

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - August 22nd & 23rd

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



King David said, *"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing"* (2 Samuel 24:24). David knew the importance of giving to God

something meaningful or of value. David felt that his giving should cost him something. True worship and devotion to God require personal sacrifice and effort. When we give sacrificially as David did, we understand that it has less to do with how much we give than how much we give up. To give sacrificially means that we give something we love to something we love even more. For example, we value our money, but we value God's love for us even more.

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.

AN INVITATION

TO JOIN OUR CONGREGATION

Have you been attending church here at St. Paul's but not yet become a member? We warmly invite you to join our congregation. There are a few ways that this can be accomplished. If you are:

- ▶ **A member in good standing of an LCMS congregation,** we simply need a letter of transfer from your home church
- ▶ **A member in good standing of another Lutheran church,** we need a letter of transfer from your home church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes
- ▶ **A member in good standing of another denomination,** we need a release of membership from your church and you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes
- ▶ **Not a member of another church,** you need to attend our Faith and Membership Classes

If you are interested in these classes, please check the box "Looking for a Church" on the attendance card along with your contact information or call the church office at 815-932-0312. **We will be starting a new session September 1st.** If you are undecided about becoming a member, consider taking the class so that you feel better equipped to decide.

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.

IN NEED OF POWER WASHER

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

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.



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.

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy a back-to-school celebration outside on the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran School from **6pm to 8pm on Friday, Sept 11th**. All school families, church members and alumni are invited!! Watch for more details as the event approaches. This free evening of fun is brought to you by St. Paul's PTL and Thrivent Financial.

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.



COLLEGE & MILITARY ADDRESSES

If you have a child going to college in the fall or enlisting in the military, please send **t h e i r a d d r e s s** to crahn@stpaulslutheran.net so that we may stay connected to them as they continue their journey. 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 **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 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 **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.



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!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will kick-off on **Sunday, September 13th**. We will meet with the children and their parents in the gym for registration and introductions. All preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome and encouraged to come!

STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Please join us for our annual Staff Appreciation on Sunday, September 13th. St. Paul's Faculty and Staff will be recognized during the 8:30 a.m. service and a cake and ice cream reception will follow during coffee hour. While all staff will be recognized, there are several people that are celebrating special anniversaries this year. They are:

- Mrs. Brinkmann - 10 years
- Mr. Brammer - 15 years
- Mr. Porter - 20 years
- Ms. Fritz - 20 years
- Ms. Williams - 20 years
- Mrs. Shapkauski - 25 years
- Pastor Koeppen - 30 years
- Mr. Ferreebee - 50 years

We will also be thanking Christie Rahn for her 5 years of dedicated service as Church Office Administrator as she begins her new job. There will be a basket for cards if you wish to thank a particular teacher. We thank God for these faithful servants for their dedicated service and for keeping us all "Rooted in Christ"!



2026-2027 YOUTH NIGHTS

This year, the St. Paul's Youth will learn how God's hope helps us get through whatever we are going through. We invite youth entering 7th through 12th grade to join us on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm at St. Paul's school campus for fun, fellowship, and devotions. ***In September, we will be on the 13th and 27th.*** Bring your Bible and a friend!

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" at <http://www.youtube.com/@DEJARR-v6K>

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

August 15th & 16th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	75
Sunday, 8:30 am	115
Sunday, 11:05 am	80
WEEKEND TOTAL	270

Offerings Given

General	\$11,026.31
Building	\$325.00
School Ops	\$375.00

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: Rich Nordmeyer
8:30: Ruth Fabbro
11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Dain & Dylan Blair
11:05: Hudson Bade, Emma Davis

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Mike Regas
11:05: Jim Trudeau

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. 23	8:30 am 11:05 am 1:05 pm	Worship - Traditional <i>(Bourb)</i> Worship - Contemporary <i>(Bourb)</i> Joliet Slammers National Anthem <i>(Joliet)</i>
Mon, Aug. 24		
Tue, Aug. 25		
Wed, Aug. 26	5:30 pm	Phil’s Friend’s <i>Create for a Cause (Downtown)</i>
Thur, Aug. 27	3:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk In <i>(Bourb)</i>
Fri, Aug. 28		
Sat, Aug. 29		
Sun, Aug. 30	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	2 nd Grade Bible Breakfast <i>(Bourb)</i> Outdoor Worship Service <i>(Bourb)</i> Church Picnic <i>(Bourb)</i>