

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Announcements - January 17th & 18th

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.

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+ 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 24 months, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation.

READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

There have been many nominations for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in the 2025 Daily Journal's Readers Choice awards.

* **Education - Private School:** St. Paul's Lutheran School

* **Education - Pre-school/Child Care Center:** St. Paul's Lutheran School

* **People & Places - Educator:** Amanda Fritz, St. Paul's

* **People & Places - Pastors:** Rev. Karl Koeppen - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

* **People & Places - Place of Worship:** St. Paul's Lutheran School

To vote, go to <https://embed-1127558.secondstreetapp.com/embed/4b647494-0a44-4ab4-854e-fe4c39913c89/> or scan the QR code below. Find the one you want to vote for and input your email and register. Let the Daily Journal know what you think! You are allowed to vote each day. **Voting ends January 18th.**



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! Individual tickets are \$55 and 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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Peace Lutheran, Saginaw, MI is hosting a women's retreat at the Gillman Springs Retreat Center in Gladwin, MI, **February 20th - 22nd**. Ruth Fabbro will be attending the retreat so contact her at 815-450-5665 if you would like to attend with her. The cost is \$165 which includes a two-night stay (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners. The topic is The Daniel Plan by Rick Warren. This is a faith-based health program that focuses on improving overall well-being through five key areas: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends inspired by the biblical story of Daniel. The deadline for registration is February 11th.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's but not yet become a member? If so, we warmly invite you to consider joining our congregation. If you are:

- ***A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Congregation***, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you need to attend our Assimilation Classes.
- ***A member in good standing of another Lutheran Church***, we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and Assimilation Classes.
- ***A member in good standing of another denomination***, we need a release of membership from your church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and Assimilation Classes.
- ***Not a member of another church***, you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes and Assimilation Classes.

The next Faith & Membership class will be starting next Tuesday, January 27th. The class will meet at 6:30 pm every Tuesday through March 24th. If you are interested, please check the box "Looking for a Church" or "Interested in Joining" on the attendance card along with your contact information or call the church office at 815-932-0312.



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 or 815-932-1545 with questions.

The 2025 financial statements are now available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall or at the school, depending on which service you frequent. They are organized alphabetically. If you cannot find yours, please contact Christie at 932-0312. Thank you for your generosity!

If you have not already picked up your envelopes for 2026, they are also available at both locations.

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.



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

On January 13th, enrollment opened 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, especially for our preschool classes, so don't delay.

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 says there will be false teachers, trying to convince the believers that their belief in God is a mistake and the second coming of Jesus is a false idea because it has been several years and hasn't happened in the last 30 years since Jesus was killed.

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!

MANGER MAKERS

We had another successful year of handing out manger pieces to the Sunday School Children - 39 children (Pre-3 through 7th grade) received a manger piece to add to their collection and ten 8th graders received a stable to complete their set. We are grateful to the church family who started handing out Manger Sets 45 years ago. Their son had assisted with the Sunday School program and when he passed, they started this in his memory.

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 is collecting mites this weekend.



LWML TEA PARTY

The Ladies of St. Paul's are invited to join us to grow in God's grace on **Sunday, February 1st**

from 2 to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Kankakee campus for our 3rd Annual Lutheran Women in Mission Tea. Bring your mothers, daughters, and friends for tea, refreshments, fellowship, and a mission project. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 815-932-0312 or scanning the QR code:



"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**.



NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES!

Join us this Epiphany season for a new six-week Bible Study **on Sundays 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 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.

CREATION MUSEUM & ARK

The Outreach and Connections Board is organizing a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark **July 9th - 12th**. We will be scheduling an informational meeting soon so please watch for announcements.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

January 10th & 11th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	.....	85
Sunday, 8:30 am	.....	119
Sunday, 11:05 am	.....	75
WEEKEND TOTAL	.....	279

Adult Bible Class	.....	7
Youth Bible Class	.....	8
Children's Sunday School	.....	22

Offerings Given

General	.....	\$14,754.61
Building	.....	\$1,837.00
School Ops	.....	\$300.00

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Roger Drinon
Liturgist:	Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist:	5:00: Aaron Heldt 8:30: June Schmidt
Lay Ministers:	5:00: John Veers 8:30: Bruce Clark, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz 11:05: Ken Capps
Lay Readers:	5:00: Karen Beatty 8:30: Mark Hess 11:05: Sharla Ronchetto
Acolytes:	8:30: Mo Macari, Lucas Porter 11:05: Jacob Kubal, Kaden McDonald
Trustees:	5:00: Mike Callan 8:30: Mike Regas 11:05: Greg Wheeler
Ushers:	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

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Isaac Fabbro, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill & Diane Dyche, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun , Jan. 18	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)
Mon , Jan. 19	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue , Jan. 20	9:45 am	<i>Peter's Joyful Perseverance</i> (Downtown)
Wed , Jan. 21		
Thur , Jan. 22	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
Fri , Jan. 23		
Sat , Jan. 24	7:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside) Phil's Friends Pack Party (Downtown) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , Jan. 25	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 12:30 pm 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) Voters Meeting (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)