

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - September 26th & 27th

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 this **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 **Saturday, September 26**

~ Coffee Hour from 9:30 – 11 am on **Sunday, September 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. Please consider participating!



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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please join us for the LWML Fall Gathering and Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on **Saturday, October 3rd** at the school. The day begins with a light breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by a brief LWML business meeting at 9:00 am. If you don't want to participate in the meeting, then you may help organize supplies. The packing party will begin around 10:00 am. We will pack as many boxes as we can depending on the amount of supplies that are received. An offering will be collected at the meeting to help with shipping expenses. Please come and help share the love of Jesus with the children who will receive these gifts. The missionaries who receive these boxes use them to share the love of Jesus with the children they teach and their families. They look forward to receiving these boxes and are so grateful when they arrive. Because of your support of this project, many children throughout the world get to know Jesus. Thank you for your generosity!

<u>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</u>	
September 19 th & 20 th	
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	
Saturday, 5:30 pm	90
Sunday, 8:30 am	117
Sunday, 11:05 am	76
WEEKEND TOTAL	283
Children's Sunday School	29
Youth Bible Class	7
<u>Offerings Given</u>	
General	\$12,104.91
Building	\$1,230.00
School Ops.	\$475.00

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: 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: Mike Lockwood
8:30: Loree Yoakum
11:05: Karen Beatty

Acolytes: 8:30: Quinn Styck
11:05: MacKenzie Norton, Annie Schneider

Trustees: 5:00: Mike Callan
8:30: Tom Stirnaman
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: Isaac Fabbro, Deb Turrell
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. 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	Voters Meeting (Bourb)
	1:30 pm	France Trip Meeting (3121 Sun Valley Dr., K3)
	6:30 pm	Youth Night (Bourb)
Mon, Sept. 28		
Tue, Sept. 29	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. 30	9:30 am	Joseph: A Study of Forgiveness (Downtown)
Thur, Oct. 1	3:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk In (Bourb)
Fri, Oct. 2		
Sat, Oct. 3	8:30 am	LWML Fall Workshop (Bourb)
	10:00 am	Op Christmas Child Shoebox Packing (Bourb)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Sun, Oct. 4	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (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 - Communion (Bourb)