

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - March 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.

CIRCUIT-WIDE DOOR OFFERING:
MISSION & MINISTRY CENTER

This weekend, St. Paul's will participate in a dual circuit-wide door offering with congregations from Circuits 18 and 19 of the Northern Illinois District. The goal of this offering is to raise the final amount needed to complete the installation of new windows on the west and south sides of the Mission and Ministry Center.

The Mission and Ministry Center serves as a shared hub for outreach and mercy work across our region—from Crete to Chebanse. In addition to supporting the ministries of St. Paul's, the building is regularly used by members and volunteers from our sister congregations for mission projects, training events, and service opportunities. The facility houses ministries such as Phil's Friends, which provides Christ-centered care packages for those battling cancer, and Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT), which trains and deploys volunteers to assist

communities impacted by natural disasters.

In addition to these ministries, our center also hosts our Joseph's Ministry team, which assists many aging community members by helping them give new life to their beloved belongings as they transition into new phases of life. The center also supports health fairs, a food pantry, and a medical supply closet, all of which meet the physical needs of many in our community.

The replacement of these windows will help ensure that this ministry space remains safe, efficient, and ready to serve God's people for years to come. By participating in this offering, you are supporting a shared ministry that equips volunteers, strengthens partnerships among our congregations, and brings Christ's mercy to those in need. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support of this important ministry.

 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like to publish an announcement or article in the April/May newsletter, please submit your request to the church office **no later than March 15th**. You may email it to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or call 815-932-0312.



LENTEN DINNER -
WE COOK, YOU EAT!

This week's Lenten Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall prior to the midweek worship service at 7:00 p.m. **The Board of Parish Education & Debbie Turrell's Small Group** is serving Soup & Sandwiches. A freewill offering will be taken. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 p.m.

SCREEN TIME SAFETY

Throughout the month of March, St. Paul's is hosting a new parenting Bible study Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 am. 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.

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

"Fairytales & Finales"
St. John Paul II's Settle Center
956 S. 10th St., Kankakee

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

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

 Fairytales & Finales
March 6, 7 & 8
2026
Celebrating 20 Years



CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

The Board of Outreach & Connections has planned a trip for our congregation to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky. We will depart the school at 1pm on Thursday, July 9th and return late on Saturday, July 11th. The estimated cost per person (including transportation, hotel stay, exhibit tickets, and two lunch vouchers) is \$421.39 per adult for double occupancy or \$566.39 per adult for single occupancy. A deposit of \$100 is due right away but the balance is not due until June 1st. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Fabbro at 815-450-5665 or ruthfabbro1964@gmail.com.



PTL would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts to raise \$40,000 for technology and security for our school! Because of the generosity of our school families, our church members, and our community, we exceeded that goal and raised \$64,282 at our **Boots & Blessings Auction** last Saturday! If you made a donation, you will be receiving a letter in the mail in the next week or two. If you missed the event but would like to contribute, we would still gratefully accept your donation. **Thank you!** ♥♥♥

VBS DECORATION DONATIONS

This summer's VBS theme is Rainforest Falls and we need your help transforming the school into a rainforest! Do you have any party or household decorations, paint, toys, etc. that we might be able to use or borrow? If you do, please bring them to the school at your convenience. Thank you so much!

THE SERVING CHRIST: GOSPEL OF MARK

When: Every Tuesday, 9:45 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Leader: Roy W. Cordes

After Jesus spends some time teaching by using parables, He moves to the region around the Sea of Galilee to return to his teaching and healing ministry. Confrontations with demons also continue as Mark continues to develop His claim to be the Son of God, with authority over nature, demons, death and illnesses.

The class will establish with each event, how does that affect us today. It is one thing to know the Word of God, but it is better to know the Author. Jesus is alive today, He is right beside you as you read this announcement. Are you ready to listen to Him this week? It is our prayer that the LORD will move you to make a commitment to use your ears to hear the Word of God every day. We have had three new class members over the last few weeks - we still have room for more so join us!



TRIVIA NIGHT: OLYMPIC NIGHT OUT

The Youth Ministry's 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?



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to our monthly fellowship dinners. Each month, we visit a different restaurant and share a couple of great hours eating and getting to know each other better. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Anyone who has come at least once will tell you how much fun we have! The next Fellowship Dinner will be **Friday, March 20th at 6 pm at Monical's in Bourbonnais**. If you would like to join us, please contact Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837. We would love to see you!

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 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 our 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!



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TABEA RUMMAGE SALE



We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., May 7th & 8th** from 8 am to 4 pm

in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors on Saturdays before the 5 pm service or you may schedule a time to drop off or pick up with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds from our sales help purchase much needed supplies such as candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations! May God bless you and your families for helping so faithfully.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
February 28 th & March 1 st	
Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	64
Sunday, 8:30 am	135
Sunday, 11:05 am	74
WEEKEND TOTAL	273
Wed., 2/27	
Adult Bible Class	17
Youth Bible Class	9
Children's Sunday School	22
Offerings Given	
General	\$15,478.84
Building	\$3,760.00
School Ops	\$325.00
Lent	\$482.00

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 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!



KANKAKEE HOPE CENTER

FEB/MARCH

THURS, FEB 5
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
SAT, FEB 7
Saturday Work Day - 9am to Noon
THURS, FEB 12
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
THURS, FEB 19
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
SAT, FEB 21
FEBRUARY PACK PARTY - 9:30 to 11 am
THURS, FEB 26
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
THURS, MAR 5
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
SAT, MAR 7
Saturday Work Day - 9am to Noon
THURS, MAR 12
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
THURS, MAR 19
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THURS, MAR 26
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
THURS, APR 2
CLOSED for Holy Week



Phil's Friends is a non-profit organization that distributes FREE care packages and monthly Cards of Hope to cancer patients of all ages across the country. We deliver up to 300 Care Packages per week and mail over 9,000 Cards of Hope each month.

As diagnoses increase and awareness of the Phil's Friends mission grows, we anticipate a continued rise in demand. The Kankakee Hope Center is a crucial part of this mission.

Join us in spreading hope by creating boxes, cards, and blankets or join us for a Pack Party where we assemble care packages.

The Kankakee Hope Center has **Volunteer Walk-in Hours** happen every **Thursday from 6pm to 8pm** (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) and **one Saturday a month**, called a Work Day.

One Saturday a month is the **Pack Party** where a large number of care packages are prepared and shipped.

See the calendar for dates and times.

Kankakee Hope Center
240 S Dearborn Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901
Use the **blue door** under the Phil's Friends sign
For more information contact Sarah Cherry
sarahc@philsfriends.org (815) 651-6864

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen
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: Pat Hatch
 8:30: Loree Yoakum
 11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

Acolytes: 8:30: Dain & Dylan Blair
 11:05: MacKenzie Norton, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 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: Isaac Fabbro, 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. 8		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!
	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)
	12:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Mar. 9		
Tue, Mar. 10	9:45 am 6:30 pm	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (Downtown) Faith & Membership Class (Bourb)
Wed, Mar. 11	9:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i> (Downtown) Lenten Dinner - Soup/Sandwiches (Downtown) Lenten Worship (Downtown)
Thur, Mar. 12	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
Fri, Mar. 13	6:00 pm	Trivia Night (Downtown)
Sat, Mar. 14	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Mar. 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	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)
	12:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Bourb)
	1:00 pm	Volunteer Recognition Reception (Bourb)