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October/
November
2026



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Worship & Bible Study Opportunities

Traditional Worship:

*Saturday 5:00 pm @ the Downtown Church
located at 348 E. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL*

*Sunday 8:30 am @ the School
located 1780 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, IL*

Contemporary Worship:

Sunday 11:05 am @ the School location

Adult Bible Class & Youth Bible Class:

*Sunday 9:45 am @ the School location
Classes for Adults & Youth (6th - 12th grade)*

Sunday School:

*Sunday 9:45 am @ the School location
Classes for Children (Preschool - 5th Grade)*

Church & School Office: 815-932-0312

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Church Website: www.stpaulslutheran.net



Newsletter Deadline November 15th

Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month, October
- World Communion Sunday, October 4
- Columbus Day, October 12
- Reformation Day, October 31
- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight Savings Time ends, November 1
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!

Youth Nights:

Sundays, October 18th 6-8pm

Tacos & Music Night - Stay after the 4:30pm CUC Music concert for a taco dinner and conversations with the college students and professors from CUC!

Saturday, October 24th 6-8pm

Bonfire @ the Lundmarks

Sunday, November 1st 6-8 pm

Sunday, November 15th 6-8 pm

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*

“Leaves, Candy, Pumpkins, and Theses”

Stop and think about all the things that we begin to experience at this beginning of Autumn. The leaves on the trees begin to turn bright colors and begin to float down on the breeze to blanket the ground, making our every step “crunch” like potato chips. Children like to rake up the leaves and make a big pile to jump in. Ahhh, the simple joys!

Then, of course, October means candy and pumpkins - the inevitable signs of America’s second-favorite holiday, Halloween. The stores are full of candy and all kinds of decorations with skeletons, witches, and pumpkins for you to hang all around the house. Dressing up in costumes, going door-to-door and saying “Trick or Treat” and (usually) getting treats is a lot of fun for children as well as adults. But I have always wondered what’s the point of all the skeletons, witches, and pumpkins. I guess we could look back at the pagan rituals and witchcraft from which these things descend. But what is the main message of Halloween? After all, if we are going to participate in a holiday ritual, wouldn’t it be good to know the point of it all?

There is another holy-day (holiday) that means a lot but is overlooked by most people. I’ve talked about the “leaves,” the “candy,” and the “pumpkins.” But what are “theses” (say “thee-sees”)? Theses (the plural of thesis) are statements that are meant to be debated. An author would write a thesis, something he believes to be true and factual and the evidence to support it, and then he would publish the thesis to be evaluated and discussed by others.

So what?, you ask. October 31 is considered a holiday among Lutheran Christians because 509 years ago in 1517, a young monk (who was also a university professor) posted 95 theses on the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. That event would not be unusual except that these theses challenged the pope, the leaders of the Christian Church, and every Christian to compare what they believed against what God actually says in the Bible. Martin Luther (that monk-professor) got people to realize that they were following the rules and teachings of the pope and the Church leaders without checking it against Scripture. The pope was actually selling certificates of



forgiveness that people could buy to save their souls - or souls of their loved ones - from purgatory. If you gave enough money to the church, you’d go straight to heaven when you die. Salvation, it seemed, had nothing to do with Jesus Christ anymore. Luther’s 95 theses simply got people thinking about the fact that the Good News of Jesus - that He died on the cross to give us all free and full forgiveness and to bring us to heaven - was not preached or taught in the Christian churches anymore.

This simple revelation was the beginning of what is called the “Reformation” of the Christian Church. No, Martin Luther’s intention was not to form a new church, but rather to reform the one true Church, the “holy Christian and apostolic Church,” as we say in the creed.

It is a holy day indeed when we focus our eyes on Jesus Christ who died for us. Unfortunately, our world and society offer us so many other things upon which to focus our eyes. I don’t mind the leaves and candy and pumpkins - it’s all rather fun.

But there is a challenge to us, my friends. When we focus more attention on those things and forget to celebrate what’s truly important, namely our Lord Jesus Christ, then all our other celebrations are pointless.

Try thinking of October as the beginning of a 3-month “holiday season,” including Halloween/Reformation Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/New Year’s.

If you do, I bet it could be your favorite time of the year!

Enjoy that time with your family. Enjoy the traditions that come with the holidays.

Make sure that each and every thing you do and say points to the main reason we have to celebrate - - - God’s love for us in Jesus Christ!

Blessings in Him!
Pastor Koeppen



Finding Joy in Doing Good Works

In October, we are finishing our stewardship emphasis: *Stewards Engaged in God's Work*. One of the most cited verses regarding good works is found in the Apostle Paul's letter to the people in Ephesus, where he wrote, ***“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).***

In order that we might do those good works, God gives us the physical and spiritual tools we need to be the instruments through which He can work. God has handcrafted us for the unique work that He has planned for each of us. We are His masterpieces filled with the Holy Spirit.

With the same power that God used in the beginning to create man from dust and later to resurrect Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20), He raises us out of spiritual death and makes us new people - His workmanship, transformed stewards - whose works give evidence that we are new creatures. By the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are brought into God's kingdom. We are no longer part of or in union with the world. As new people living under the power of the Gospel, we desire to honor God and obediently do the good works He has planned for us to do. Because Christ has redeemed us from all wickedness and purified for ***“Himself a people for His own possession,”*** we are zealous to do good works (Titus 2:14).

In his book ***Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey***, William Chancellor Weedon shares an interesting perspective regarding good works. ***“Long before you see the opportunity for good works or recognize it, it was in God's heart as a gift for you. By that good work, He lets you exercise the resurrection life planted into you at your Baptism. That means that all around you every single day, your different callings, a vast variety of “Easter eggs” await your discovery and enjoyment.”***



Mr. Weedon compares the joy of doing good works to the joy that a child might experience when he/she finds “Easter eggs” on an Easter egg hunt. The more good works that God has planned for us the greater will be our joy.

God created us to do good works, but we are not saved through good works. Scripture tells us that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). Just as the morning follows night, our good works follow our salvation by grace. Good works are an important purpose for our lives as Christian stewards. As we ask the Lord to enable us to submit to His will, He will put those good works He has prepared us to do before us. God may not tell us in advance what good works He wants us to do, but we know these works exist and that He has equipped us to do them. We can trust that, when we do good works, they are deeds needed to be done, God will be pleased, and we will find joy.

Blessings in Him!

Pastor Karl Koeppen



When Jesus Saw Her: Incarnate Compassion

“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her...” — Luke 7:13

What does compassion look like? We often think of compassion as a feeling—seeing someone hurting and feeling sympathy for them. But throughout the Gospels, Jesus shows us something much deeper. God’s compassion is not distant. It does not remain safely removed from suffering, grief, or sin. In Jesus Christ, compassion took on flesh and came near.

At the LWML Northern Illinois District Convention, our Bible study, “When Jesus Saw Her: Incarnate Compassion,” explored this truth through three encounters between Jesus and women in the Gospels. A Jew. A Samaritan. A Canaanite. Three women. Three backgrounds. Three stories. One Jesus.

First, we met the **Widow of Nain** in Luke 7:11–17. Her only son had died, leaving her not only heartbroken but also vulnerable in a society where a woman’s security was closely connected to her family. Remarkably, she never asks Jesus for anything. Jesus sees her. Luke tells us, *“When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her.”*

The Greek word used for compassion describes something deep and visceral. Jesus is moved by her suffering, and His compassion moves Him to action. He comes near, touches the bier, speaks His life-giving Word, and restores her son to life.

This is **compassion that sees**.

Then we traveled to a well in Samaria in John 4, where Jesus encountered a woman whose life was complicated. Jesus knew her history. He knew her relationships, her failures, and her sin. Yet knowing everything about her did not cause Him to turn away. Instead, Jesus crossed boundaries to meet her.

A Jewish rabbi spoke with a Samaritan woman and offered her living water. Jesus neither ignored her sin nor reduced her to it. She was fully known and yet received by Christ. And after encountering Jesus, she went back to her community proclaiming, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

This is **compassion that knows**.

Finally, in Matthew 15:21–28, we encountered the Canaanite woman who cried after Jesus because her daughter was suffering terribly. She was an outsider, yet she continued calling upon

Jesus: “Lord, help me.” Even when His response seemed difficult, she clung to His mercy. “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” She knew something about Jesus: even the crumbs of His mercy are enough. Jesus commended her faith and healed her daughter.

This is **compassion that crosses boundaries**.

These three women remind us that the compassion of Jesus is more than kindness from a distance. Christ sees. Christ knows. Christ hears. Christ comes near.

Ultimately, this is what we confess about the incarnation itself: *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14). God did not look upon our broken world from afar. He entered it. Jesus carried our sin, suffering, shame, and death all the way to the cross. And through His resurrection, He gives forgiveness, life, and hope.

That changes how Christians understand compassion.

We do not show compassion in order to earn Christ’s love. We show compassion because **Christ first had compassion on us**. Having been seen, known, forgiven, and loved by Jesus, we are sent to see the people He places before us.

Sometimes that compassion looks extraordinary. More often, it looks wonderfully ordinary: a prayer, a card, a quilt, a meal, a visit, a listening ear, a mite offering, or simply noticing someone whom everyone else has overlooked.

As St. Paul writes, *“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you”* (Ephesians 4:32).

The Widow of Nain reminds us: **Jesus sees you**.

The Woman at the Well reminds us: **Jesus knows you**.

The Canaanite woman reminds us: **His mercy is for you**.

And together they point us to the same Savior—the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, in whom the compassion of God has come near. Having received His compassion, may we go forth and see others with the eyes of Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Drinnon

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Don't forget to set your clocks back when Daylight Savings Time ends **Sunday, Nov 1st!**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your children are invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. The preschoolers and kindergartners meet in the Extended Care room at the end of the lower grade hall. The 1st through 5th graders meet in the Music Room by the gym and then disburse to various classrooms in the upper grade hallway. Our time together will be filled with exciting Bible stories, games, activities and songs! Children will be rewarded for attendance throughout the year.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be practicing for the Sunday School Christmas program throughout the months of November and December so attendance is especially important.

SAVE THE DAY FOR THESE SPECIAL UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

Family Sunday School on....

~**October 18th** - Gospel Pumpkin Project

~**November 22nd** - Advent Project

Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, **December 13th at 4 pm** in the beautiful, historic downtown church

Beginning Sunday, October 25th we will be re-running the Screen Time Bible Study by popular demand. We will meet weekly on Sundays at 9:45 am for four weeks. Please join us!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Youth Bible Study with Mr. Eden has resumed on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in Room 132. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us.

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 smacari2020@gmail.com or 708-692-1317 to become a Faith Friend! A little encouragement can make a BIG difference. Please consider participating!

Butterbraids will be available for pre-order October 4th through October 18th. They will be delivered on Wednesday, November 18th, in time for your Thanksgiving celebrations. We will be taking orders between church services or you may contact a youth family or Liz Lesch (815-263-0537) to place an order.

Calling all bakers! Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale is not possible without your generous donations of homemade cookies. Please sign up between Sunday services in November if you are willing to volunteer your baking talents.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

We will meet again on **Saturday, October 24th & November 21st at 7:30 a.m.** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Join us as we study God's Word.



“CHRISTMAS: THE REAL STORY”

Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff

When: 4th Tuesday, 7 pm

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 **October 27th and November 24th** in his home at 1573 Surrey Drive, Bourbonnais Please call 630-724-7369 to register for this class. The study guide costs \$10.

“IS THE DEVIL REAL? (YES!)”

Teacher: Roy W. Cordes

When: Every Tuesday at 9:45 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

How do we know the devil is real? I Peter 5:8 says, *“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”*

When we pray the Lord's Prayer we say, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” If we expect God to deliver us from evil every day, than we need to identify the enemy, know how to fight against him, and read God's Word to learn about his activities throughout the Old Testament, the New Testament, and today. Satan is going to be around until God throws him into the Lake of Fire on Judgment Day.

Other reasons to take the time to study the devil's activities and the challenges of overcoming him in our daily Christian walk include:

1. There are over 250 verses of Scripture that describe the devil's activities.
2. For our everyday battle? We need to know our enemy.

3. Satan took 1/3 of the angels with him to help him here on earth. (His mistake is that he left 2/3 of them with God as good angels who have power over him and can assist us with our daily struggles).
4. We need to learn how to use God's power over Satan every moment of every day.
5. God says we need to put on the armor of God to fight against Satan. How do we do that? The Bible class will give you specific answers.

A little coffee and a treat will be available at each class session. The support of fellow Christians and the use of Scripture verses will give you the weapons you need to prepare for your days versus Satan and his demons. Join us to show Satan that God is our leader and we are His army of warriors.



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. Use the QR code to register.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly fellowship dinners. We visit a different restaurant each month and share a great couple of hours eating and getting to know each other better. No special commitment is expected and these evenings are very casual – just come as you are when you are able. Anyone who has come even once will tell you how much fun it is! We will meet again on **Friday, October 16th at 6 pm** at **El Mexicano** in Kankakee and **Friday, November 20th at Beef O'Brady's**. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Eden at 248-842-2837 by Thursday evening to RSVP.

PROJECT COMPASSION & GABRIEL'S CALLERS

Would you consider joining? Our mission is to share God's love and to care for the well-being of our members, especially our shut-ins, those grieving, or anyone with special needs. We meet quarterly, at which time we have devotions and prayer and we share our ministry over a meal. Don't worry about whether you have the skills; we will train you. We will meet at **6pm on Wednesday, November 11th** at Monical's in Bourbonnais.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Please join us for the LWML Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on **Saturday, October 4th** at the school. We will be begin packing the shoeboxes between 9:30 and 10:00 am. We will pack as many boxes as we can depending on the amount of supplies that are received. The packing event will be happening in the gym and lasts approximately 1 ½ hours. Please come and help share the love of Jesus with the children who will receive these gifts. Because of your support of this project, many children throughout the world get to know Jesus. Thank you for your time and generosity!



**SERVICE OF
HOPE &
COMFORT**

For some, the holidays may be a very difficult time of year because of the loss of a loved one, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage. Therefore, you are invited to the downtown church on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm** to hear God's Word, to meditate, and to join in singing hymns and carols of comfort and in praying for healing and hope.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The annual canned food drive **runs through November**. The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry with nonperishable food and items like paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, and toiletries. Specifically, we could use canned vegetables and fruits, soups and crackers, hot and cold cereals, bread and muffin mixes, canned tuna and chicken, sloppy joe starters, macaroni & cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, Jello and pudding mixes, and cake and brownie mixes. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church.

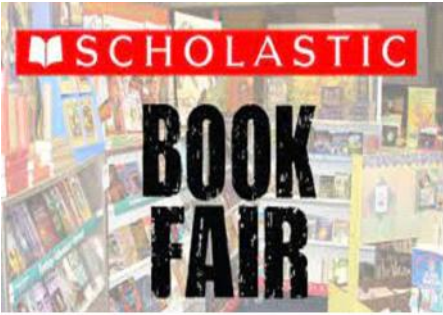


PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

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*



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from **Sunday, October 26th through Sunday, November 1st**! The Book Fair will be set up in the school library and it will be open before and after school, during half day preschool pick-up, during Trunk or Treat and on Sunday mornings. Stop by for some early Christmas gifts! Ordering online is also available and enhances your book fair shopping! There are more books available for all ages on the website and you can also filter your search by interest, reading level and age/grade to find the perfect book. Plus you can shop 24/7. All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our school library. Please call the school office with any questions.

August MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Baptized.	1813
Communicant	1349
Communing.	457
Attendance Avg. Weekend Worship (as of the end of the month):	
Month	261
Year-to-date.	268

YTD FINANCES (through 9/7/24)

Thankofferings

Receipts: (Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School + Electronic)	\$127,103.20
Budgeted:	\$165,807.72
% of Need:	76.66%

Building Fund

Receipts:(Envelopes+Electronic)	\$13,412.00
Budgeted:	\$30,288.42
% of need:	44.28%

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

Would you like to receive St. Paul's newsletter electronically instead? If so, email Christie in the church office at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net. The newsletter is also available on our website.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
1780 Career Center Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday School/Adult & Youth Bible Class SUN 9:45 am - Bourbonnais School Site (B)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month.	1 NO SCHOOL - LEA TEACHERS' CONFERENCE 3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	2	3 8:30am LWML Fall Gathering (B) 9:30am Op. Christmas Child (B) 5:00pm Worship (D) 
4 BUTTERBRAID SALES BEGIN 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B)	5 7:00pm Lay Ministry Mtg (B) 	6 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation Class (B) 5:30pm Sew for a Cause (D) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 	7	8 3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	9	10 9:00am Phil's Friends Work Day (D) 5:00pm Worship (D) 
11 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Children's Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B)	12 NO SCHOOL 	13 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 6:30pm School Board Meeting (B) 6:30pm New Member Class (B)  	14 9:30am Adult Bible Study (D) 	15 3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	16 NO SCHOOL 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (El Mexicano)	17 5:00pm Worship (D)
18 BUTTERBRAID SALES END 8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Family Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B) 2:00pm CUC Concert (B) 6:00pm Youth Night (B)	19 7:00pm Church Council Mtg (B) 	20 9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 4:00pm Jr. Confirmation Class (B) 6:30pm New Member Class (B)  	21 3:00pm Sew for a Cause (D)	22 3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	23 EARLY DISMISSAL	24 7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside) 9:30am Phil's Friends Parck Party (D) 5:00pm Worship (D) 6:00pm Youth Bonfire (3422 N 4000E Rd., Bourb) 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
RED RIBBON WEEK						REFORMATION DAY
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR						
8:30am Worship (B) 9:45am Youth Bible Study (B) 9:45am Family Sunday School (B) 9:45am Adult Bible Class (B) 11:05am Worship (B) 3:00pm Trunk or Treat (B) 		9:45am Adult Bible Study (D) 6:30pm New Member Class (B) 7:00pm Adult Bible Study (1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb)	9:30am Adult Bible Study (D) 5:30pm Create for a Cause (D)	3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 		5:00pm Worship (D) 

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8:30am	Worship (B)	7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting (B) 	9:45am Adult Bible Study (D)		PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES		9:00am Phil's Friends Work Day (D) 5:00pm Worship (D) 	
9:45am	Youth Bible Study (B)		4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (B)		EARLY DISMISSAL			NO SCHOOL
9:45am	Children's Sunday School (B)		6:30pm New Member Class (B)		3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 			
9:45am	Adult Bible Class (B)		 					
11:05am	Worship (B)							
6:00pm	Youth Night (B)							
8		9	10	11	12	13	14	
8:30am	Worship (B)		9:45am Adult Bible Study (D)	8:30am Veterans Day Chapel (B)	3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
9:45am	Youth Bible Study (B)		6:30pm New Member Class (B)	9:30am Adult Bible Study (D)			8:30am LWML Prayer Retreat (D)	
9:45am	Children's Sunday School (B)		6:30pm School Board Meeting (B)	6:00pm Project Compassion & Gabriel's Callers Dinner (Monical's, Bourb) 			5:00pm Worship (D) 	
9:45am	Adult Bible Class (B)							
11:05am	Worship (B)							
15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17	18	19	20	21	
8:30am	Worship (B)	7:00pm Church Council Mtg (B)	9:45am Adult Bible Study (D)	5:00pm Butter Braid Pick-Up (B)	3:00pm Phil's Friends Walk-In (D) 	6:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Beef O'Brady's)	7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside)	
9:45am	Youth Bible Study (B)		4:00pm Jr. Confirmation (B)	7:00pm Service of Hope & Comfort (D) 			9:30am Phil's Friends Parck Party (D)	
9:45am	Children's Sunday School (B)			 			5:00pm Worship (D) 	
9:45am	Adult Bible Class (B)							
11:05am	Worship (B)							
6:00pm	Youth Night (B)							
22		23	24	25	26	27	28	
8:30am	Worship (B)	THANKSGIVING BREAK						5:00pm Worship (D) 
9:45am	Youth Bible Study (B)		9:45am Adult Bible Study (D)	9:30am Adult Bible Study (D)	10:00am Worship (D) 			
9:45am	Family Sunday School (B)		7:00pm Adult Bible Study (1573 Surrey Dr., Bourb) 	7:00pm Worship (D) 				
9:45am	Adult Bible Class (B)							
11:05am	Worship (B)							
29		30	Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month 					
8:30am	Worship (B)							
9:45am	Youth Bible Study (B)							
9:45am	Children's Sunday School (B)							
9:45am	Adult Bible Class (B)							
11:05am	Worship (B)							



Serving our Lord in October

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE					
Sun., October 4	8:30 am 11:05 am	Dain Blair, J.P. Woods Abbott & Hudson Bade			
Sun., October 11	8:30 am 11:05 am	Nolan LaVoie, Jace Stauffenberg Claire & Logan Wilson			
Sun., October 18	8:30 am 11:05 am	Lana McHugh, George Morochio Loja Jack & Luke Stirnaman			
Sun., October 25	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hunter Macari, J.P. Woods Jacob Kubal, Dylan Nordmeyer			
LAY READERS SCHEDULE					
Sat., October 3 Sun., October 4	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Rich Nordmeyer Lauren Lundmark Melody Trudeau	Sat., October 10 Sun., October 11	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Ruth Fabbro Deb Turrell
Sat., October 17 Sun., October 18	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Rich Nordmeyer Dee Cordes Karen Beatty	Sat., October 24 Sun., October 25	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Pat Hatch Roy Cordes Sharla Ronchetto
TRUSTEE SCHEDULES					
Sat & Sun., Oct. 3 & 4 5:00 pm - Mike Callan 8:30 am - Barry Gadbois 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler			Sat. & Sun., October 10 & 11 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Mike Regas 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau		
Sat. & Sun., October 17 & 18 5:00 pm - Mike Callan 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler			Sat & Sun., October 24 & 25 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Mike Regas 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau		

Serving our Lord in November

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sun., November 1	8:30 am 11:05 am	Ella & Micah Lundmark Claire & Logan Wilson
Sun., November 8	8:30 am 11:05 am	Hannah Nelin, Quinn Styck Ty Luhman, Drew Stephens
Sun., November 15	8:30 am 11:05 am	Olivia Reardanz, Elizabeth Schneider Micah Bass, Jacob Kubal
Sun., November 22	8:30 am 11:05 am	Abbott & Hudson Bade MacKenzie Norton, Layna Rahn
Wed., November 25 THANKSGIVING EVE	7:00 pm (Downtown)	Nolan Freitas (crossbearer) Kaelyn Freitas, Lana McHugh
Thurs., November 26 THANKSGIVING DAY	10:00 am (Downtown)	Zachary Porter (crossbearer) A.J. & Olivia Reardanz
Sun., November 29	8:30 am 11:05 am	Amber & Brody Brinkmann Jack & Luke Stirnaman

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Sat., Oct. 31 Sun., Nov. 1	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Nancy Eden Josh Cherry	Sat., Nov. 7 Sun., Nov. 8	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Diane Barber Dee Cordes Karen Beatty
Sat., Nov. 14 Sun., Nov. 15	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Jennifer Richardson Roy Cordes Sharla Ronchetto	Sat., Nov. 21 Sun., Nov. 22	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Mike Lockwood Lauren Lundmark Josh Cherry
Sat., Nov. 28 Sun., Nov. 29	5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:05 am	Audra Taylor Bill Balgeman Deb Turrell			

TRUSTEE SCHEDULE

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 5:00 pm - 8:30 am - Barry Gadbois 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau	Sat & Sun., Nov. 7 & 8 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Mike Regas 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	Wed, Nov. 14 & 15 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau
Wed., Nov. 18 7:00 pm - Jeff Johnson	Sat. & Sun., Nov. 21 & 22 5:00 pm - Jeff Johnson 8:30 am - Mike Regas 11:05 am - Greg Wheeler	THANKSGIVING (Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 25 & 26) 7:00 pm - Mike Callan 10:00 am - Rob Wood
Sat. & Sun., Nov. 28 & 29 5:00 pm - Rob Wood 8:30 am - Tom Stirnaman 11:05 am - Jim Trudeau		



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HOW TO HELP:

- COLOR CARDS OF HOPE
- TIE BLANKETS
- DECORATE BOXES
- CREATE CARDS & JOURNALS
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3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Work Day.

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT NOV & DEC - THEN 1ST SATURDAY)

9:00 AM - NOON

Pack Party.

4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT NOV, & DEC - THEN 3RD SATURDAY)

9:30 AM - 11 AM

Questions? Contact Sarah (815) 651-6864 sarahc@philsfriends.org



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Draw Near



Come near to God and He will
come near to you.

James 4:8

SATURDAY, 8:30 AM
November 14 to 2:00 PM

LUNCH & SNACKS
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