

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - September 19th & 20th

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

God is pleased when we give sacrificially. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"* (Hebrews 13:16). Paul thanked the Philippians for their sacrificial gifts. *"I have received full payment and more; I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God"* (Philippians 4:18). Sacrificial giving represents the depth of our love for the Lord. It shows what we treasure the most, and that is Jesus.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School started back up again last Sunday. Preschool through 5th grade students are invited to join us every Sunday at 9:45 am. Preschool and kindergarten meet in the extended care room at the south end of the hallway and 1st through 5th graders meet in the music room.



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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We are starting our annual Stewardship program today with an emphasis on being in the Word with God. As you entered the sanctuary you were given a postcard that we encourage you to use to ask someone to come to church with you. This could be a member that you miss seeing at church or someone new to our church. As we worship together, we become stronger stewards in His Word.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

St. Paul's LWML is hosting a Women's Retreat on **Saturday, November 14th 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. **NOTE - THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE**

STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

In his book *The Power of Pure Stewardship*, Carl W. Berner writes, *"The worship of God is man's noblest work...The person who has the worship of God in his heart will show it not only in words but also in the works of his hands and in the love errands of his feet."* As Stewards Engaged in God's Work, we are believers who manage and use our God-given time, talents, and resources for God's purposes and glory. Our acts of service are motivated by faith, gratitude, and love for God, and, through our good works, we express God's grace and love in us. Our good works bring value to others, advance God's kingdom, and give glory to God.

Join us in Bible study on Sundays as we look to God's Word and consider that we are Stewards Engaged In God's Work. We will meet in the upper grade area, Room 130. We hope you can join us!

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

Some coffee and a treat combined with a study of Scripture is on the agenda for this week's Bible class.

Questions we will study and answer include:

- Is the Devil real? (YES!)
- Were evil angels created? (NO!)
- How did evil angels (demons) exist?
- Do they still exist today?
- Why does God let Satan continue to exist today?
- How can we use the "Armor of God" to fight the devil every day?
- What was the devil's role in the first sin, the first murder, the testing of Job, etc?

Our weekly study will help us identify the enemy that we battle in this sinful world. Join us for a verse-by-verse study of overcoming Satan's power over our Christian walk. Someone has said, "Never offer Satan a ride, he wants to drive!"

FUNDRAISER FOR STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

Former Principal Roy W. Cordes will offer his recently published book, ***Prime Time Walking And Talking With God*** at a book signing for the next two weekends. He will donate 20% of his profit to the tuition fund for school families.

The signings will occur:

~ Fellowship Hall after worship on Saturdays, September 19 & 26

~ Coffee Hour from 9:30 – 11 am on Sundays, September 20 & 27

You can avoid shipping charges by purchasing the book from him for \$20 or buy it online and bring it to the book signing. The book relates his life experiences based on 41 church signs that relate a humorous, spiritual principle. An example is "If Jesus Is In Your Heart, Notify Your Face!" or "If God Had A Refrigerator, Your Picture Would Be On It!"

ROY CORDES' PODCAST

Check out Roy's podcast at <http://www.youtube.com/@/DEJARR-v6K> to see video footage from Mr. Ferrebee's Anniversary Luncheon Program, as well as interviews with Pastor Koeppen, Deb Turrell, and many others who have shared their faith journey and other spiritual experiences.



PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

The 2026 Fall Festival was a success again this year, and we were again blessed with beautiful weather. St Paul's used book booth raised approximately \$1,400. All proceeds from this year's Festival will go to finish the walking path and go towards making the Prairieview Community Daycare Center a reality.

We are so blessed to have such hardworking and amazing volunteers that make the book booth the success that it is. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped in any way: Bill and Kim Balgeman, Karen Beatty, Mike and Deb Callan, Barb Campbell, Rhonda Childs, Liz Deck, Bennie Ehrich, Nadine Engel, Joan Gehm, Kathy Goers, Michelle Gossman, Earl Jensen, Linda Johnson, Bill and Judy Krones, Kathy Lindgren, Jan Monk, Anita Schluter, Doug Schultze, Sylvia Stone, Gene Wachholz and Amber Walters. Also, thanks to all who donated books. Remember that we collect books all year. Collection boxes are at both campuses.

***Nancy Campbell and Jeanne Vilt
Human Care Board***

BECOME A FAITH FRIEND!

Faith Friends connects caring adults in our congregation with our confirmation students and faithful high school youth. Faith Friends pray for, encourage, and support a young person throughout the year. Want to make a difference? Contact Sarah Macari, Faith Friends coordinator, at 708-692-1317 or smacari2020@gmail.com to become a Faith Friend! A little encouragement can make a BIG difference. We will be hosting a Meet and Greet between the Faith Friends and their students on Sunday, October 4th between the services. Please consider participating!

LWML MISSION GRANT

This weekend, LWML will be collecting mites. This month's mission grant will benefit Pastoral Education in 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 electronic books since paper books do not last long in this climate. 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.

"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.

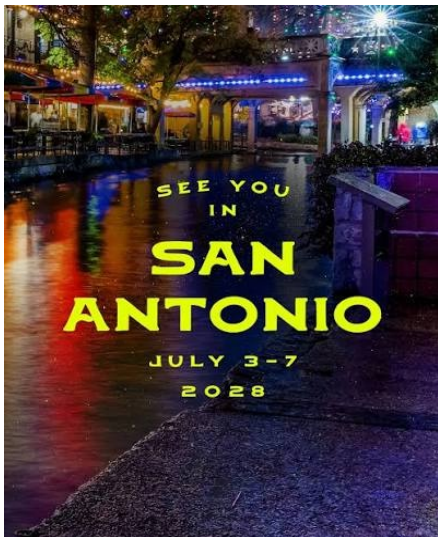
FRANCE TRIP



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.

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



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

September 12th & 13th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:30 pm	59
Sunday, 8:30 am	162
Sunday, 11:05 am	107
WEEKEND TOTAL	328

Offerings Given

General	\$13,317.45
Building	\$180.00
School Ops.	\$300.00

MISSION AND MINISTRY CENTER REPORT - PHIL'S FRIENDS

Phil's Friends Hope Center has been blessed and been a blessing to many.

Some statistics about the Hope Center:

- Grand Opening - September 20, 2025.
- Care Packages packed in 2025 = 694.
- Care Packages packed so far in 2026 = 839.
- Volunteer hours so far in 2026 = 1575.5 hours.
- We average 8-10 volunteers a week.
- We are up to 2 and sometimes 3 sessions at the Hope Center every week.

The ministry at Phil's Friends Hope Center tries to pack 100 care packages a month (some months have been less due to levels of donations).

We had 3 months where we packed around 70 care packages, 5 months where we packed just over 100, and 1 month where we packed nearly 200 care packages!

Praise God!

Thank you for your support and prayers for our ministry

Sincerely,
 Sarah Cherry
 Coordinator of the Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center

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: Noah Ghere
8:30: Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, Rich Engel
11:05: Bruce Clark
Lay Readers: 5:00: Loree Yoakum
8:30: JoAnn Hess
11:05: Deb Turrell
Acolytes: 8:30: Lucas Porter
11:05: Jacob Kubal, Ty Luhman
Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Mike Regas
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: Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyché, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Sept. 20	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	LCMS Youth Gathering Meeting (Bourb)
Mon, Sept. 21	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Bourb)
Tue, Sept. 22	9:45 am	“Is The Devil Real? YES!” (Downtown)
	7:00 pm	Christmas: The Real Story (1573 Surrey, Bourb)
Wed, Sept. 23	9:30 am	Joseph: A Study of Forgiveness (Downtown)
Thur, Sept. 24	3:00 pm	Phil’s Friends Walk In (Bourb)
Fri, Sept. 25		
Sat, Sept. 26	7:30 am	Men’s Bible Breakfast (Riverside)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun, Sept. 27	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children’s Sunday School (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)
	12:30 pm	Voter’s Meeting (Bourb)
	1:30 pm	France Trip Meeting (3121 Sun Valley Dr., K3)
	6:00 pm	Youth Night (Bourb)