

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - September 18 & September 19, 2021

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:50 A.M. in CLASSROOM 130

The Psalms & Life in God's Creation

The authors of this Bible study are interested in shaping the way fellow Christians think about God, His creation, the place of human creatures in God's creation, and what it means to be human creatures living in this world. We want to provide a context for Christians gathered around God's Word to rethink their answers to some big questions like: What is God's interest in His creation? How is He involved in it? What use does He make of it? What is our relationship to the rest of the created world? What use do we make of it? As well as many other questions.

In the Psalms (and in other parts of the Scriptures), there are voices that offer reflection on questions such as these. We hope that through our mutual meditation on this Word of God, the Holy Spirit would enrich our understanding of our identity - who we are as God's redeemed people - and that in our varied vocations He would give us the strength to live lives of praise to Him, even when that looks completely counter-cultural. PLEASE JOIN US!

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. This helps us know that you are here with us and it enables us to assist you. The Attendance Cards are collected after the Offering.

"30+ SELECTED PSALMS"

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

10:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

(PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION)

This Tuesday morning Adult Bible Class will help you understand why the Psalm was written, encourage us to praise God and discover how we can depend upon a loving God for our many blessings. Please join us!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Would you rather not cook on a Friday night? Would you rather eat out with friends and enjoy some fellowship? Then we have an opportunity for you! **Please join us for dinner Friday, Sept 24th at 6:00pm at Cozumel Mexican restaurant (1198 N Kinzie, Bradley) next to Hobby Lobby. Call Bob West at 815-325-1816 with any questions.. Hope to see you there!**



ATTENTION YOUTH

Youth Bible Class (6th-12th grade) has resumed. Please join us in the Youth Room at 9:50 every Sunday.



SPY Night - Youth Night Kickoff

Have you ever wondered - who am I and where do I belong? Have you ever wondered - who is God and what really matters? At Youth Nights this year we are going to work to unravel these mysteries. You will be the Bible detectives figuring out the answers to these questions while playing games and enjoying time with other teenage friends.

All 7th-12th graders are invited to this SPY Themed Youth Night Kickoff on **September 19, from 6 to 8 pm** at the school campus.

All Youth Nights will be 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 pm this fall until the New Year. Please put the dates on your calendar! You won't want to miss the fun!



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!!

Your children are invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning from 9:50 to 10:45. The Preschoolers and Kindergartners will meet in the Extended Care room at the end of the lower grade hall and the 1st through 5th graders will meet in the Music Room, just outside of the gym.

MOTHER-SON CAMP OUT

Come on out to Mother-Son Camp Out **September 24th from 6pm to 8:30pm** outside at the school. PTL will provide hot dogs, chips, beverages, and s'mores by the campfire! The movie will start at 7pm. Popcorn will also be available during the movie. Please bring your lawn chairs and blanket to keep warm. Please RSVP on or before Wednesday September 22nd at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FAAA92EA6F94-mother>! We want to make sure we have enough for everyone to enjoy!



SINGLE MOM SATURDAY

Single Mom Saturday will be held Saturday, **September 25, 2021** at Court Street Ford or Tuffy Tire and Automotive, both on Latham Drive in Bourbonnais from **8 am to 12 noon**. Single Moms who sign up will receive a free oil change and car wash. Sign-ups will be available on the WBGL 104.7 web site under Events. Car make, model, and year are needed as well as VIN (vehicle information number), name, and phone number of single mom are needed for registration. Each registered single mom will receive notice of the location and the appointment time of the car wash and oil change.

Sign-ups to help with the car washes will be in 2 shifts, 8:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DA8AF23AA8-wash1> to volunteer to help and get your partnership hours. Questions? Call or text Liz Deck at 815-592-0234.



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

We meet again **Saturday, Sept 25th at 7:30 am** in the Riverside Hospital Cafeteria. Come and get some breakfast, and join us as we study God's Word. I pray that you can join us for the study!



MASKS IN WORSHIP

Governor Pritzker's recent Executive Order 21-22 requiring all individuals over age two to wear face coverings when in indoor public places was originally believed to apply to places of worship. However, the Illinois Department of Commerce has now interpreted this Executive Order to not require face coverings in churches. As a result of this new guidance from the State of Illinois, the Board of Lay Ministry has determined that face masks should be optional in worship at St. Paul's. While face coverings are no longer mandatory, those in worship are still encouraged to take all appropriate precautions against COVID-19. Pastor Koeppen and the Lay Ministers will, therefore, wear masks during communion distribution for the safety of those in worship. Persons receiving communion may either wear a mask or not at their option.



SAVE THE DATE! **UPCOMING VOTER'S MEETING**

The regular September Voters' Meeting is being held **September 26th at 12:30 p.m.** at the school site. Among the items to be considered is extending a call as Associate Pastor to one of the following candidates:

- * Andrew Cave currently serving at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu, Arizona
- * Roger Drinnon currently serving at Olive Branch Lutheran Church, Okawville, Illinois

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 and/or pastoral call.*** Voting membership privileges continue as long as you remain a member.

TABEA ALTAR GUILD **RUMMAGE SALE**

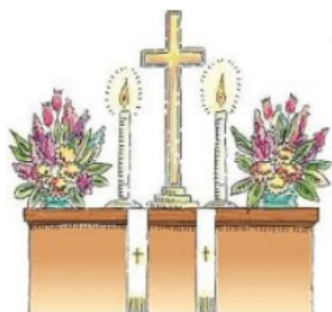
It's time for our semi-annual rummage sale **Thursday, Sept 30th and Friday, Oct 1st from 8am - 4pm** in the downtown gym. If you're interested in dropping off any items, please contact Carol Ginger 815-922-5525 and leave a message. Please do not bring items to the church office.



Earn your Partnership Hours helping at the rummage sale! Help is needed on the sale days and anyone can help. If you are interested, please call Carol Ginger 815-922-5525 or Pat Baker 815-935-1694. Thank you for your service and may God Bless you for serving so faithfully.
~ The TABEA Ladies

REMEMBERING RICH RINGER

The congregation is invited to attend the Memorial Service for Rich Ringer on Saturday, September 25 at 11:00am at St. Paul's downtown church in Kankakee. There is also a time of visitation from 10:00-11:00am.



COMMEMORATE A SPECIAL OCCASION OR REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

There are several openings for altar flowers in the months of September - December. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers during that time, please sign up on the chart posted at the school outside the north entrance to the gym or call Lynda Koeppen. The cost is \$25.00 for one vase or \$50.00 for two. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Checks may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you have any questions regarding altar flowers, please contact Lynda Koeppen at lykoeppen@comcast.net or 932-5701.

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, kind words, and gifts on my anniversary of service to you and the church.
~ Mark Hess



The LWML members of Zone 18 are sponsoring Operation Christmas Child and will be packing shoe boxes on **Saturday, Oct 9th**. A light breakfast opens the meeting at 8:30 am. After a short business meeting, **packing of shoe boxes will begin at 10 am**. If you have not yet participated in this project, please consider doing so this year. You will be blessed!

God uses school supplies to draw children to Himself. Back-to-school supplies are now on sale which makes it a great time to purchase quality school items at low prices. **A list of supplies needed is now available and there is a donation box at the school campus.** We already have 120 plastic shoe boxes that are ready to pack so we won't need as many shoe boxes. You may also want to consider donating funds for shipping expenses. We need \$9 per box to mail the shoeboxes. Together, let's bring the Good News of Jesus and great joy -- with lots of school supplies -- to millions of children around the world!

I wanted to thank everyone who came out last Sunday for the Anniversary luncheon celebration of my 25 years in the Pastoral ministry and Mark Hess' 40 years in the Teaching ministry. I am truly overwhelmed by all the gifts and cards that were given to me and the memories that were shared.

It was a blessing to think of the many years of service and how God used me and how God used St. Paul's in those years. It was also a nice addition to see and hear from District President Buss as well as Pastors I have worked with over the years. It was a blessing to have worked with some great partners in sharing the gospel. (Thanks Tom Stirnaman for putting the video together)

So much has changed in our world over 25 years, But one thing has not changed - Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I'm still amazed that God continues to use me to share His Word and His Love in the Church and School. I am blessed to serve our Lord here at St. Paul's.

In All Things - JESUS
Pastor Koeppen

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION

Please join us Sept 26th at the 8:30 am worship to welcome our new members and stay for fellowship following the service. Hope to see you there!



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 11 & 12, 2021

Worship Attendance:

Saturday 5:00 pm	.....	45
Sunday 8:30 am	.....	90
11:05 am	.....	125
Total:	.....	.260

Bible Study:

Children's Sunday School:	.....	53
Sunday Adult Bible Classes:	....	n/a

Weekly Offerings Given

General	.....	\$14,292.00
Building	.....	\$1,585.00
School Ops.	.....	\$135.00

