

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School **Announcements - September 5th & 6th**

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

Do you understand stewardship as the free and joyous activity of God's people and God's Church? Our faithful stewardship becomes free and joyous when we by faith know who God is and understand what He has done for us through His Son, Jesus. One of the ways we respond to God's lavish love for us is by managing faithfully and responsibly all that He entrusts to us for His purposes. Seeing ourselves as God's stewards compels us to live out our faith under grace.

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!! This free evening of fun is brought to you by St. Paul's PTL and Thrivent Financial.

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!

SEPTEMBER VOTERS MEETING



A Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 27th at 12:30 pm** at the school. Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly Meetings in 24 months, a member may be accepted into voting membership.

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 just started a new session September 1st so it's not too late to join.** 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.

2028 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING **INTEREST INFORMATION MEETING**

Students entering 7th through 11th grades in 2026 are eligible to attend the 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering July 3rd - 7th, 2028 in San Antonio, TX. Families with students in this age group are invited to join us for lunch and an informational meeting on **Sunday, September 20th at 12:30pm** in the youth room to learn more about the Gathering opportunity from past attendees and the Youth Board. Held every 3 years since 1980, the Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the 5 days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's Word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod



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!

PICNIC THANK YOU!

Parish Fellowship would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped make our church picnic a success despite the weather this past Sunday! Thank you to Nancy Eden for overseeing the event; to Mr. Porter and Ms. Williams for grilling; and to everyone that helped with set up, serving and clean up. We had to make a few adjustments because of the weather and everyone pitched in to do it quickly. Thank you! And to our amazing bakers...thanks for sharing your delicious recipes with us! We were happy to see lots of fellowship happening and hope everyone enjoyed the day!

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!

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.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASS ON **EVERY TUESDAY**

"Is The Devil Real? (YES!)"

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Every Tuesday beginning
September 15th

Time: 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Taught by: Roy W. Cordes

Why would we offer a Bible study on the devil?

- 1) There are over 250 passages of Scripture that describe his daily activities.
- 2) When we use the Lord's Prayer we say, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!"
- 3) If we are going to fight the battle everyday against someone who never gives up, we need to know the enemy so we know how to defeat him.
- 4) We need to realize that Satan took 1/3 of the angels with him when he lost the war in heaven. The good thing is he left 2/3 of them for God to use as good and powerful angels – so we need to use God's power everyday.
- 5) Peter says the devil is like a roaring lion walking around, seeking who he can devour – we need to be prepared for that attack.

In preparation for teaching this course I have spent hours learning more about Satan and how we can overcome him daily. I have learned more in 6 weeks than I have in 83 years about him. Come and learn with me as we are commissioned to share the Gospel with others and be a light to the world, not distracted by the name or personality of the devil.

PRIME TIME WALKING & TALKING **WITH GOD**

On September 1, 2026, former principal Roy W. Cordes was successful in publishing his first book. It is now available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or can be purchased directly from the author (rwcordes68@att.net) the weekend of **September 19 & 20 and also September 26 & 27** in Fellowship Hall after Saturday night worship and from 9:30 – 11 a.m. during coffee hour on both Sundays at the school. Either purchase a book on-line or come to pay for one when you attend the signing (Sorry, still old school – checks or cash only please). Paperback copy is \$19.95 and e-book is \$9.95. Mr. Cordes will donate 20% of his profit to the Student Tuition Assistance Fund here at the school.

“CHRISTMAS: THE REAL STORY”

Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff
When: 4th Tuesday, 7 pm
(3rd Tuesday in September)
Where: Pastor Dave’s home

“Christmas: The Real Story” is a 4-session study done by Harry Wendt that is designed to help people understand the REAL Christmas account revealed in Matthew and Luke. Middle Eastern scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey's insights concerning first century Palestinian culture and the true meaning of the Greek word "kataluma" ("guest room") in Luke 2:7 will open your eyes to an unforgettable insight about Christ's birth!

Pastor Bottorff will be leading this study at 7 pm on **September 15th, October 27th, November 24th, and January 26th** in his home at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais Please call him at 630-724-7369 to register for this class. The study guide costs \$10.

WOMEN’S RETREAT

St. Paul's 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



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. 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 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.

PASTOR DRINNON HAS RECEIVED A CALL TO SERVE IN WISCONSIN

I wanted to share with you personally that I have received a Divine Call to serve as Senior Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Ministries in Portage, Wisconsin.

Receiving a call is both an honor and a significant responsibility, and Katrina and I will be spending the coming weeks prayerfully discerning where the Lord is leading us to serve. We are grateful for the ministry we share here at St. Paul’s and for all of you who serve alongside us in the work of Christ’s Church.

I ask that you please keep Katrina and me in your prayers during this time of discernment. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and peace as we seek the Lord’s will, and also keep both St. Paul’s and St. John’s in your prayers. Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your partnership in the Gospel.

In Christ,
Pastor Drinnon

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

August 30th

Worship Attendance:

Sunday, 10:00 am 240

Offerings Given

General \$10,654.83
Building \$636.00
School Ops \$330.00



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.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist: 5:00: June Schmidt 8:30: Nadine Engel

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

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Noah Ghere
8:30: Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, Rich Engel
11:05: Bruce Clark

Lay Readers: 5:00: Jennifer Richardson
8:30: David Bottorff
11:05: Sharla Ronchetto

Acolytes: 8:30: Nolan LaVoie, George Morocho Loja
11:05: Maddie Billingsley, Luke Stirnaman

Trustees: 5:00: Rob Wood
8:30: Barry Gadbois
11:05: Jim Trudeau

Ushers: 5:00: Diana Hinderer, Jim Sharper, Rob & Mary Wood
8:30: Manuel Morocho Loja, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
11:05: Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell

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 , Sept. 6	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon , Sept. 7		OFFICE CLOSED / NO SCHOOL in observance of Labor Day
Tue , Sept. 8	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Faith & Membership Class (Bourb) School Board Meeting (Bourb)
Wed , Sept. 9	9:30 am	<i>Joseph: A Study of Forgiveness</i> (Downtown)
Thur , Sept. 10	3:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk In (Bourb)
Fri , Sept. 11	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night (Bourb)
Sat , Sept. 12	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun , Sept. 13	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Children’s Sunday School Kick-Off (Bourb) Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)