

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for all participants.



 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may email it to [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto: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 Fellowship** is serving **lasagna, salad, and garlic bread**. A freewill offering will be taken. Please join us for this time of fellowship and then worship at 7:00 p.m.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> and return late on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Fabbro at 815-450-5665 or [ruthfabbro1964@gmail.com](mailto: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 \$64,502 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! ♥♥♥**

**THE SERVING CHRIST:**  
**GOSPEL OF MARK**

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

On Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the class will meet in the Mission & Ministry Center due to Fellowship Hall serving as a polling place for the primary elections on that date. Enter through the alley doors or use the Dearborn entrance for Phil's Friends.

Our study of the Gospel of Mark continues with Jesus teaching & healing, doing miracles, and even raising people from the dead. He also faces rejection in His home town of Nazareth and is grieved by the death of His friend, John the Baptist. However, despite these challenges and suffering, the Messiah continues to be an example for us in our daily walk here on earth.

How do you find out how to follow His example? It is done by reading God's Word, studying it, and taking the opportunity to be part of a small group Bible study where application of God's instructions for us are discussed. You will find that opportunity in the Tuesday morning Bible class. Join us for coffee, fellowship and most importantly reading and studying God's Word, the Bible.

Why coffee? Because **C-hrist O-ffers F-orgiveness F-or E-veryone E-verywhere!**



### FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to our monthly fellowship dinners. Each month we visit a different restaurant and share a couple of 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

### VBS DECORATION DONATIONS

This year's VBS theme is Rainforest Falls and we need your help transforming the school into a rainforest! Do you have 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!

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**

### 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 **this Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 look forward to celebrating you and your service to our Lord and St. Paul's!



### "SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER"

**Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff**  
**When: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm,**  
**beginning March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Where: 1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb**

Join Pastor Bottorff for his new home Bible study series on these Seven Principles of Prayer: 1) Get still before God. 2) Get into communion with God. 3) PRAY for God to develop your visions and dreams. We will look at how God used Bible heroes like Joseph, Abraham and the apostle John's visions and dreams to visualize how He would fulfill His promises to them. Then we will apply those same principles to how God will work out His promises from His Word in our lives today! 4) See God's authority over the devil in your circumstances. 5) Keep an accurate record of your prayer requests before God. 6) Thank and praise God in advance. 7) "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17)  
Please call Pastor Bottorff at 815-304-4553 by February 25<sup>th</sup> for him to make enough copies for all participants. Treats will be served after each Bible study.



### TABEA RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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!

Please join us for  
**Ben Deck's**  
**100<sup>th</sup>**  
**Birthday Celebration**



On Sunday, March 15, 2026  
 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 at Westwood Oaks  
 100 Westwood Oaks Ct,  
 Kankakee, IL

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
March 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	74
Sunday, 8:30 am	119
Sunday, 11:05 am	84
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>	<b>277</b>
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<b>Wed., 3/4</b>	<b>56</b>
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<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>Offerings Given</b>	
<b>General</b>	<b>\$19,274.21</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$912.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Lent</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>



**KANKAKEE HOPE CENTER**  
**FEB/MARCH**

<b>THURS, FEB 5</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>SAT, FEB 7</b>	Saturday Work Day - 9am to Noon
<b>THURS, FEB 12</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>THURS, FEB 19</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>SAT, FEB 21</b>	FEBRUARY PACK PARTY - 9:30 to 11 am
<b>THURS, FEB 26</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>THURS, MAR 5</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>SAT, MAR 7</b>	Saturday Work Day - 9am to Noon
<b>THURS, MAR 12</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>THURS, MAR 19</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>SAT, MAR 21</b>	MARCH PACK PARTY - 9:30 to 11am
<b>THURS, MAR 26</b>	Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm
<b>THURS, APR 2</b>	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. 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: Audra Taylor  
 8:30: Bill Balgeman  
 11:05: Josh Cherry

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Maddie Billingsley, Quinn Styck  
 11:05: Hudson Bade, Dylan Nordmeyer

**Trustees:** 5:00: Terry Treece  
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman  
 11:05: Greg Wheeler

**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:** Natalie & Sarah Cherry  
**Extra Measure Band:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Mar. 15</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (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 - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Bourb)
	1:00 pm	Volunteer Recognition Reception (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Mar. 16</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tue, Mar. 17</b>	9:45 am	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (Downtown)
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Membership Class (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Mar. 18</b>	5:30 pm	Lenten Dinner - Lasagna (Downtown)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship (Downtown)
<b>Thur, Mar. 19</b>	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
<b>Fri, Mar. 20</b>		<b>GRANDPARENTS DAY EARLY DISMISSAL</b>
<b>Sat, Mar. 21</b>	9:30 am	Phil's Friend Pack Party (Downtown)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Mar. 22</b>	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)