

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - April 18th & 19th

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 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.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGES!
8th GRADE CONFIRMATION IS
SUNDAY, MAY 3rd

The 5:00 pm Traditional Worship Service will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the downtown location as usual.

The 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the school location as usual.

The 11:05 am Jr. Confirmation Worship Service will be held at the downtown location.

There will be NO Adult Bible Class, Children's Sunday School or Coffee Hour between the services.



VBS 2026 -
SAVE THE DATE!!

All children entering 4-year-old preschool through 6th grade are invited to spend a week with us at Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 15th through Friday, June 19th!** *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.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

The St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Blood Drive was a success! Donors increased by 8 and the number of units collected increased by 6.

One donor from both years said she saw our site and gave in memory of Jenn Wilken, a past St. Paul's School librarian. The donations make a real difference in the lives of those in need and for the donors too.

Many thanks to the volunteers: Barry Gadbois, Bill Burger, Mary Kay Tanka, Adele Hinze, Kim Williams, Carol Baron, Loree Yoakum and Isaac Fabbro.



"SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER"

Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff
When: 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm
Where: 1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb

On March 24th, Pastor Bottorff started a 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)

Call Pastor Dave Bottorff at 815-304-4553 to come to this Bible study at his home on the **4th Tuesdays of April, May, September, October and November.**

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



Pastor Koeppen will be leading the Bible Study "Life Lessons from Acts" on **Saturday, April 25th**. You are invited to join him at **7:30 am** in the

Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.



ANNUAL BENEFIT CAR SHOW

Caleb's Prayer Foundation

was formed 12 years ago in memory of Caleb Hoggins, who lost his battle with cancer at 15. The mission of the foundation is to provide financial assistance to families in Kankakee and Iroquois counties that are coping with the effects of cancer. Since its inception, **Caleb's Prayer Foundation** has distributed over \$119,000 to local families, helping with groceries, transportation, utilities, housing, insurance, medical bills, and funeral expenses. The main source of income is an annual car show at Phillips Auto Group, Bourbonnais. This year's event is **Sunday, May 17th** (rain date May 31st).

There are a multitude of ways you can help if you feel so inclined.

- Become a sponsor
- Donate a door prize
- Register your car or truck (see below)
- Simply show your support by coming to this FREE event to browse the beautiful cars

Registration for car entries is from 9 to 11 am and the entry fee is \$20. This event opens to the viewing public at noon and is FREE. Grilled burgers and hot dogs, chips, and drinks are available for purchase. 100% of the profit goes to local families. For more information, please contact Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net or 815-932-0312. We hope to see you there!

THE SERVING CHRIST:

GOSPEL OF MARK

When: Every Tuesday, 9:45 am

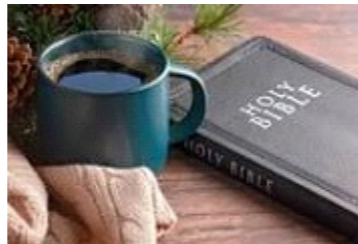
Where: Fellowship Hall

Leader: Roy W. Cordes

We have just experienced worship during the Lenten season and Holy Week, hearing the same Bible passages from the Gospels every year. Have you ever studied those passages verse-by-verse? Have you ever talked about how they apply to our life today? Mark uses chapters 9-16 to report on the passion of Jesus from His trip to Jerusalem, His suffering, His crucifixion, and His death and resurrection.

The Tuesday morning Bible class will study chapter 9 this week, giving us the opportunity to read and discuss the passion history. Before leaving for Jerusalem Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say I am?" Peter spoke up for the disciples and said, "You are the Christ (Messiah)." The disciples finally began to understand who Jesus was and the purpose of His ministry.

How would you respond to Jesus asking you, "Who do you say I am?" The power of the resurrection would help us respond, "You are the living Christ, my Lord and Savior!" Join us for coffee and Bible study every week.



UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

BIBLE STUDY

In a world where Christianity regularly encounters Islam—both globally and in our own communities—it is important for Christians to understand what Muslims believe and how we can faithfully bear witness to Christ. Beginning **April 19th**, we will offer a **six-week Bible study on Islam** designed to help Christians think carefully, historically, and biblically about this major world religion.

This study will explore **the origins of Islam in pre-Islamic Arabia**, where a mixture of tribal religions, Judaism, and Christianity existed prior to the rise of Muhammad in the 7th century. From there we will trace the development of Islam through key historical moments including the early expansion of Islam, the Crusades, and the continuing interactions between Christianity and the Muslim world.

We will also examine **major theological expressions of Islam today**, including Sunni and Shiite Islam, reform movements such as Wahhabism, and the influence of modern political and religious movements in places such as Iran.

Most importantly, we will consider **how Christians have historically responded to Islam** and how we can **lovingly and faithfully witness to Muslims today**, always confessing the truth that salvation is found in Christ alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

The Board of Parish Fellowship would like to thank those members who delivered over 40 Easter flowers to St. Paul's members who are shut-ins or in area nursing homes. Those who helped were Bill & Kim Balgeman, Joan Gehm, Colleen LaGesse, Loree Yoakum, Anita Schluter Wilson, and Gene Wachholz. A special thanks to Lynda Koeppen for all her assistance and to those members who donated flowers for delivery.



DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD'S?



Springtime.....synonymous with home improvement projects, deep cleaning, and landscaping! If you make purchases at Menards and do not intend to mail in the rebate slip, please consider donating your rebate receipts to the church. Simply drop them off at the church office or put them in the collection plate. Our custodians and trustees shop at Menards regularly and your rebates would go to great use!

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.



FINAL YOUTH NIGHT

This year, the St. Paul's Youth Ministry has been studying God's truths vs. Satan's lies. We invite youth in 7th through 12th grade to join us for our last Youth Night of the school year this **Sunday, April 19th from 6pm to 8pm** at the school campus for fun, fellowship, and devotions. Bring your Bible and a friend!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 11th & 12th

Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm.....	67
Sunday, 8:30 am.....	105
Sunday, 11:05 am.....	85
WEEKEND TOTAL.	257
Adult Bible Class. n/a	
Youth Bible Class.	5
Children's Sunday School.	16
Offerings Given	
General.	\$12,915.56
Building.	\$877.00
School Ops.	\$300.00

SENIOR SEND-OFF NIGHT

On **Wednesday, April 29th**, join us from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** to celebrate our graduating seniors and pray over them as they prepare for the next leg of their journey.



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@philsfriends.org (815) 651-6864

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist: 5:00: Aaron Heldt 8:30: Diane Dyche

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Kevin Kurtz
 8:30: Ken Capps, Bruce Clark, John Veers
 11:05: Bob Carruthers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
 8:30: Bill Balgeman
 11:05: Melody Trudeau

Acolytes: 8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Nolan Freitas
 11:05: Hudson Bade, Dylan Nordmeyer

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Greg Wheeler

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: Heather Stroo, Deb Turrell
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Ellana Turrell

WE'RE GETTING THE BAND TOGETHER!

6th -12th grade band and orchestra musicians, along with any adult musicians, you are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on **Sunday, May 17th during the 8:30 am worship service.** We will provide music for pre-service, offertory, and post-service. **We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 am in the school gym.** Donuts, juice, and milk will be provided after rehearsal. Please contact Bill Dyche by sending a text to 815-592-0870 or send an email to bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Please include the following information: musician name, instrument, email, and cell number.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Apr. 19	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Assimilation Class	<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>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Mon, Apr. 20	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Tue, Apr. 21	9:45 am	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Wed, Apr. 22	9:30 am	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i>	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Thur, Apr. 23	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Fri, Apr. 24	6:00 pm	Athletic Awards Banquet	<i>(Bourb)</i>
Sat, Apr. 25	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast	<i>(Riverside)</i>
	9:30 am	Phil's Friends Pack Party	<i>(Downtown)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Downtown)</i>
Sun, Apr. 26	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional	<i>(Bourb)</i>
	9:45 am	Assimilation Class	<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>

2026 National Day of Prayer
 "Glorify God Among The Nations, Seeking Him In All Generations"

1 Chronicles 16:24

Thursday, May 17, 2026 - 6 am to 6 pm
 @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church