

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - February 28th & March 1st

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!

Join us for this week's Lenten Dinner on **Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall prior to the midweek worship service at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Outreach & Connections will be serving pizza and a freewill offering will be taken. 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

This 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 continues to report about how popular Jesus had become while engaged in His teaching and healing ministry in Galilee. However, Jesus switches His strategy and begins using parables as His major teaching method. I was always told that parables are "earthly stories with heavenly meanings," and that is still true. The secular dictionary says parables are short, simple stories from which a religious lesson may be drawn.

From a biblical view, parables are a warning to the hard-hearted and to those who are open-hearted they illustrate principles of the messianic rule of God. A parable consists of a story and its corresponding intended message. As we study parables, it is important to figure out who is God, who is a sinner and what heavenly meaning will help us with our earthly life as we attempt to live in the center of God's will. That will be our major emphasis as we study Mark chapter 4 and then continue an emphasis on Jesus' teaching and healing ministry in chapter 5.

Come to Bible class this week with an open heart ready to study God's Word!



Come support Steve Weith and all of our local special ability actors in....

“Fairytale & Finales”

St. John Paul II’s Settle Center
956 S. 10th St., Kankakee

Friday, March 6th, 7 pm
Saturday, March 7th, 7 pm
Sunday, March 8th, 2 pm

Tickets are \$15 at the door (cash only).



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

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.**

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness, a monthly publication by LCMS, is the go-to magazine for interpreting the contemporary world from a Lutheran perspective. 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.



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)

Friday, March 6th at 6:00 pm

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 21st & 22nd

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	74
Sunday, 8:30 am	99
Sunday, 11:05 am	91
WEEKEND TOTAL	264

ASH WEDNESDAY **115**

Adult Bible Class **6**

Youth Bible Class **12**

Children's Sunday School **19**

Offerings Given

General **\$11,798.43**

Building **\$1,511.00**

School Ops **\$305.00**

Lent **\$1,383.00**

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"The Cross in the Old Testament"

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

When: Sundays at 9:45 am

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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Organist: Nadine Engel
Lay Ministers: 5:00: Ken Capps
 8:30: Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, Rich Engel
 11:05: Bruce Clark
Lay Readers: 5:00: Jennifer Richardson
 8:30: Roy Cordes
 11:05: Deb Turrell
Acolytes: 8:30: Lucas Porter, Mason Raloff
 11:05: Jacob Kubal, Luke Stirnaman
Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
 8:30: Barry Gadbois
 11:05: Mike Callan
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: Mellody McDonald, Heather Stroo
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, Mar. 1	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, Mar. 2	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, Mar. 3	9:45 am	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	6:30 pm	Faith & Membership Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Mar. 4	5:30 pm	Lenten Dinner - Pizza	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Thur, Mar. 5	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Fri, Mar. 6	6:00 pm	<i>Memento</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sat, Mar. 7	9:00 am	Phil's Friends Work Day	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Mar. 8	<i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!</i>		
	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Study	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	12:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>(Bourb)</i>
6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>	