

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - May 16th & 17th

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.



VBS 2026 OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

All children entering 4-year-old preschool through 6th grade are invited to spend a week with us at Vacation Bible School **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. Scan the QR code to register your kids!



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** 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 **this Sunday, May 17th** (rain date May 24th).

There are still ways you can help:

- Register your car or truck (see below)
- Simply show your support by coming to this FREE event to browse the beautiful cars

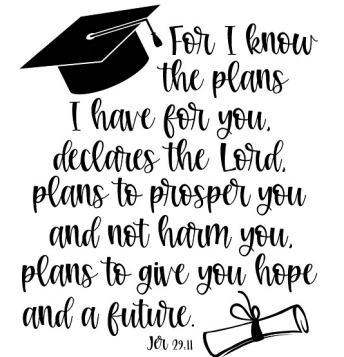
Registration for car entries is from 9 to 11 am and the entry fee is \$20. This event opens to the viewing public at noon and is FREE. Grilled burgers and hot dogs, chips, and drinks are available for purchase. 100% of the profit goes to local families. We hope to see you there!

If you or someone you know could use help from Caleb's Prayer Foundation, please call the church office or contact Annette Hoggins at 815-697-3001.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!!

We pray God's blessings on all of our 8th grade graduates as they say goodbye to St. Paul's and embark on their new adventures! A special congratulations to Brody Brinkmann (Class Valedictorian and recipient of the Rotary Club Four-Way Test Award), Olivia Reardanz (Salutatorian and recipient of the Kiwanis Student Achievement Award), and Layna Rahn (recipient of the Rotary Club Four-Way Test Award)!



SENIOR SEND-OFF NIGHT

To make sure all of our graduating seniors can attend, our 2026 Senior Send-Off has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm**. You are invited to join us to celebrate and pray for our seniors! RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/d7nfFiMu3xNkKxyE8>

**YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER FUN -
SAVE THE DATES!**

Students entering grades 7th through 12th and their families are invited to join us for two fun summer fellowship activities! Please RSVP to Katrina Drinnon at katrinadrinnon@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

~ Mini Golf @ Adventure Commons -
Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm - Bring \$9 cash for 18 holes of golf

~ Swim Party @ Splash Valley Aquatic Park - **Wednesday, July 22nd 4-8pm** - Bring \$12 cash for entrance + money for snacks. (Rain date: July 29th)

A PRAYER CENTER

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, *"Always be joyful. Never stop praying (pray without ceasing). Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Jesus Christ."*

Located on one of the tables in the coffee hour area before and after both services is a new "prayer center." There are directions along with two baskets and wristbands (which could also be used as bookmarks). One basket contains wristbands with specific prayer suggestions. These are designed for you to take one and pray for that person or situation this coming week. You may also write a prayer request for yourself or a friend using just first names and the reason for praying. Place your prayer request in the basket on the right side of the center.

**THE SERVING CHRIST:
GOSPEL OF MARK**

When: Every Tuesday, 9:45 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Leader: Roy W. Cordes

Jesus and His disciples arrived in Jerusalem and experienced His entry on what we now call Palm Sunday. The week we now call Holy Week becomes a week of a large amount of teaching by Jesus from Monday through Thursday evening when He is arrested. Ranging from the fig tree lesson to His authority being questioned and a few more parables, the Messiah doesn't just wait around for His crucifixion. He makes the most of His time to share the message of salvation in His final week of ministry here on earth before His death and resurrection.

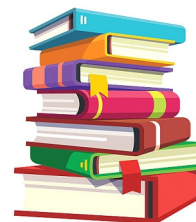
Discussing a wide range of topics and applying them to our lives today, this class will continue to use God's Word to help our faith grow and mature. After Jesus goes back to heaven, the disciples began to follow His example with their preaching and teaching. Living in a free-to-worship nation, we have that same opportunity - to grow and mature in our faith. We are in the 11th chapter of Mark and will continue into the summer months. When we reach the end of Mark 16, we will take a break and resume with a new course in September. Why not give it a try as we move into the summer months? Join us!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you for joining our Christian community by participating in the National Day of Prayer at our church last Thursday. Prayer support can work miracles as the Lord blesses us with a life of compassion for others. Being an example to the next generation will help Christians spread the Gospel. If only takes a spark to get a fire going. Because of God's mercy and grace we can show others that God loves everyone and wants everybody to join Him eternally.

BOOK COLLECTION REMINDER

St. Paul's will once again be doing a used book booth at Prairieview's Fall Festival on **September 11th & 12th** and we are in need of books. There are collection bins at both locations. At the school, you may place your books in the labeled red donation box. At the church, there are labeled containers in the atrium to the right of gym doors. If you have any questions, if you would like to arrange a time to drop off, or if you need to schedule a pick-up, please call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855, call or text her at 815-216-0240, or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.



**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. This Bible study on Islam has been 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).

SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)



Don't forget about T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) as we head into spring! It's easy to make money for your child's or grandchild's school account and St. Paul's while paying face value for gift cards. Planning a vacation? Doing some home improvements? Starting your child in a new sport? Planning a graduation party or summer get-together? Think TRIP! Choose from over 750 retailers including Bass Pro, Dick's Sporting Goods, Disney, DQ, Royal Carribean, Menards, Lowe's, Amazon, Walmart, lots of hotels and airlines, and so much more! TRIP cards also make fabulous graduation gifts! Stop by the church office or call or text Julie Dummer at 815-530-7320 to place your order. You can also order gift cards and download e-cards from the Raise Right app.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday is the last time that the youth will meet for Bible Study and the younger children will meet for Sunday School. Both will reconvene after Labor Day.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
May 9th & 10th	
Worship Attendance:	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	74
Sunday, 8:30 am	130
Sunday, 11:05 am	73
WEEKEND TOTAL	277
Adult Bible Study	
	12
Youth Bible Study	
	6
Children's Sunday School	
	21
Offerings Given	
General	\$34,652.95
Building	\$2,837.00
School Ops.	\$325.00

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If your son or daughter is graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college this spring (or they graduated in December), please email the church office at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net with their name, grade, and school by June 1st so that we can pray for them! If you have an 8th grader that graduated from St. Paul's, there is no need to send an email. :)

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Pastor Koeppen will be leading the Bible Study "Life Lessons from Acts" on **May 23rd**. You are invited to join him at **7:30 am in the Riverside cafeteria** to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.

Youth & Adult Band:

Flute

Liz Deck
Ella Lundmark
Liz Lesch
Mason Raloff

Violin

Ruth Fabbro
Micah Lundmark
Ellana Turrell

Clarinet

Norah Callan
Amy Fox
Chelsie Fox
Ruthie Fox

Alto Sax

Matt Callan
Jack Stirnaman
Grace West

Tenor Sax

Dain Blair
Greg Ronchetto

Trumpet

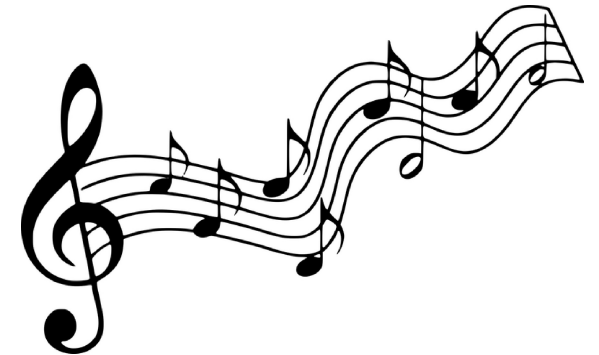
Diane Dyche
Nadine Engel
Isaac Fabbro
Gail Ferrebee
Benjamin Kubal

Trombone

Luke Stirnaman

Percussion

Hope Brammer



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist: Nadine Engel

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Greg Deck
 8:30: Bob Carruthers, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz
 11:05: John Veers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
 8:30: Dee Cordes
 11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

Acolytes: 8:30: Maddie Billingsley, Olivia Reardanz
 11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Jim Trudeau

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: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
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, May 17	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	9:30 am	New Member Reception (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Final Youth Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Final Children's Sunday School (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	Voters Meeting (Bourb)
Mon, May 18		
Tue, May 19	9:45 am	<i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (Downtown)
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (7 th Gr Only) (Bourb)
	7:00 pm	Youth Ministry Senior Send-Off (Bourb)
Wed, May 20	7:00 pm	8 th Grade Graduation (Bourb)
Thur, May 21	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
Fri, May 22		LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
Sat, May 23	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside Cafeteria)
	9:30 am	Phil's Friends Pack Party (Downtown)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun, May 24	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)



Beginning Monday, June 1st, the church office will be open from
9:00am to 3:30pm.