

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

### COMING JANUARY 9th...

**Class:** "Getting Back to the Basics: A Bible Study on the Nicene Creed"

**Location:** Room 130

**Teacher:** Pastor Drinnon

We say the Nicene Creed in worship but do we know the biblical basis for the words of the Nicene Creed? What does it mean for Jesus to be of "one substance" with the Father? Did you know that the historical Santa Claus, Nicholas of Myra, was a part of the council that drafted the first version of the Nicene Creed? Please bring your Bibles as we investigate the over 100 Bible verses contributing to the language of the Nicene Creed. All are welcome to attend.

**Class:** "The Chosen"

**Location:** Room 129

**Teacher:** Nancy Eden

Ever wonder what it was *really* like to be a disciple of Jesus? What it was like to live under Roman rule? A new multi-season series, delving into the life of Jesus and the disciples, called "The Chosen", is the basis for a new adult Bible class. Come and see.....

## ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. The Attendance Cards are collected during the Offering. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number if you so wish. You may also include any prayer requests on the attendance card.

### "30+ SELECTED PSALMS"

**Tuesdays 10 am in Fellowship Hall**

The Tuesday morning Bible class will finish their study of the Book of Psalms during the month of January. Each Psalm that we have studied either alerts us to the fact that it was sung for some occasion in the New Testament or became part of the public worship in the Old Testament. Singing praises and parts of the liturgy based on the Psalms have given us a new attitude toward worship in various forms. Join us at anytime during the year - each lesson is independent of the others. If you have questions you may contact our leader, Roy Cordes.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next session of First Things First will be **Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7 pm** at the Bourbonnais campus. Please join Pastor Dave Bottorff, as he leads the hour in a prayer service format. Each FTF hour of prayer will provide an opportunity for community prayer focused on a timely theme.

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** marks the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, enrollment will be opened up to siblings of current students as



well as church members. Enrollment will open to the public on **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay. Please let your friends know that we will be hosting an **Open House on January 6<sup>th</sup>** if they would like to tour our facilities and meet the teachers.

## YOUTH NIGHT

Our 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be convening for another evening of fun on **Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** at the Bourbonnais campus. Come see what the buzz is all about!



## MINISTRY FAIR PLANNING

Our vision at St. Paul's is "**Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion and Christian Education**". As part of that vision, the Board of Stewardship would like to showcase the various ministries in the church and ways people can serve within the ministries with a Ministry Fair on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. If you are a leader of a ministry and would like to participate in the Fair, please contact Marianne Stevenson @ 815/370-7781 or [stewardship@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:stewardship@stpaulslutheran.net) by January 10, 2022.

A big thank you from the Drinnons to all from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School who sent cards, candy, and gifts this Christmas season. We are certainly blessed to be apart of this church family. May the gift of Jesus Christ this season fill your hearts with joy into the New Year.

~ Love, Pastor Drinnon and Katrina



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The February/March newsletter deadline is fast approaching! If you have an upcoming event or ministry that you would like to promote in the next newsletter, please submit your article to the church office no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. You may either email it to [crahn@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:crahn@stpaulslutheran.net) or call Christie at 932-0312.



**NEXT VOTER'S MEETING**

The next regular Voters' Meeting will be **January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 pm** at the Bourbonnais campus. Among the items to be considered are:

- \* the announcement of the 2022 nominating committee
- \* the planning retreat report
- \* an update of the 2022 housing allowance

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. **You are eligible to vote only after attending at least two Voters' meetings in a one-year time period. Even if you have never attended a voter's meeting and are not eligible to vote at this meeting, please consider attending so that you are eligible to vote on the next principal call.** Voting membership privileges continue as long as you remain a member.

Lynda and I want to extend our thanks to everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for the many cards, notes, and gifts over the Christmas season. We are truly humbled by your encouragement and thoughtful generosity. We are so very thankful for the blessing of our church family here at St. Paul's May the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours in this New Year.

*In Christ, Pastor Karl and Lynda Koeppen*

**DISTRICT-WIDE BIBLE STUDY: INCARNATE COMMUNITY**

Imagine the power of prayer and sense of community possible if all LCMS Northern Illinois District congregations participate in the same Bible study! That's a potential of more than 200 churches and as many as 67,652 communicant members.

The LCMS Northern Illinois District is providing a Bible study based on that community. How exciting it will be for St. Paul's to join in this Bible study. It will take place for four weeks in February of 2022.

Our world changed with the pandemic, and we learned to adapt to a world where we lived physically distant. This study is designed to now invite people to return to an 'in person' community of faith by exploring the God-given blessings that come as the followers of Jesus gather around His Word and Sacraments.

It is our hope that through this study we will grow appreciation for the gathering of fellow believers around Jesus' Means of Grace, be equipped to better understand how we bear Christ's image in His world, and see the wonderful blessing our Lord works through us in a local faith community.

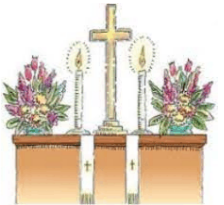
Look for your opportunity to sign up in December and January at church, via the weekly email, on Facebook, and in the weekly church announcements.

**2022 GIVING ENVELOPES**

The 2022 envelopes are here! Saturday attendee's envelopes are in Fellowship Hall; Sunday attendee's envelopes are at the school. If you give online, you may not have envelopes. Otherwise, please call the Church Office 932-0312 if you do not find yours so we can get it to the correct location for you. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries!

**ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2022**

The 2022 Flower Chart is now up. The chart will be posted at the downtown church through January 2<sup>nd</sup> and then will be moved to the school. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or some special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. Please be sure to include your phone number next to your name! Thank you!



The cost is \$25.00 for one vase or \$50.00 for two. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Checks or cash payments may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 932-1545 or [lykoeppen@comcast.net](mailto:lykoeppen@comcast.net).



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

More good news to add to your Christmas excitement! Our shoe box gifts are on their way to Malawi and to Hard-to-Reach Places! Hard-to-Reach regions are difficult to access due to customs, cultural, or religious reasons. These gift-filled shoeboxes give local believers a sensitive way to initiate ongoing relationships with those who may not know Christ. The boxes you provided help equip Christian brothers and sisters to take great risks to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and they are deeply grateful for your partnership. Through your generosity, you are calling out “His praise from the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 42:10)!

<b>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</b>	
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>	
<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
Sunday 8:30 am .....	69
10:00 am .....	32
<b>Sunday Total:</b> .....	<b>101</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
5:00 pm .....	145
7:00 pm .....	153
10:00 pm .....	86
Christmas Day .....	93
<b>Christmas Total:</b> .....	<b>477</b>
<b>Weekly Offerings Given</b>	
<b>General</b> .....	\$15,220.00
<b>Building</b> .....	\$4,350.00
<b>School Ops</b> .....	\$135.00
<b>Christmas</b> .....	\$13,708.06

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen
- Liturgist:** Rev. Roger Drinnon
- Organist/Pianist:** 8:30: Nadine Engel
- Audio/Visual:** 8:30: Todd Engel      10:00: Melody Trudeau
- Live Streaming & Recording:**  
Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- Lay Ministers:** 8:30: Steve Plotezka, Greg Deck, Robert Carruthers, Hal Bryant  
10:00: Kevin Kurtz
- Lay Readers:** 8:30: Rich Engel  
10:00: Jennifer Richardson
- Acolytes:** 8:30: Hailey Porter, Cooper Bade  
10:00: Cecily Richardson, Haley O'Keefe
- Trustees:** 8:30: Jim Trudeau  
10:00: Greg Wheeler
- Ushers:** 8:30: Chris Tomblin, Brandon Tomblin, Scott Styck  
10:00: Mike Callan, Dan Friesner, Aliya Gomez

**Contemporary Service Worship Team:**

Elizabeth Kubal, Heidi Ostrowski, Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane and Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## This Week's Schedule of Activities

<b>Sun, Jan 2</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
<b>Mon, Jan 3</b>		<b>Church &amp; School Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues, Jan 4</b>	10:00 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>School Resumes</b> <b>Re-Enrollment Opens for Current Students</b> Adult Bible Study (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation (Non St. Paul's) (Bourb) First Things First (Bourb)
<b>Wed, Jan 5</b>		
<b>Thur, Jan 6</b>	5:00 pm	Enrollment Open House (Bourb)
<b>Fri, Jan 7</b>		
<b>Sat, Jan 8</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
<b>Sun, Jan 9</b>	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Class (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb) Youth Night (Bourb)

**CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)**  
**Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

