

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - April 24 & 25, 2021

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sunday's

9:50 A.M. @ SCHOOL
in CLASSROOM 130

"Reaching the Summit and Holding On to Hope: 1 Corinthians 15 and the Resurrection"

Death is all around us. As Christians, how can we face death? Where is our hope? This study turns us to God's Word and His Promises to give us strength on this side of heaven and eternity.

Pastor Koeppen will lead the study. Join us as we look to God and His Word for strength to face the struggles of this life.

PROJECT COMPASSION/GABRIEL'S CALLERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th @ 6:00 P.M.

Project Compassion Visitors & Gabriel's Callers will have their quarterly meeting at Chicago Dough in Bourbonnais on **Wednesday, May 5th at 6 p.m.** Visitors & Callers will meet for fellowship, sharing and food. Anyone interested in becoming a visitor or caller is welcome to attend. Please call the church office at 815-932-0312 for the RSVP.

"SELECTED PSALMS" TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

10:00 A.M. @ SCHOOL
in CLASSROOM 133

Have you ever traveled somewhere with your whole family and passed the time by singing? That is what God's chosen people did as they walked to their destination. Only instead of singing songs like we do - they sang Psalms! If you come to our Bible Class we won't ask you to sing the Psalms (unless you really want to), but we will read them and talk about what it says and means for us today in our Christian walk. Application - what it means for us as we worship God will be our major discussion. You may join our class at anytime during the year - see you Tuesday as we practice worshipping God in this unique way.

YOUTH NIGHT

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH
@ 6:00 P.M.

Youth Ages 7TH - 12TH Grade are invited to youth night held every 2nd and 4th Sunday! Please join us at the school for games, Bible study, snacks and more!

CALL DAY 2021

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH @ 7:00 P.M.

Call Day at Concordia Seminary is the day when second-year students receive their vicarage church assignments (a one-year internship at an LCMS church anywhere in the U.S.) and fourth-year students discover their first call assignments.

Kyle Ronchetto and Eric Gradberg are receiving their first Call placement assignment on that day. Since we can't ship everyone to St. Louis to experience the worship service, we'll try the next best thing. On **Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00pm**, we will hold a Call Day Viewing party at the school campus and watch the live-stream of the worship service in St. Louis.



BE THE CHURCH Local Mission Week

JUNE 27-30

This summer the Youth Board is organizing a Local Mission Week. This event will happen June 27-30. Please save the dates and join us for this whole church event filled with day and evening service projects in our community and our church. Together, with the youth of the church, we shall go forth and BE THE CHURCH in action! More details to come as projects are lined up for the week. Please stay tuned and write these days on your summer calendar.

Is Financial Peace University for you?

What outcome might you expect if you went through Financial Peace University? While becoming debt free is an outcome that most people would hope to gain through FPU, not everyone comes away with the same experience.

Our last class was held virtually, so people from anywhere could enroll. One of our class members was Nick, a young man from Rochester, NY. Here's what Nick had to say about FPU:

Thank you so much for all your teaching and support. I mentioned it in one of the classes but taking the class gave me one thing I didn't predict and that's intentionality and focus. Seeing my hard work starting to pay off and having a goal is the first time I've lived life with intention and it's made a difference in my day to day life. Thank you John for all the wonderful advice and I can't wait to make that last payment on my student loans, begin to watch my 401k/roth ira grow, and become outrageously generous.

What is in it for you? You won't know until you take the course. There is no better time to find out than now. It is free!! Just register for Ramsey+ on the St Paul's website.

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Let's Make 2021 a Year of MORE!

Hopefully by now you have seen the video put together by your Stewardship Board for our 5% More initiative. Over the next few weeks we call ALL of St. Paul's to challenge yourselves to 5% More!

More GIVING, PRAYING, SERVING, WORSHIPING AT CHURCH and STUDYING THE BIBLE. Look at what your current giving looks like and try to give 3-5% more. We do need a small increase in giving as we approach the end of the fiscal year in hopes to finally pass a balanced budget for the '21-'22 year. Draw the Circle and pray for St. Paul's, our community, and our world. Find a Bible Study to get involved in, and if you need help let us know. Get involved with a board, service project, or ministry at St. Paul's. Finally, do the best you can to come to church more than you have in the past. Come in person or utilize our livestream and online worship options. If all or even most of us give 5% more of our time, talents, and treasures, think about the collective impact we can make at St. Paul's and in our community!



BACK TO "NORMAL"

Beginning the weekend of **May 1-2**, worship services at St. Paul's will become more like the pre-pandemic normal. On that weekend we plan to resume handing out bulletins and announcements at the entrances, passing the offering plate, and using the attendance cards. While vaccination levels allow us to reintroduce some of the familiar features of worship services, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing is still encouraged but not required. In addition, children's lessons and pre-service greeting of one another will remain on hold for awhile longer.

We want everyone attending worship services to be comfortable. Therefore, if you have any concerns, please contact either Pastor Koeppen or a member of the Board of Lay Ministry.



OVERCOMER HOME BIBLE STUDY

STARTING APRIL 27th @ 7 p.m.

Do you have a hard time overcoming anxieties, fears and temptations? Starting Tuesday, April 27th at 7pm Pastor Dave Bottorff will lead a six-session video Overcomer Bible study at Marilyn and Pastor Dave's house at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais for up to 10 more participants. Each session will last one hour with refreshments served afterwards for those who want to stay for fellowship. This Bible study will take place each fourth Tuesday, except in the summer and December.

Best-selling author Dr. David Jeremiah uses Paul's instructions in Ephesians 6:11-18-his command for us to OVERCOME the forces of evil by putting on the armor of God-to lay out a pathway for spiritual victory. Dr. Jeremiah reminds us we are not alone in this fight. God knows what we need; and He provides us with His power so we can face and OVERCOME life's challenges.

Sessions include:

1. Overcoming Falsehood with Truth
2. Overcoming Evil with Good
3. Overcoming Anxiety with Peace
4. Overcoming Fear with Faith
5. Overcoming Confusion with Wisdom
6. Overcoming Temptation with Scripture

Please call 815-304-4553 by Sunday, April 25th to let us know you plan on attending-*Pastor Dave Bottorff*

Confirmation

In May, many churches celebrate confirmation, a practice with biblical roots. For example, Peter and John are sent to "[lay] their hands on" new believers and "[pray] for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:15, 17, NRSV).

In the early church, new Christians, most of whom were adult converts, received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, the practice became for pastors and priests to baptize but for only bishops to "confirm" a baptism, or make it official, granting the baptized full membership in the church.

Later, confirmation became a rite by which adolescents, often following intensive Christian education, profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Some denominations prefer the term "affirmation of baptism."

Confirmation serves as a milestone of faith, when young adults begin embracing a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose.

SMALL GROUPS STARTING!

I am excited to announce that we are finally starting up the small groups! We have had an increase in sign ups and are now ready to go.

The Legacy Journey classes will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. starting on 5/5. We will be offering both virtual and in person options. Stay tuned for specifics.

The Know yourself, Know your money classes will be on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. starting on 5/6. This will start out as a virtual class run by John Veers. Stay tuned for details.

If you have not signed up for a class yet, but want to. Please email stewardship@stpaulslutheran.net

Thank you and God Bless!

Tom Stirnaman
Director of Stewardship

ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

Please join us in our online worship service! The service will premiere on our Facebook page at 8:30am on Sunday or on demand through our website:

<https://www.stpaulslutheran.net/church/worship/>

You can also listen to the abbreviated service on WKAN AM Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL

Exciting news! Plans are being made to have the Fall Festival September 10th & 11th. Obviously if the Covid-19 situation flares up, things could change.

So, that means that St. Paul's is in charge of the book booth. We need lots of books! We accept fiction, nonfiction, kids, hard cover or paperbacks. Please, no textbooks. Please bring them to the school (box inside the door) or to the church downtown.

More information will be forthcoming and sign up sheets available later in the summer. If you have any questions or need books picked up at your home, call Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855.

Also from Prairievew:

- Our Prairievew 32nd Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, June 11, 2021 at Shewami Country Club in Sheldon. The fee for golfers is \$75 which includes green fee, cart, lunch, supper, and range balls. The Longbranch will be serving Supper! Call (815) 269-2970 admissions department to register.
- Be a Golf Outing Sponsor! With our \$200 Hole Sponsorship, not only do you assist the seniors in our care, but also: Your company name will be featured at a hole, listed on a promotional flyer, listed on Facebook and listed on our website.



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES!
CONFIRMATION WEEKEND
SERVICES ON SUNDAY, MAY 2nd**

The 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service will be held at the School Location as usual.

**The 11:05 am Jr. Confirmation
Worship Service will be held at the
downtown Church Location,
(348 E. Merchant Street)**

Also, please note that there will not be Adult Bible Class, Children's Sunday School or Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 2nd

Sat., May 1st - 5:00 pm Worship
(Downtown Location)

Sun., May 2nd - 8:30 am Worship
(School Location)

Sun., May 2nd - 11:05 am Worship
(Jr. Confirmation - Downtown Location)



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 17 & 18, 2021

Worship Attendance:

Sunday 5:00 pm	.....	55
8:30 am	.....	101
11:05 am	.....	62

Sunday Total: 218

Bible Study:

Children's Sunday School:	.....	33
Sunday Adult Bible Classes:	.....	18

Weekly Offerings

	<u>Given</u>
General	\$13,157.00
Building	\$1,779.00
School Ops.	\$160.00



The year 2021 is our year of something more. Many thanks to our members for their continual financial gifts that support the many missions of St. Paul's Lutheran

Church.

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

Serving In God's House Today

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist: 5:00: Terri Jones 8:30: Nadine Engel

Audio/Visual at School: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Melody Trudeau

Live Streaming & Recording: Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, 7th & 8th Grade Students

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Greg Deck
 8:30: Bruce Clark, Richard Engel, Kevin Kurtz
 11:05: Robert Carruthers

Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
 8:30: Loree Yoakum
 11:05: Melody Trudeau

Acolytes: 8:30: Seth McHugh, Hailey Porter
 11:05: Ryan Sarkozi, Grant Sheely

Contemporary Service Worship Team:
 Matt Callan, Sarah Cherry, Gail & Duane Ferrebee, Scott Moore,
 Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

This Week's Schedule of Activities

Sun. April 25	8:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School Worship - Contemporary Youth Night 7 th -12 Grades	<i>(at School)</i> <i>(at School)</i> <i>(at School)</i> <i>(at School)</i> <i>(at School)</i>
Mon. April 26			
Tues. April 27	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Adult Bible Class Overcomer Bible Study	<i>(at School)</i> <i>(Bottorff Home)</i>
Wed. April 28			
Thurs. April 29			
Fri. April 30			
Sat. May 1	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jr. Confirmation Breakfast & Rehearsal Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(at Church)</i> <i>(at Church)</i>
Sun. May 2	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion Worship - Traditional - Communion - Jr. Confirmation Sunday	<i>(at School)</i> <i>(at Church)</i>