

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Announcements - February 7th & 8th

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.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us as we begin Lent with a special Family Sunday School on **February 15th at 9:45 am** between the church services. Everyone is invited!

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.



**Wednesdays 7:00 pm -
February 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th,
18th, and 25th
Downtown Church**



CREATION MUSEUM & ARK

The Outreach and Connections Board is organizing a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark **July 9th - 12th**. There will be an informational meeting after the late service (12:30pm) on **Sunday, February 8th** about the trip. We will meet in the cafeteria. Please come if you are interested in joining us on this trip. If you are interested but can't make it to the meeting, please let the church office know so we can get a feel for how many people would like to go.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

In love, God sent His Son to redeem the world. In hatred, He was rejected.

In **Behold Your King!**, we see the Savior stripped of His dignity, led away, and crucified on our behalf. No one could imagine this Man, this condemned and forsaken Man, was God in the flesh sent to liberate us from our sin by His death and resurrection.

That the Son of God joined us in our frail state of humanity is testament to God's overwhelming love and concern for the world. And not only this, Jesus endured scorn and derision from His creation, His earthly subjects. And yet, as King, as Lord of all, He did the unthinkable: He laid down His life for the sins of the world.

Copies of this Lenten devotion will be available for pick-up at the school and church locations beginning February 8th.



For anyone interested in singing with the adult choir, there will be a choir rehearsal this **Sunday, February 8th at 12:30 pm** in the music room at the school. Adults and high school youth are welcome to sing!!

THE SERVING CHRIST: GOSPEL OF MARK

When: Every Tuesday, 9:45 am
Where: Fellowship Hall
Leader: Roy W. Cordes

According to Mark in his opening chapters of the Gospel, everything Jesus did at the start of His ministry was questioned by the Pharisees and other church leaders. If he was asked to heal someone, first He forgave their sins, and then physically healed them. His disciples "worked" on the Sabbath. Where did He get His authority to forgive sins? They were constantly challenging Him when He started His ministry in Galilee.

As we study the Gospel we find out that Jesus put an emphasis on a teaching and healing ministry. By healing He meant healing people both spiritually and physically. His baptism demonstrated that He was the Son of God, but the Pharisees either didn't see it or were too vain to believe it.

Sometimes we can't believe what God does for us and we also may know someone who doesn't give God credit for any blessings they have received. Mark shares with us one story after another to help us tell the story of salvation. If you would like to learn your day-to-day role as a Christian who follows Jesus, the study of the Gospels can be a great source of information for your daily walk with the LORD. Join us this week!



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 through February 16th! 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, scan the QR code or use the link on our website (stpaulslutheran.net).



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 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our only agenda is to share God's love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next meeting will be on **Wed., February 11th at 6 pm** at Monical's in Bourbonnais. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of **ushers** for our regular weekend services and the upcoming midweek and holiday services.

Do you have a creative or artistic streak? We are looking for volunteers to get a head start on the **set design for VBS**. Our theme is Rainforest Falls so this could be a really fun project!

If either of these opportunities sound like a good fit for you, please call the church office at 815-932-0312



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?



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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

April 6th is the date for the Red Cross blood drive at St Paul's School. Please mark your calendars. This is truly a life saving event.

To sign up to donate, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stpaulsbourbonnais> or scan the QR code. We will also need volunteers the day of the event. Please contact Sylvia Burger at 815-343-3460 if you are interested.



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am aware that some of you are not fond of the furniture in the atrium prior to the rummage sales. The Board of Trustees and the Joseph Ministry are working to rectify this situation. We have cleared and painted the basement rooms in the Mission and Ministry Center to be used as storage for VBS and medical equipment, and we are also in the process of cleaning out the southwest upstairs classroom. We will be having the asbestos tile removed, painting walls, and installing a new floor so that rummage sale items can be stored there until the sale. Please be aware of the impact that this sale has on our community and our church. Volunteers regularly transport donations from church members and those in the community. Every week, the rummage sale volunteers price and sort them so that they can be distributed to those in need at little cost. The exposure of our church to Kankakee County is priceless. Many thousands of hours are invested in the twice-annual sales, and many thousands of dollars are earned to be used for Mission & Ministry Center improvements and maintenance, communion supplies, altar paraments, robes, and candles. As we move toward our goal, we all will try to arrange the furniture in the atrium in a homey and organized manner. Thank you for your patience.

~Bill Balgeman

LCMS LERT BASIC TRAINING

**When: Saturday, March 7th
9 am to noon**

**Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
40W605 IL-38
Elburn, IL 60119**

In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT volunteer training is one thing: MERCY! Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. This training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community.

LERT training is also now offered to youth, ages 14 – 17, so they can also assist in general disaster response safely and under the guidance of their own youth leadership. LCMS Disaster Response has developed new guidelines for youth participation. A parent must be present and sign forms for participation.

The registration cost for new LERT volunteers will be \$35.00. The registration fee can be paid online with a credit card or at the event when you check-in by cash, check or credit card.

To register, go to
<https://lcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1479/responses/new>

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

January 31st & February 1st

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	79
Sunday, 8:30 am	126
Sunday, 11:05 am	69
WEEKEND TOTAL	274

Adult Bible Class	7
Youth Bible Class	5
Children's Sunday School	20

Offerings Given

General	\$18,297.83
Building	\$4,746.00
School Ops	\$345.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinon
Organist: Nadine Engel
Lay Ministers: 5:00: Rich Engel
8:30: Bruce Clark, Kevin Kurtz, John Veers
11:05: Greg Deck

Lay Readers: 5:00: Ken Ebert
8:30: JoAnn Hess
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

Acolytes: 8:30: Nolan LaVoie, Micah Lundmark
11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Keith Christensen, Pat Hatch, Terry Treece
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Jim Baron, Scott Styck, Steve Weith
11:05: Dave Kesinger, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

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, Feb. 8	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm	Worship - Traditional Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School Youth Bible Study Worship - Contemporary Adult & High School Choir Rehearsal Creation Museum Trip Informational Meeting	(Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb)
Mon, Feb. 9			
Tue, Feb. 10	9:45 am 6:30 pm	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> Faith & Membership Class	(Downtown) (Bourb)
Wed, Feb. 11	9:30 am 6:00 pm	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i> Project Compassion & Gabriel's Callers Meeting	(Downtown) (Monical's, Bourb)
Thur, Feb. 12	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In	(Downtown)
Fri, Feb. 13			
Sat, Feb. 14	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion	(Downtown)
Sun, Feb. 15	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion Adult Bible Study Family Sunday School Youth Bible Study Worship - Contemporary - Communion	(Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb)