

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<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.



**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 1 pm 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).



**HOLY WEEK - Downtown Church**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 pm



**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

12:05 pm and 7:00 pm (Tenebrae)

**NO SERVICE on Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup>**


**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am



**VBS 2026 - SAVE THE DATE!!**

All children entering 4-year-old preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to spend a week with us at Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>!** *Rainforest Falls* promises a week of wonder as kids explore the powerful nature of God! Through life-changing Bible stories, the coolest animal buddies, and joyful worship, they'll discover who God is and how to stay rooted in His love.



St. Paul's Lutheran School's Theatre Department is proud to present Disney's Lion King Kids! 46 students in grades K-8 will perform the show on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.** Tickets are \$5 at the door. Hakuna Matata!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**SHINE SERVICE DAY - JOIN US!**

Each spring, the LCMS Northern Illinois District invites churches to serve their communities through SHINE service projects. This year, St. Paul's will host a SHINE Service Day on **Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Kankakee Campus**, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

There will be many service opportunities for all ages, so the whole family can join in. Some of the projects include: **Card-Making Workshop** in the Phil's Friends Hope Center – Create scrapbook-style cards for care packages. **Sewing Project** – Help sew quilt tops that will become blankets for Phil's Friends. Fabric and thread will be provided, but donations are always welcome. **Coloring Projects** – Color care package boxes or make "Cards of Hope." **Outdoor Landscaping** – Help beautify the Mission and Ministry Center and courtyard (weather permitting). **Building Projects** – Cleaning, organizing the new VBS closet, and other helpful tasks.

Whether you can stay for the whole morning or just help with a project or two, there will be plenty of ways to serve. We're also inviting our sister churches in the circuit to join us for this special morning of service and fellowship. Come shine Christ's love through service. We hope to see you there!

**THE SERVING CHRIST:  
GOSPEL OF MARK**

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

Mark reports that despite the fact that Jesus calmed the storm, drove out demons, fed over 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, and walked on water—the twelve disciples still didn’t understand who Jesus was and that He was the Messiah. How about you? Who do you believe Jesus is? One way to understand Him better is to participate in reading God’s Word in a Bible class. The discussion and support of fellow believers will give you a clearer understanding of your Savior and Messiah.

As we enter Holy Week and walk beside our suffering Savior, the study of His Word is probably more important than at any other time during the church year. Jesus did all of this for us. He did all of this for you! Can you do more than just talk the talk? How about if you dedicate yourself to also walking the walk! You may join the Tuesday morning Bible class at any time, each week is a new lesson as we cover the Gospel of Mark verse-by-verse to study our serving Lord. Join us!



**OBERWEIS COOLEST SCHOOL  
CONTEST**

On **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, our teachers and staff members will be scooping ice cream at Oberweis (in front of Lowe’s in Bradley) for a great cause! Come out **between 4 and 9 pm** to support St. Paul’s in our quest to be the COOLEST SCHOOL! Mention St. Paul’s when you checkout and 20% of your total will be donated to the school. PLUS if we finish in the top three, we will also receive 10% from EVERY school’s sales. What better excuse to treat yourself?

**SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST**

The SCORE recycling contest is coming to an end in April so bring your cans before it’s too late. We are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 23 schools. Let’s finish strong!! The more we collect, the more the school earns! You can also bring them directly to Belson. When you bring your ticket to the cashier, just tell them you’d like the points to go to St. Paul’s. Thank you!!

**Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday and Easter.**

**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.



**EASTER BREAKFAST**

The youth will be serving scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sausage, and fruit in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 Easter morning. A freewill donation will be collected to help with the 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering expenses. Come celebrate our risen Lord in fellowship!!



<b><u>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</u></b>	
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b><u>Worship Attendance:</u></b>	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	64
Sunday, 8:30 am	105
Sunday, 11:05 am	75
<b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>	<b>244</b>
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<b>Wed., 3/18</b>	<b>58</b>
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<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Youth Bible Class</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Children’s Sunday School</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b><u>Offerings Given</u></b>	
<b>General</b>	<b>\$17,741.41</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$515.00</b>
<b>School Ops</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Lent</b>	<b>\$552.00</b>

**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

# APRIL - MAY

**THURS, APRIL 9**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**SAT, APRIL 11**  
Saturday Work Day - 9am to Noon 

**THURS, APRIL 16**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**THURS, APRIL 23**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**SAT, APRIL 25**  
APRIL PACK PARTY - 9:30 to 11 am

**THURS, APRIL 30**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**THURS, MAY 7**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**SAT, MAY 9**  
Saturday Work Day - 9am to Noon

**THURS, MAY 14**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**THURS, MAY 21**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**SAT, MAY 23**  
MAY PACK PARTY - 9:30 to 11am

**THURS, MAY 28**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**THURS, JUNE 4**  
Walk-in Opportunity - 6pm to 8pm

**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** 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@philfriends.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: Jennifer Richardson  
8:30: John Veers  
11:05: Melody McDonald
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Ty Luhman, Mo Macari  
11:05: Jacob Kubal, Ryleigh Reiniche
- Trustees:** 5:00: Rob Wood  
8:30: Barry Gadbois  
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:** Melody McDonald, Heather Stroo  
**Extra Measure Band:** Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun, Mar. 29</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</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)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Mar. 30</b>		
<b>Tue, Mar. 31</b>	9:45 am	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (Downtown)
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Apr. 1</b>		
<b>Thur, Apr. 2</b>		<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
	7:00 pm	Worship - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
<b>Fri, Apr. 3</b>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL / OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	12:05 pm	Worship (Downtown)
	7:00 pm	Service of Darkness (Downtown)
<b>Sat, Apr. 4</b>		
<b>Sun, Apr. 5</b>		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
	6:00 am	Sunrise Easter Worship - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
	7:00 am	Easter Breakfast (Downtown)
	9:00 am	Easter Worship - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
	11:00 am	Easter Worship - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)

