

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - February 21st & 22nd

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.

LENTEN DINNER-WE COOK, YOU EAT!

Lenten Dinners begin this Wednesday, February 25th and will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall prior to worship at 7:00 p.m. This week, Human Care is serving the dinner and a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The menu is:
BBQ Sandwiches, applesauce, veggies

Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 p.m.

The 2025 financial statements and 2026 offering envelopes are now all at the school. If you cannot find yours, please contact Christie at 932-0312.



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 are available for pick-up at the school and church locations.



For anyone interested in singing with the adult choir, there will be choir rehearsals on **Sundays at 12:30 pm leading up to Holy Week.** Please meet in the music room at the school. Adults and high school youth are welcome to sing!!

SCREEN TIME SAFETY

On **Sunday, March 1st**, we will be launching a new parenting Bible study, which will run for 4-5 weeks between the church services. Faith Formed Families is a community of parents and ministry leaders across the country who will be hosting this Bible study using the **Screen Time Safety** curriculum, which has been created by students at ONU. To aid in their research efforts for this study, we will then be providing feedback on the program. Screen Time Safety is a Christian parenting series that helps families navigate screen time with faith-based guidance and practical strategies for healthy habits. Topics will include:

- ◆ Screen Time and The Brain
- ◆ Screen Time and Relationships
- ◆ Screen Time and Emotional Health
- ◆ Screen Time and Your Family

To show their appreciation for your participation, ONU will be hosting a celebration dinner at Olivet on Thursday, April 16th at 6pm for all participants. Please contact the church office this week if you would be interested in participating.



**THE SERVING CHRIST:
GOSPEL OF MARK**

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

Mark 3:7 says. "Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed..." His ministry of teaching and healing was taking place in Galilee and this verse goes on to report the areas where people were from who came to hear Him. It describes those areas located from north to south as a total of 175 miles with Galilee near the center. East and west in the north was 40 miles wide and in the south 100 miles wide. Approximately 8,750 square miles, with so many people showing up that Jesus had to board a boat and teach from the Sea of Galilee while the crowds lined the shores.

If they were that hungry to hear the Word of God - what a lesson for us. We would be happy to make more coffee, and set up more tables and chairs for you! We have 17 on our class roster (ages 50's to 80's) and teach 8-10 each week. Verse-by-verse instruction gives you the opportunity to just sit and listen, read small sections voluntarily, ask questions, or discuss what the passage means and/or how to apply the verse to the Christian walk in the 21st century.

Today you don't have to walk, ride a donkey or take a boat - drive in to join us on Tuesday!



This Sunday, February 22nd is the day!! Our silent auction opens up online at noon and will remain open until 10 pm on February 28th!! Please see the insert for easy step-by-step instructions on bidding. You do not have to attend the live event to bid on the silent auction items. You do not even have to be a school family or church member so please feel free to share with your friends and family. We have been blessed with an outpouring of generous donations from our church and school families and we have an amazing assortment of baskets and experiences from which to choose!

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!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of ushers for some of our regular weekend services and especially for 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

NOW HIRING - FULL-TIME STORE OPERATOR

Bridge Thrift Home & Restoration in Frankfort is a faith-based organization based on the values and beliefs of our Founders and members of our Board of Directors. This key role will oversee the day-to-day operations, lead staff and volunteers, and more. If you or someone you know has retail leadership experience, a heart for community impact, and wants to be a part of a growing team, apply online at thebridgeteencenter.org/jobs.



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! Registration is \$120 for a team of up to 8 players or you may register individually for \$15 a person. Mulligans will be available for purchase at the event for \$20 each. Medals will be awarded for Best Trivia Team, Best Dressed Team, and Best Decorated Table! Who will bring home the Gold?



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION RECEPTION

“We Value Our Faithful, Difference-Making Volunteers!” and we want to say thank you! Parish Fellowship is hosting a Volunteer Recognition Reception for all of our amazing St. Paul’s Church volunteers on **Sunday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. If you are a volunteer, you should have received or be receiving an invitation to this event in the mail. However, with so many volunteers at St. Paul’s, it is possible we have missed a few people. If you have not received an invitation, we still want you to join us! We have set up a Sign Up Genius for RSVPs so we can plan appropriately for food. Please RSVP by March 8th by going to the St. Paul’s website www.stpaulslutheran.net where there is a link to the Sign Up Genius. We look forward to celebrating you and your service to our Lord and St. Paul’s!

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 give blood, scan the QR code or call the church office. We will also need volunteers the day of the event. Contact Sylvia Burger at 815-343-3460 if you are interested.



Are you looking for a way to grow deeper in faith, discipline, and brotherhood with other men? We're forming a Memento group!

What is Memento?

Memento is a devotional movement for men built around daily disciplines, Scripture readings, and weekly fraternity meetings designed to help men grow in Christ-centered discipleship and accountability.

Who's It For?

All men who want to deepen their walk with God, build strong spiritual habits, and support one another in faith.

What to Expect:

- Weekly meetings with guided discussion
- Encouragement in devotional rhythm and Scripture reading
- Fellowship, prayer, and spiritual support
- Family support resources

Interested or Want More Info?

Contact Pastor Drinnon at 815-348-7412 or rdrinnon@stpaulslutheran.net or call the church office

Initial Meeting When & Where:

St. Paul's(Downtown Campus)

March 6th at 6:00 pm

YOUTH NIGHT

Our next Youth Night will be **this Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm** at the school. These events are open to all 7th through 12th graders. If that's you, we would love to have you join us for an evening of fun!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

We meet again **next Saturday, Feb. 28th at 7:30 am** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Come join us for breakfast as we study God's Word. I pray that you can join us for the study!

~ Pastor Koeppe

LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you are interested in beginning or renewing a subscription to Lutheran Witness, please contact the church office at 932-0312. **Orders are due by March 1st**. The cost is \$23.50 for the year.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Don't leave FREE money on the table! If you have a Thrivent insurance policy or annuity product, you may be eligible to choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funding. **Call 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836) by March 31st to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**



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

February 14th & 15th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	71
Sunday, 8:30 am	122
Sunday, 11:05 am	83
WEEKEND TOTAL	276

Adult Bible Class	3
Youth Bible Class	9
Children's Sunday School	11

Offerings Given

General	\$11,366.04
Building	\$405.00
School Ops	\$445.00

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"The Cross in the Old Testament"

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

***When: Sundays at 9:45 am
(beginning this weekend)***

The Cross in the Old Testament: How Jesus Fulfills God's Promise for a Savior is a six-week Bible study that traces God's plan of salvation through key Old Testament passages and shows how they point forward to Christ and His cross. Together we'll see how sacrifice, promise, and prophecy all find their fulfillment in Jesus. Come deepen your confidence in God's promises for you. All are welcome to attend.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen
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: Audra Taylor
 8:30: Dee Cordes
 11:05: Heather Stroo

Acolytes: 8:30: Ty Luhman, J.P. Woods
 11:05: MacKenzie Norton, Layna Rahn

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Mike Callan

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: Isaac Fabbro, Ellana Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Feb. 22	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	(Bourb)
	12:00 pm	SILENT AUCTION OPENS!	
	12:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	(Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	(Bourb)
Mon, Feb. 23			
Tue, Feb. 24	9:45 am	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i>	(Downtown)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Membership Class	(Bourb)
	7:00 pm	<i>Road to Coronation</i>	(1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb)
Wed, Feb. 25	9:30 am	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i>	(Downtown)
	5:30 pm	Lenten Dinner - BBQ Sandwiches	(Downtown)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship	(Downtown)
Thur, Feb. 26	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In	(Downtown)
Fri, Feb. 27			
Sat, Feb. 28	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast	(Riverside)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion	(Downtown)
	6:00 pm	PTL's Boots & Blessings Dinner & Auction	(Quality Inn, Bradley)
	10:00 pm	SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES!	
Sun, Mar. 1	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	(Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	(Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - Communion	(Bourb)
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