

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - August 15th & 16th

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



Scripture tells us that we cannot be free to be God's servants or stewards until death to ourselves takes place in each of us. This death is not a physical death, but a spiritual death. It is the death of the old

nature in us so the new nature or new life in Christ can be raised. Paul wrote, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). All things in Christ are created anew. It is this new life in Christ that people see as we give generously and serve freely. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10).

FALL RUMMAGE SALE!



Our full rummage sale will be **Thursday & Friday, Sept. 17th & 18th** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym.

You may leave your treasures by the gym doors on Saturdays before church or schedule a 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 candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that enhance all church services. Thank you!

To the Family of God at St Paul's, THANK YOU! You have shown me great kindness by your prayers, cards, emails, and messages after I was in a car accident this summer. Fortunately I have now returned to work, and slowly but surely am getting better. There still is a path of healing ahead, but through God's grace and the Great Physician's healing, I will persevere. He holds us all in His hands. We miss you and may God continue to bless you all!

~ Pastor Mike Hanel



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 have not received a letter, please contact the church office at 815-932-0312.

THANK YOU

Lynda and I want to thank you so much for the celebration of my 30th Ordination Anniversary last weekend. The special preachers, the special service, the special music, and the special recognition are all greatly appreciated. I am humbled at all the comments and cards from the weekend. A classmate of mine mentioned on his 30th anniversary: "I did not know then, but have since come to understand and treasure what an incredible honor and gift it is to be called 'Pastor.'" I agree. I thank God for His blessings and for my being able to serve Him here in this place for 30 years. It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

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 have not received a letter, 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!



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!

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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In October, LWML will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child workshop, where shoe boxes will be assembled and shipped to remote areas of the world as a witness of Jesus' 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.



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 **1st Tuesday evening of each month from 5:30–8:00 pm** and the **3rd Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 - 5:30 pm**. Both daytime and evening options are available to fit a variety of schedules. No **s e w i n g e x p e r i e n c e** 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 **4th Wednesday of each month from 5:30–8:00 pm**. 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATION

The mandatory Back to School Night and Final Registration Day is **Tuesday, August 18th**. This event will be open house style and will be split into two time frames. **Preschool through 2nd grade will attend from 4:30-6:00 and 3rd-8th grade will attend from 6:00-7:30**. There will be two separate Welcome Addresses at 4:30 & 6:00pm. Please bring school supplies with you to leave in the classroom. All of the required paperwork and additional forms (such as physicals and immunizations) as well as unpaid balances must be submitted by this date. Tables will be set up to visit with a school readiness check list to ensure you have completed all registration steps!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly fellowship dinners. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Our next fellowship dinner will be at **6 pm on Friday, August 21st** at Chicago Dough. If you would like to join us, please call or text Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Please join Pastor Koeppen on **Saturday, August 22nd at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.



JOLIET SLAMMERS GAME

On **August 23rd**, a group of students from St. Paul's Lutheran School will be singing the National Anthem at the Joliet Slammers game, which begins at **1:05 pm** and lasts for about three hours. Get your tickets and come cheer on our performers! We will be sitting in Sections 104 and 105 and there are still lots of tickets available. Tickets are very affordable - at just \$13!



IN NEED OF POWER WASHER



If anyone has a power washer that is no longer needed, the school maintenance staff would appreciate the donation.

JOSEPH MINISTRY APPRECIATION

There will be a pizza party for the trustees and Joseph Ministry volunteers on September 19th. Call or text Bill Balgeman at 815-507-6642 to RSVP and to get the details.



DO YOU SHOP AT MENARD'S?

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 Menard's regularly and your rebates would go to great use!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

August 8th & 9th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	92
Sunday, 8:30 am	127
Sunday, 11:05 am	73
WEEKEND TOTAL	292

Offerings Given

General	\$15,432.91
Building	\$1,767.00
School Ops.	\$400.00

PODCAST BETWEEN ROY CORDES AND PASTOR KOEPPEN

If you would like to hear an interview featuring Pastor Koeppen and his 30 years of ministry here at St. Paul's, you could listen to a podcast called: "Roy Presents the Rev. Karl Koeppen of St. Paul's Lutheran Church" by finding it on: <http://www.youtube.com/@/DEJARR-v6K>



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon

Organist: 5:00 Aaron Heldt 8:30: Nadine Engel

AV: 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: Jennifer Richardson
8:30: Jackson Paul
11:05: Jackson Paul

Acolytes: 8:30: Brody Brinkmann, Micah Lundmark
11:05: Layna Rahn, Luke Stirnaman

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Pat Hatch, Kaden McDonald, 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: Mellody McDonald, Heather Stroo
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. 16	8:30 am 11:05 am 3:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Youth Back-to-School Bash (Bourb)
Mon, Aug. 17	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Aug. 18	4:30 pm	Back to School Orientation (Bourb)
Wed, Aug. 19	3:00 pm	Sew for a Cause (Downtown)
Thur, Aug. 20	3:00 pm	<i>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</i> <i>EARLY DISMISSAL 11:15 / 11:30 AM</i> Phil’S Friends Walk In (Bourb)
Fri, Aug. 21	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Chicago Dough)
Sat, Aug. 22	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Men’s Bible Breakfast (Riverside) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun, Aug. 23	8:30 am 11:05 am 1:05 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Joliet Slammers National Anthem (Joliet)