

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - August 1st & 2nd

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Through faith, we understand that who we are and what we have are blessings from God. In the words of Jesus' brother, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." (James 1:17).

Even before God created the world, we were destined to be His children and recipients of His blessings. Through faith, we understand that God blesses us not only for our own edification but for the purpose of blessing others. God partners with us as His fellow workers (1 Corinthians 3:9) to share His grace, love, and mercy with others. We are blessed to serve God by serving others and His Church, so that all people may hear the Good News of the Gospel.



PASTOR KOEPPEN CELEBRATES
30 YEARS OF MINISTRY

During each of worship services over the weekend of August 8th & 9th, we will be celebrating Pastor Koeppen's 30th anniversary in the public ministry. Pastor Koeppen was ordained on August 4, 1996, and has served at St. Paul's ever since.

Northern Illinois District President, Allan Buss, will be preaching at the Saturday night service, while Northern Illinois District First Vice President, Cory Estby, will be preaching at the Sunday morning services. These services will also feature special music. There will be a reception for Pastor Koeppen between the Sunday morning services.

Join us in worship during the weekend of August 8th & 9th as we celebrate the work of Pastor Koeppen in our congregation.



SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC!!

On **Sunday, August 30th** we will have a single worship service to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. The service will be at 10:00 a.m. outside under a tent in front of the school. Following the service, we will celebrate with a church picnic! There will be seating inside and out for the meal and fun activities for children. We hope your family will plan to stay a while after dinner for the kids to enjoy some of the games and activities or just to visit with fellow members and friends! Mr. Porter will grill hamburgers and hotdogs and we ask everyone to bring a dish or two to share.

A link to a Sign Up Genius can be found on the St. Paul's website and Facebook pages. Please RSVP by August 23rd so that we know how many people to expect for the picnic. And of course you are welcome to attend the service without an RSVP! We hope all church & school families, along with alumni, will join us to celebrate God's many blessings on our church & school and enjoy worship, good food, fun and fellowship! Second graders will also be receiving their Bibles at this service.

2ND GRADE BIBLE BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, August 30th**, the second grade students will receive a Bible during the 10:00 worship service prior to the church picnic. We will be hosting a breakfast for the students and their parents beforehand. Please meet in the cafeteria at 9:15 am. This will be a fun way to meet other second grade students and parents while enjoying a breakfast and activities. Please look for a letter in the mail. If you have any questions or do not receive a letter by August 8th, please contact the church office at 815-932-0312.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

If you have a child who is planning to begin or finish the confirmation program this year (typically 7th and 8th graders) and they do NOT attend our school, please watch your mail for a letter concerning confirmation classes. They will be starting mid to late August. If you do not receive a letter by August 8th, please call the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Summer is coming to a close. It's time to kick off a new school year in style with a scavenger hunt and lots of fun! All students entering 7th through 12th grades are invited to join us at the school campus from **3:00 to 6:30 pm on Sunday, August 16th**. Dress ready for a scavenger hunt and bring your swimsuit, towel, and a lawn chair. Parents, please plan to join us as well for a parents meeting at 3pm followed by fellowship. Hamburgers and hot dogs will await you at the end of the hunt!

PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

St. Paul's will be doing a used book booth again at Prairieview's Fall Festival on **September 11th & 12th** and **we are in need of books.** There are collection bins at both locations. 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 are also sign-up sheets out now at both locations to volunteer to make pies and/or help with the book booth.



PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our only agenda is to share God's love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we have devotions and prayer and we share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether or not you have the skills; we will train you. Our next quarterly meeting will be at Monical's Pizza in Bourbonnais on **Wednesday, August 12th at 6 p.m.** Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend.

CHRISTIE RAHN RESIGNATION

Christie Rahn has announced her resignation as the Church Office Administrator. Christie has served our congregation faithfully in this position for more than 5 years.

For the next several weeks, Christie will be working Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. After that, she will be assisting during some evening and weekend hours until her replacement is in place.

We ask for the Lord's blessings on Christie in her new employment and thank her for her service at St. Paul's.



CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Applications are being accepted for the position of Church Office Administrator. This is a full time position which includes preparation of bulletins, prayer sheets, and slides for worship services, meeting preparation, maintenance of church records, human resources management, and a myriad of other duties.

To apply for the position, please submit a resume and accompanying cover letter explaining your interest in the position to the Board of Lay Ministry. The cover letter and resume can be mailed to the church office, placed in the Board of Lay Ministry mailbox, or emailed to Pastor Koeppen at kkoeppen@stpaulslutheran.net.

COLLEGE & MILITARY ADDRESSES



If you have a child going to college in the fall or enlisting in the military, please send their address to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net so that we may stay connected to them as they continue their journey. Thank you!

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.



**WILDFLOWER BOUQUET MAKING
NIGHT**

Summer is beautiful, but it can also be hot! Instead of picking your own wildflowers, come create a stunning bouquet with us. Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is hosting a Wildflower Bouquet Making Night on **Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at the Kankakee Campus. Flat Rock Farms will provide a beautiful selection of fresh wildflowers and guide you step-by-step in creating your own bouquet in a quart-sized mason jar. The cost is \$35 if you bring your own quart mason jar or \$40 if you would like one provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening of fellowship, meet new people, learn a new skill, and take home a beautiful wildflower arrangement. It would also make a fun mother/daughter outing or a special evening with a friend. Please sign up by Tuesday, August 4, by calling or texting Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864. Payment is due the night of the event, and cash is preferred. We hope you'll join us for this fun summer evening!

PLEASE LOCK THE DOORS!

If you enter or leave the school building, especially after hours, ***please*** make sure all of the doors are locked and latched so our building is secure and the trustees and pastors do not receive calls from the police in the middle of the night. Also, be sure that no one else is in the building before you set the alarm. Thank you!!



**PHIL'S FRIEND KANKAKEE HOPE
CENTER EXPANDS VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

Great news! Beginning this month, the Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center is expanding its volunteer hours to make it easier for more people to serve. On **Thursdays**, our doors will now be open from **3:00–8:00 p.m.** During that time, volunteers may come and go as their schedules allow. Whether you can stay for 30 minutes or the entire evening, your time makes a difference! To help us organize projects, we've divided the afternoon and evening into two volunteer sessions: 3:00–5:30 p.m. and 5:30–8:00 p.m. There is no need to stay for an entire session—simply arrive anytime between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m., serve as long as you're able, and head home when you need to. Every card written, item created, and care package packed brings hope and encouragement to someone facing cancer. We'd love to have you join us as we continue sharing God's love and reminding those we serve that Cancer is strong. Hope is stronger.

**TWO NEW CREATIVE VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PHIL'S
FRIENDS KANKAKEE HOPE
CENTER!**

Sew for a Cause will meet on the **first Tuesday evening of each month from 5:30–8:00 p.m. and the third Wednesday afternoon from 3:00–5:30 p.m.** Both daytime and evening options are available to fit a variety of schedules. No sewing experience is necessary—leaders will be available to teach. Sewing stations will remain set up so volunteers can continue sewing during regular Walk-In Sessions and Saturday Work Days. Donations of fabric and thread are also welcome as this blanket-making ministry grows.

Create for a Cause will meet on the **fourth Wednesday of each month from 5:30–8:00 p.m.** Volunteers will create handmade cards, decorate journals, and work on other paper crafting projects that bring encouragement to cancer patients. No experience is needed, and leaders will be available to guide participants of all skill levels.

Whether you're an experienced crafter or trying something new, these creative groups are a wonderful way to serve others while enjoying fellowship. Join us as we create items that bring hope and remind those facing cancer that they are not alone.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In October, LWML will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child workshop, where adults and children can help assemble shoe boxes that will be shipped to remote areas of the world as a witness of Jesus and his love. ***If you would like to contribute, now would be a great time to stock up on some extra school supplies to include in the boxes!*** We could use spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, scissors, construction paper, crayons, pens, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, pencil bags, and solar calculators. Thank you so much!!



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

July 25th & 26th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	56
Sunday, 8:30 am	106
Sunday, 11:05 am	68
WEEKEND TOTAL	230

Offerings Given

General	\$13,959.56
Building	\$750.00
School Ops.	\$340.00

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Organist: Nadine Engel

A/V: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Ken Capps
8:30: Bruce Clark, Noah Ghere, John Veers
11:05: Greg Deck

Lay Readers: 5:00: Karen Beatty
8:30: Lauren Lundmark
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

Acolytes: 8:30: Max & Grace West
11:05: Maddie Billingsley, Jacob Kubal

Trustees: 5:00: Mike Callan
8:30: Barry Gadbois
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: 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 , Aug. 2	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon , Aug. 3	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue , Aug. 4		
Wed , Aug. 5		
Thur , Aug. 6	6:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
Fri , Aug. 7		
CELEBRATING PASTOR KOEPPEN’S 30 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL’S		
Sat , Aug. 8	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , Aug. 9	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)



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