

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - September 12th & 13th

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

Are the demands of daily living preventing you from recharging your "faith battery"? In John 15, Jesus tells us that, in order to bear the fruit of faith, we need to stay connected to Him. Only when we remain in Jesus will our faith grow. Buffeted by the winds of daily living, it is a constant struggle to remain attached to Jesus. However, with God's strength we can set aside time daily to read and study His Word and to pray, and to worship regularly so we can remain in Him.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will kick-off this **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!

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!

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!

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.

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

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!

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.

LWML MISSION GRANT

Next weekend, LWML will be collecting mites for the month of September. This month's mission grant will benefit Pastoral Education West Africa. Their goal is to collect \$86,000 to teach Lutheran pastors in West Africa. In countries where witch doctors, Muslims, animism, prosperity preachers, and a mix of all of these is prevalent, to have the pure Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed and taught is vital. The project also hopes to purchase Kindles or electronic books since paper books do not last long in this climate. A web portal will be established to allow teaching and completion of assignments between sessions. The project will send two LCMS Pastors to both Sierra Leone and Liberia to teach principles of doctrine and practice to Lutheran pastors in West Africa. This grant will cover the cost of travel, rental facilities for teaching, lodging, meals, and materials.

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

“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 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** in his home at 1573 Surrey Drive, Bourbonnais Please call 630-724-7369 to register for this class. The study guide costs \$10.



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.



**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*

STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Please join us for our annual Staff Appreciation this **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"!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 5th & 6th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:30 pm	70
Sunday, 8:30 am	111
Sunday, 11:05 am	69
WEEKEND TOTAL	250

Offerings Given

General	\$39,061.58
Building	\$3,365.00
School Ops	\$310.00

**Happy 50th
Anniversary
Mr. Ferrebee!**

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

Lay Readers: 5:00: Pat Hatch
8:30: Bill Balgeman
11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Lana McHugh, Olivia Reardanz
11:05: Norah Callan, Claire Wilson

Trustees: 5:00: Terry Treece
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
11:05: Greg Wheeler

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: Isaac Fabbro, Deb Turrell, Ellana Turrell

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Sept. 13	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Staff Appreciation Reception (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School Kick-Off (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	Mr. Ferrebee’s Anniversary Luncheon (Bourb)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Sept. 14	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Sept. 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	9:45 am	“Is The Devil Real? YES!” (Downtown)
	4:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
	6:30 pm	Faith & Membership Class (Bourb)
Wed, Sept. 16		
Thur, Sept. 17	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (Downtown)
	3:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk In (Bourb)
Fri, Sept. 18		EARLY DISMISSAL
	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (Downtown)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Family House)
Sat, Sept. 19	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Sept. 20	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - Communion (Bourb)