

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - August 30th

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.



FRANCE TRIP

Pastor Don and Bill Balgeman are again leading a tour to Europe, this time to Northern France, which includes Paris, Versailles, and the beaches of Normandy. The 11-day trip will leave on August 29th of 2027. ***There will be an informational meeting at the Balgeman home with the tour guide on Sunday, September 27th at 1:30.*** If you would like a brochure, have questions, or wish to reserve a place at the September 27th meeting, call Bill at 815-937-4947 or 815-507-6642.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is hosting a Women's Retreat on **Saturday, September 26th from 8:30am to 2pm** at the Kankakee Campus. The focus this year is on Prayer - Bible study on prayers of women in the Bible, examples of how to pray, and creative stations to help improve your prayer life. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The retreat is free but we ask that you bring items to bless our Phil's Friends ministry.

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.



PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

On **Friday, September 11th & Saturday, September 12th**, Prairieview Lutheran Homes in Danforth will be hosting their annual Fall Festival! There is truly something for everyone at this event, including a fish fry on Friday night, pork burger lunch and pork chop dinner on Saturday, bounce houses, mini golf and kids games, tractor show, live music, quilt auction, variety show, car show, craft vendors, baked goods, ice cream, silent auction, St. Paul's used book booth, pumpkins, mums, produce, live plant sale & more! Be sure to put this event on your calendar and check out their Facebook page (Prairieview Lutheran Homes) for more details and a chance to sign up for the variety show.

We are still accepting book donations at both sites. If you have any questions or need a pick up from your home, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855 or text her at 815-216-0240 or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

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.

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!

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 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.

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. Victoria Nelin - 5 years
- ~ Mr. Brammer - 15 years
- ~ Pastor Koeppen - 30 years
- ~ Mr. Ferrebee - 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 or Christie.

We thank God for these faithful servants, for their dedicated service and for keeping us all "Rooted in Christ"!

* Please note that the list of anniversaries is different than originally published.



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>

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

August 22nd & 23rd

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	67
Sunday, 8:30 am	121
Sunday, 11:05 am	68
WEEKEND TOTAL	256

Offerings Given

General	\$11,490.91
Building	\$540.00
School Ops.	\$300.00

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist: Nadine Engel
Pianist: Gail Ferrebee
A/V: Gail Ferrebee
Lay Ministers: Bruce Clark, Noah Ghere, John Veers
Trustees: Mike Regas
Ushers: Bill Balgeman, Mike Callan, Scott Styck, Steve Weith, Kim Williams

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Isaac Fabbro, Ruth Fabbro
Extra Measure Band: Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun , Aug. 30	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	2 nd Grade Bible Breakfast (Bourb) Outdoor Worship Service (Bourb) Church Picnic (Bourb)
Mon , Aug. 31		
Tue , Sept. 1	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb) Sew for a Cause (Downtown)
Wed , Sept. 2		
Thur , Sept. 3	3:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk In (Bourb)
Fri , Sept. 4		
Sat , Sept. 5	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun , Aug. 30	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)