

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Announcements - January 24th & 25th

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 **this 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.



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is now open to the public!
Tell your friends!! We have been blessed with increasing enrollment over the years, especially for our preschool classes, so don't delay.

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 all at the school now. Feel free to stop by during the week to pick them up.



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!** All donations need to be received by February 5th.

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 only.
- **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.



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:



THE SERVING CHRIST: GOSPEL OF MARK

The Tuesday morning Bible class is moving from I & II Peter to the Gospel of Mark. Here is some Bible trivia. Do you know?

- Who wrote the first Gospel? (Mark - 70 AD, 3-5 years after Peter's crucifixion)
- What Gospel writers were not disciples? (Mark & Luke)
- Which Gospel doesn't mention the birth of Jesus? (Mark - he starts with John the Baptist)
- Which Gospel ends at 16:8 and then adds 16:9-20? (Mark - includes the resurrection)

Why study the Gospel of Mark?

- After failing on his missionary trip with Paul, John also called Mark joins Peter, the disciple who gives him information for writing his Gospel.
- Studying any Gospel helps us understand more about Jesus and our relationship with him. We can never read and study about our Best Friend enough.

Most people expect to be served, but not Jesus. He took on the lowly form of man to serve humanity and to sacrifice His life to ransom people from sin, death, and Satan.

We meet at **9:45 am every Tuesday** for one hour **in Fellowship Hall downtown**. Join us for a verse-by-verse study, discussion and prayers.



TRIVIA NIGHT: OLYMPIC NIGHT OUT

Our annual Trivia Night fundraiser is coming up on **Friday, March 13th**. Doors open at 6 pm and trivia starts at **6:30 pm**. The theme this year is Olympic Night Out in celebration of the 2026 Winter Olympics. Adults, please gather your friends and family and encourage them to register a team for the event! Early bird registration is open through February 1st for \$100 a team (up to 8 players). After that, registration will be \$120 a team or \$15 a person. Mulligans will also be available for purchase for \$20 at the event. Medals will be awarded for Best Trivia Team, Best Dressed Team, and Best Decorated Table! Who will bring home the Gold?



LOCK-IN WITH CONCORDIA CHICAGO'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

On Friday, February 6th at 7 pm through Saturday, February 7th at 7 am will be our annual Lock-In with students from the Concordia University Chicago Youth Ministry Team at the Bourbonnais school campus. Stay all night for fun, games, food (nacho bar!!), and Bible study. Bring \$10, your Bible, comfy clothes, tennis shows, pillow, blanket/sleeping bag, and your toothbrush. Please register using the QR code:



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.

CHINA FOR THE TEA PARTY?

Do you have beautiful china sitting in a cabinet you would love to see used? LWML is looking to borrow sets of tea cups and saucers and luncheon plates for the 3rd Annual Ladies Tea on February 1st. If you are interested in lending your china, please contact Katrina Drinnon at 618-975-8361 to coordinate details.



CREATION MUSEUM & ARK

The Outreach and Connections Board is organizing a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark July 9th - 12th. ***We will be hosting an informational meeting from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 8th.***

RECYCLING CARDBOARD

If any members are recycling their cardboard at the school because they have no access at home, we thank you, but you MUST break down any boxes so that there is room for everyone's recyclable waste. (St. Paul's does not receive any kind of compensation for this program.)

If you or your organization have anything stored in the southwest room in the Mission and Ministry Center contact Bill Balgeman at 815-937-4947. The room must be cleared in the next few weeks. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us this Epiphany season for a 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!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

January 17th & 18th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	54
Sunday, 8:30 am	143
Sunday, 11:05 am	92
WEEKEND TOTAL	289

Adult Bible Class	8
Youth Bible Class	22
Children's Sunday School	21

Offerings Given

General	\$11,487.06
Building	\$740.00
School Ops	\$445.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinon
Liturgist: 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: Vinny Kreft (8th Grade)
8:30: Hannah Nelin (6th Grade)
11:05: Micah Bass (6th Grade)

Acolytes: 8:30: Nolan Freitas, Ryleigh Reiniche
11:05: Dylan Nordmeyer, Zachary Porter

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
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. 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)
Mon, Jan. 26		LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
Tue, Jan. 27	9:45 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) <i>Road to Coronation</i> (1573 Surrey, Bourb)
Wed, Jan. 28	9:30 am 6:00 pm	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i> (Downtown) The Pro-Kids Show! (Bourb)
Thur, Jan. 29	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
Fri, Jan. 30		
Sat, Jan. 31	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown) Daddy-Daughter Dance (Bourb)
Sun, Feb. 1	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 2:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) New Member Reception (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb) LWML Tea Party (Downtown)