flowers for delivery.



### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. You may either email it to [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call Christie at 932-0312.



## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

### ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

January 6<sup>th</sup> marked the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment over the years, especially for our preschool classes, 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 16<sup>th</sup> at Hoppy Pig**. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 to RSVP.

### PETER'S JOYFUL PERSEVERANCE

"Peter's Joyful Perseverance" has reached the last two chapters of II Peter. In his last part of the letter to the new Christians and converted Jews in Asia Minor, Peter writes about being careful each day of your Christian walk.

He warns against scoffers - people who make fun of Christians and insist that the whole idea of God ending the world is improbable. They will divide the church with their ideas and insist that God's people are on the wrong path in their daily lives. After warning people about false teachers and scoffers, Peter shows us how to live our daily lives waiting patiently for our eternal reward and using our time to grow in our faith.

You could join 10-15 Bible class members every week for one hour as we study and discuss the writings of Peter verse-by-verse. You are encouraged to attend each week at **9:45 am on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall**. Your faith will grow if you take the time to start your new year in God's Word. Join us!



If you have an announcement or article that you would like published in the Feb/Mar newsletter, please submit your request to the church office **no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may email it to Christie at [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call 815-932-0312.

### LWML MISSION GRANT

This month's LWML mission grant recipient is Phil's Friends, an organization that is near and dear to our hearts at St. Paul's!

The core of Phil's Friends mission is based on Matthew 25:36, *I was sick and you visited me*. In the past 18 years, Phil's Friends has sent nearly 60,000 care packages and more than one million Cards of Hope. This ministry supports anyone with cancer regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or income level.

It costs \$100 for one year to support a cancer patient. This total includes the care package, 12 Cards of Hope, and postage. The care packages are hand-decorated, and the contents are customized according to the age and gender of the recipient. They are filled with simple, practical comfort items that cancer patients can use during their treatments. Phil's Friends is 100% donor supported.

This grant will purchase supplies for care packages and Cards of Hope and will pay for shipping and postage to support 1,000 cancer patients for one year.

If you feel so moved to donate to this cause, LWML will be collecting mites next weekend.



### VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

## ATTENTION YOUNG ADULT LUTHERAN SINGLES

Trinity Lutheran in Tinley Park is hosting a Young Adult Lutheran Singles event on **January 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., Oak Lawn) beginning at **7:00 pm**. To register, please contact Stephen Seils at 773-209-9761 or [stphnseils@gmail.com](mailto:stphnseils@gmail.com).



## COME CHEER ON OUR ST. PAUL'S TIGERS!



St. Paul's will be hosting our annual Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament this week! Call the school office for bracket information and game schedules.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will be receiving new members and transfers into the congregation at the early service on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.



## "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 27<sup>th</sup>**.

## LWML TEA PARTY

The Ladies of St. Paul's are invited to join us to grow in God's grace on **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 to 4pm** in the Fellowship Hall at the Kankakee campus for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lutheran Women in Mission Tea. Bring your mothers, daughters, and friends for tea, refreshments, fellowship, and a mission project. Watch your mailbox for an invitation with more details coming soon.



## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

December 31<sup>st</sup>, January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

### Worship Attendance:

New Years Eve .....	45
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Saturday, 5:00 pm .....	72
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Sunday, 8:30 am .....	106
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Sunday, 11:05 am .....	81
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<b>WEEKEND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>259</b>
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Youth Bible Class .....	9
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Children's Sunday School .....	15
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### Offerings Given

General .....	\$37,671.71
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Building .....	\$8,740.00
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School Ops .....	\$325.00
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Matching (General) .....	\$50.00
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Matching (Building) .....	\$100.00
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Be The Church .....	\$50.00
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**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Karl Koeppen
<b>Organist:</b>	Nadine Engel
<b>Lay Ministers:</b>	5:00: John Veers 8:30: Bruce Clark, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz 11:05: Ken Capps
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	5:00: Diane Barber 8:30: Lauren Lundmark 11:05: Karen Beatty
<b>Acolytes:</b>	8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Micah Lundmark 11:05: Luke Stirnaman, Claire Wilson
<b>Trustees:</b>	5:00: Jeff Johnson 8:30: Tom Stirnaman 11:05: Jim Trudeau
<b>Ushers:</b>	5:00: Diana Hinderer, Jim Sharper, Rob & Mary Wood 8:30: Manuel Morocho Loja, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith 11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell
<b>Contemporary Service Song Leaders:</b>	Deb Turrell
<b>Extra Measure Band:</b>	Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Jan. 11</b>	8:30 am 9:45 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)
<b>Mon, Jan. 12</b>		
<b>Tue, Jan. 13</b>	9:45 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	<i>Peter's Joyful Perseverance</i> (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Jan. 14</b>	9:30 am	<i>The Patriarchs &amp; Their Journeys</i> (Downtown)
<b>Thur, Jan. 15</b>	6:00 pm	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
<b>Fri, Jan. 16</b>	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Hoppy Pig)
<b>Sat, Jan. 17</b>	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Phil's Friends Work Day (Downtown) Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Jan. 18</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Assimilation Class for New Members/Transfers (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)