

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - June 6th & 7th

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 from 5:30 to 8 pm!**

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!



NEXT WEEKEND:

Rev. Matt Koenig guest preacher

Rev. Matt Koenig has faithfully served churches across the Midwest in a variety of roles - including teacher, principal, DCE, and pastor. Matt started his DCE ministry right here at St. Paul's Lutheran church and school in Kankakee from 2001-2006 where he led programs around children, youth, and small group ministries.

For the past ten years, Pastor Koenig has led discipleship efforts at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Palatine. His focus is on small groups, care ministry, and the development of relational discipleship pathways.

He is currently on a sabbatical and visiting the many churches he has served over the years. We are glad to have Pastor Matt Koenig and his wife, Dawn, with us in worship next weekend!

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER FUN - SAVE THE DATES!

Students entering 7th - 12th grade and their families are invited to join us for two fun summer fellowship activities! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to katrinadrinnon@gmail.com.

~ 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)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

On Sundays there is a prayer center in the coffee hour area before and after both services. You are invited to pick up a prayer request wristband/bookmark or write out a prayer request for others to pray for you, your friend or relative, or a situation that needs to be resolved. The bands & bookmarks will remind you to pray each day through the week.

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

“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 Christ Jesus.”



VOLUNTEER FOR VBS: JOIN OUR RAINFOREST CREW!

Station Leaders: Help lead Rooted Bible Adventure, Treetop Treats, Wild Games, or Imagination Station.

Crew Leaders: Help lead a crew of PreK-6th grade kids through each of the stations, guiding them through the activities and lessons

Spotlight VBS Creator: Walk around between all of the stations and groups taking pictures. Put together a slide show for the closing each day.

Sing & Play Lagoon: Help lead the songs by learning the dance ahead of time and performing them on stage during opening and closing each day.

Play Dr. Flutterby in the Opening Skits

All volunteers are asked to complete the VBS Volunteer Application by scanning the QR code. Please also mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend:



Volunteer Training: Sunday, June 7th from 9:45-10:45 pm.

Volunteer Orientation: Sunday June 14th 12:30-2pm (lunch included) & 2-4pm set-up

If you have questions, please contact Liz Lesch at 815-263-0537.

BE THE CHURCH 2026
MISSION: BEST VBS EVER!

This year for our *Be the Church* local mission project, we will be working together to support the St. Paul's Vacation Bible School program, **Rainforest Falls**. VBS is far more than just a week in June. Lots of work goes into preparing for the week, and each of the students and volunteers involved in VBS need your prayers and support.

~ **VBS Giving Tree** - There is a giving tree in the school entry way with leaves each containing an item needed for VBS.

~ **Be a VBS Prayer Buddy & Sponsor a Book of Psalms for a student!** - This year's VBS curriculum includes a Book of Psalms for students to mark our Sticky Scripture messages throughout the week and take home to share with their family. Prayer Buddies will help cover the cost of the books (\$3.99 each), write a message in the book to the student they sponsor, and pray for that student during VBS week and beyond. You may bring a check to the office or drop it in the collection plate this weekend.

~ **Join the decorating crew!** - Help us transform the school into a rainforest!

Sun. June 7th, 1-3pm - Decorate hallways

Sun. June 14th, 2-4pm - Set-up gym & classrooms

Sat. June 20th, 9-noon - Post-VBS clean-up

THE SERVING CHRIST:
GOSPEL OF MARK

When: Every Tuesday, 9:45 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Leader: Roy W. Cordes

From Facebook: "Someone asked me why I read the Bible so much. The truth is, I actually have a genetic condition where my body doesn't produce its own Scripture, so I have to take regular supplements."

How about you? Do you take a daily dose of God's Word? Do you join your brothers and sisters in Bible study on a regular basis? The Tuesday morning Bible class gives you the opportunity to do both. We are studying the Gospel of Mark, and specifically Jesus is teaching His followers about the end of the world as He experiences Holy Week and is about ready to be condemned to die. His sacrifice for us is the ultimate gift of salvation.

Join us for a verse-by-verse study, an application to our life today, a cup of coffee if you would like, and Christian fellowship. One hour each week to remind us of God's power and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost and beyond. Join us!



LWML SERVANT EVENT

LWML will once again be collecting used eye glasses, sun glasses and eye glass cases for MOST Ministries. The glasses will be cleaned, sorted and used at vision clinics on various mission trips. The people being served are excited to receive a new pair of glasses whenever the mission teams arrive in their villages. Many times they walk several miles just to receive a new pair of glasses. Please bring your contributions to the school site and drop them in the box marked "LWML Donations". There will also be a box by the elevator at the church outside the sanctuary. **Glasses will be collected from June 1st - June 30th**. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to "Serve the Lord with Gladness"!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

Please mark your calendars for **June 28th**. We will be having a special voters meeting at **12:30 pm** in the school gym to finish the discussions started at the regular voters meeting on May 17th.

SUMMER TRIP ORDERING

What is TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)?

* Raise money by using gift cards to pay for everyday purchases. Choose from 750+ retailers, like Bass Pro, Dick's, Disney, DQ, Starbucks, Groupon, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, hotels, airlines, gas stations & more!

* Pay face value for gift cards. A portion of what you spend will go to St. Paul's and a portion will be applied to your school account for tuition, lunch or extended care. If you do not have children that attend St. Paul's, you may donate your share to a school family or to St. Paul's.

How do I order?

* Contact Julie (Salzman) Dummer at jdummer@stpaulslutheran.net or 815-530-7320. She will place orders weekly. Submit your request to her by Thursday for delivery no later than the following Friday.

* Install the RaiseRight app to order your gift cards or use it to download e-cards while you're waiting in line at your favorite stores. Call Julie for the code.



PHIL'S FRIENDS

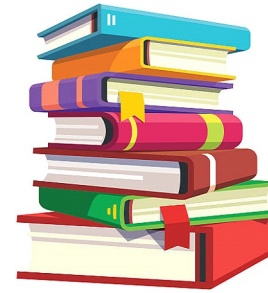
Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center will have service opportunities all summer long. We hope you will add volunteering at Phil's Friends to your summer to do list. See the insert for the June and July dates.

NEW WINDOWS BRING NEW BLESSINGS!

The St. Paul's Mission & Ministry Center, home of the Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center, has received an exciting upgrade with the installation of brand-new windows! This wonderful improvement was made possible through the generosity of district grants, memorial gifts, and faithful personal donors who believe in the ministry and mission of the Hope Center.

We are deeply thankful to everyone who contributed to this project. These new windows are not only beautiful, but they will also greatly improve the energy efficiency of the building and help keep the space more comfortable during the warm summer months as we will be using portable air conditioners to cool the spaces.

Every improvement to the Mission and Ministry Center and thus the Hope Center helps us create a welcoming and encouraging place for volunteers to come be the hands and feet of Christ to those facing cancer. Thank you for helping make this important update possible!



PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

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***. We take hard covers, paperbacks, children's, fiction and nonfiction. Please, no textbooks. There are collection bins at both locations. At the school, you may leave your books in the labeled red donation box. At the church, there are labeled containers just inside the alley doors. If you have any questions, would like to arrange a time to drop off, or 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.

There will be sign-up sheets at both sites later in the summer to volunteer to work at the book booth, help set up, and help pack up at the end. We will also need homemade pies.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 30th & 31st

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| <u>Worship Attendance:</u> | |
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 53 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 114 |
| Sunday, 11:05 am | 64 |
| WEEKEND TOTAL | 231 |
| <u>Adult Bible Study</u> 9 | |
| <u>Offerings Given</u> | |
| General | \$14,876.41 |
| Building | \$420.00 |
| School Ops. | \$300.00 |

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else and join us for some food and fellowship! 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. Everyone is invited! Our next fellowship dinner will be on **Friday, June 19th at 6:00 pm at Oliver's in West Kankakee.**



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Organist: 5:00 Aaron Heldt 8:30: Diane Dyche
Lay Ministers: 5:00: Bruce Clark
 8:30: Ken Capps, Greg Deck, John Veers
 11:05: Rich Engel
Lay Readers: 5:00: Dennis Hess
 8:30: Lauren Lundmark
 11:05: Melody McDonald
Acolytes: 8:30: Lana McHugh, Grace West
 11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson
Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 8:30: Mike Regas
 11:05: Greg Wheeler
Ushers: 5:00: Keith Christensen, Pat Hatch, Terry Treece
 8:30: Bill Balgeman, Jim Baron, Scott Styck
 11:05: Dave Kesinger, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Ben Kubal, Melody McDonald
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| Sun, June 7 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 1:00 pm | Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (<i>Bourb</i>) Adult Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (<i>Bourb</i>) VBS Decorating (<i>Bourb</i>) |
| Mon, June 8 | | |
| Tue, June 9 | 9:45 am 6:30 pm | <i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (<i>Downtown</i>) School Board Meeting (<i>Bourb</i>) |
| Wed, June 10 | 6:30 pm | Youth Mini Golf (<i>Adventure Commons</i>) |
| Thur, June 11 | 6:00 pm | Phil's Friends Walk-In (<i>Downtown</i>) |
| Fri, June 12 | | |
| Sat, June 13 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Phil's Friends Work Day (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Traditional (<i>Downtown</i>) |
| Sun, June 14 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 2:00 pm | Worship - Traditional (<i>Bourb</i>) Adult Bible Study (<i>Bourb</i>) Worship - Contemporary (<i>Bourb</i>) VBS Decorating (<i>Bourb</i>) |



The church office will be open
Monday through Friday
9:00am to 3:30pm.