

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - September 25 & September 26, 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!

*****ATTENTION YOUTH*****

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

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.

Please join us as we explore the VBS curriculum that we missed out on last summer. Our time together will be filled with exciting Bible stories, activities and songs! Children will be rewarded with little prizes for attendance and Bible verse memorization throughout the year.

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)



VOTER'S MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

The regular September Voters' Meeting is being held **Sept 26th at 12:30 pm** 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.



It's time for TABEA's semi-annual rummage sale **Thurs, Sept 30th and Fri, Oct 1st from 8am - 4pm** in the downtown gym. If you're interested in dropping off any items downtown, we will be accepting them up until Wednesday. *Earn your Partnership Hours helping at the rummage sale!* Help is still needed on Friday during the sale. If you are interested in helping or need to make arrangements to drop off your items, please call Carol Ginger 815-922-5525 or Pat Baker 708-772-0933. Thank you for your service and may God Bless you for serving so faithfully.

MAKE TIME FOR FIRST THINGS FIRST (FTF)



This prayer ministry meets on the **first Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm.** at St. Paul's Lutheran School in the Cafeteria. **Please join them again October 5th.** Pastor Dave Bottorff is the monthly leader done within a prayer service format. Each FTF hour of prayer provides an opportunity for community prayer focused on a timely theme.



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

There are still several openings for altar flowers through the end of the year. 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](mailto:lyndakoeppen@comcast.net) at lyndakoeppen@comcast.net or 932-5701.

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.

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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist/Pianist: 5:00: Nadine Engel 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: Robert Carruthers
8:30: Greg Deck, Bruce Clark, Richard Engel, John Veers
11:05: Kevin Kurtz

Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
8:30: Roy Cordes
11:05: Mellody McDonald

Acolytes: 8:30: Everett Finnegan, Pippa Dunnill
11:05: Natalie Cherry, Madison LaMontagne

Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
8:30: Bill Ostrowski
11:05: Greg Wheeler

Ushers: 5:00: Terry Treece, Fred Langelett, Jim Sharper, Rob Wood
8:30: Chris Tomblin, Brandon Tomblin, Scott Styck
11:05: Mike Callan, Dan Friesner, Aliya Gomez

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

This Week's Schedule of Activities

Sun, Sept 26	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED	(at School)
	9:30 am	New Member Reception	(at School)
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study	(at School)
	9:50 am	Sunday School & Youth Group	(at School)
	11:05 am 12:30 pm	Worship - Contemporary Voter's Meeting	(at School) (at School)
Mon, Sept 27			
Tues, Sept 28	10:00 am	Adult Bible Class	(at Church)
Wed, Sept 29			
Thur, Sept 30	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	TABEA Altar Guild Rummage Sale	(at Church)
Fri, Oct 1	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	TABEA Altar Guild Rummage Sale	(at Church)
Sat, Oct 2	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	(at Church)
	6:00 pm	OktoberFest	(at School)
Sun, Oct 3	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	(at School)
	9:50 am	Bible Study	(at School)
	9:50 am	Sunday School & Youth Group	(at School)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	(at School)

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