

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

## Announcements - November 20<sup>th</sup> & November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

**Class: "God's Love Revealed in Jesus"**

**Location: Room 130**

**Teacher: Debbie Turrell**

God's love for us is so evident at Christmas time. The promise He made to send a Savior to redeem us from the consequences of our sin is fulfilled in Jesus. Throughout the Old Testament God's people looked forward to a Savior, the Promised Messiah, and in faith believed that He would come. As we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas, we can not only look at God's promises, but we can see the fulfillment of them in Jesus. This four-week study will explore God's saving love as promised in the Old Testament and brought about in Jesus.

**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. This helps us know that you are here with us and it enables us to assist you. The Attendance Cards are collected during the Offering.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Join us as we spend time in God's Word, using the Lutheran Hour Ministry devotion, "Child of Promise". You can pick up a paper copy at church or school OR you can sign up for daily advent emails from Lutheran Hour Ministries. (<http://www.lhm.org/advent/>).

The birth of the Savior is celebrated again this year in **Child of Promise**, a joyful look at the miracle of Jesus' birth. From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. In Jesus Christ, that promise was fulfilled.

Each year Christians reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas. Born unto us - God's Son, our Savior - Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promise to send a Redeemer. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal. This God has given to us in His Child of Promise.

### "30+ SELECTED PSALMS"

**Tuesdays 10 am in Fellowship Hall**

**NOTE: There will be no class this**

**Tuesday, November 23rd.**

The Tuesday morning Bible class will continue its study of selected Psalms through December and January. We have 10 more Psalms chosen by members of the class. Then we will do what most people don't do in Psalms - study Psalm 119. Psalm 119 has 176 verses with 22 sections of 8 verses each.

We are not trying to be martyrs - we are studying Psalms until the beginning of the Northern Illinois District-wide Bible study when over 200 congregations will use the month of February for a four-week session of "Incarnate Community". It places an emphasis on the changes after going through the pandemic and will be encouraging people to return to public worship to acknowledge God's blessings and His protection during the crisis. There will be several groups for this February activity, so you should be able to find a time that fits into your schedule.

### YOUTH NIGHTS

Our next youth night is **Sun, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm** at St. Paul's School Campus. On Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, we will not have normal Youth Night but instead encourage all youth and their families to attend Pastor Drinnon's Installation. On Dec 19<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a special Christmas-themed Youth Night.



### PASTOR ROGER DRINNON

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Roger Drinnon has accepted the Divine Call to serve as our Associate Pastor. In an effort to welcome him to our congregation and our community, we will be giving Pastor and his wife, Katrina, a gift card basket for local restaurants as well as a monetary gift. This will be underwritten by Lay Ministry but if you would like to make a contribution, we invite you to do so. A letter went out in the mail this week with a contribution envelope. There are also extra envelopes in the school lobby or you may stop by the church office with your donation.

Pastor Drinnon will be installed as our new Associate Pastor on **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm** at the downtown church. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!



The **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be **December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** at our downtown church. We are blessed to have so many children who are excited to share the Gospel and rejoice in Jesus' birth! You are invited to share in the celebration of the true meaning of Christmas.

**ATTENTION PARENTS!  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE**

Children from Pre-3 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us as we practice for the Christmas program. We will spend some time each week during the Sunday School hour preparing for the program so Sunday School attendance in November and December is especially important as we get ready to share the Christmas message. In addition, on **December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>,** we will meet at the downtown church for practice **from 9 am to 11 am.** December 4<sup>th</sup> will be for 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders only. December 11<sup>th</sup> will be for all children participating in the program.

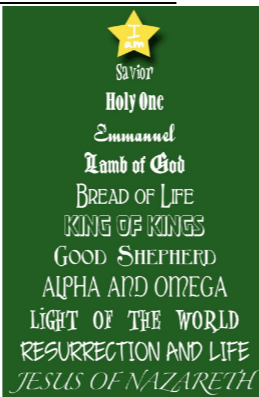
**MANGER MAKERS**

Each year, St. Paul's Sunday School students are given pieces to make a nativity set. The first year they receive the Holy Family and then each year after that, they receive other nativity characters or animals to expand their set. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students receive a stable to complete their set. The manger pieces can be picked up Sunday mornings in December in the upper grade hallway.



**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

At Family Sunday School on November 21<sup>st</sup>, families will work together to prepare all the parts of an Advent calendar that will make a Christmas Tree comprised of the names of Jesus. There will be devotions for each name that includes a reading, family discussion questions, and a family activity. We hope you will join us for this faith building activity. We will start in the gym at 9:50. There will not be drop-off Sunday School for the children. Families must attend together. Youth Bible Class will meet as normal.



**BUTTER BRAIDS DELIVERY**

Butter Braids are in! If you placed an order with the Youth Group, please pick up your order between church services on Sunday or stop by the school between 8 am and 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

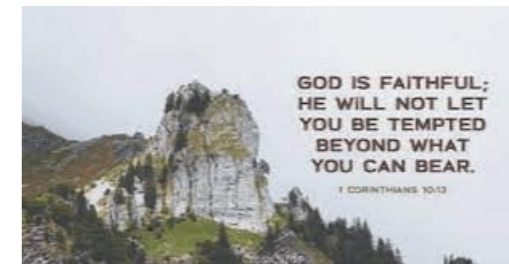
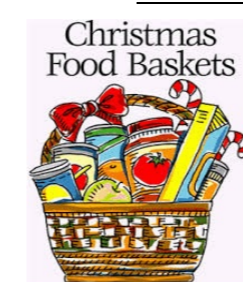


**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE RESULTS**

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle Drive. We raised a grand total of \$1,307 for Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Kankakee. Cash and coins made up \$837 of that total, which just goes to show that every little bit makes a difference! We are grateful for your support of this ministry. May God bless you as you have blessed others!

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded that there are families within our own community that could use our help. You can make a difference by donating nonperishable food and non-food items for our food pantry. There is a red donation box in the school lobby and a barrel in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks for your generosity!

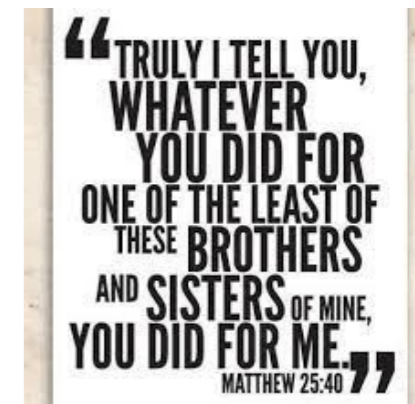


**OVERCOMER BIBLE STUDY**

Do you have a hard time overcoming anxieties, fears and temptations? The final session of this six-session video Bible study will be held **November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** at Pastor Dave's house at 1573 Surrey Drive in Bourbonnais. Please call Pastor Dave at 815-304-4553 to let him know you plan on attending.

**HOMELESS MINISTRY**

Fortitude relies on volunteers. With winter upon us, they are in need of help. If you are interested, you can sign up to volunteer on their website.



**CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

The Youth Ministry is looking for people who love to bake who are willing to donate cookies to our Christmas Cookie Walk. We are looking for people to donate 9-10 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookie (any size donation is welcome). Cookies are needed by Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. To sign up to make cookies, contact Sarah Cherry at 815-651-6864 or go to the cookie ordering table between services on Sundays starting Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP (a/k/a T.R.I.P.)**

Planning a Thanksgiving feast? Are you a Black Friday shopper? Shop T.R.I.P. first! It's easy to make money for your school account and St. Paul's! Over 750 retailers participate in this program, including Amazon, Walmart, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Old Navy, Whole Foods, Target, Jewel-Osco, iTunes, Barnes & Noble and so many more! See Julie Salzman for your order today. You can reach her by text/phone at 815-530-7320 or you can order from the Raise Right app for immediate download. It only takes a few minutes to set up. Stay safe and shop online!



**CHRISTMAS WITH "THE CHOSEN"**

The Chosen has a new episode, "The Messengers". To launch the Christmas season this December, The Chosen has created a special episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. You'll also see an extraordinary lineup of musicians perform both new and classic Christmas songs. "The road was difficult, yet He came. And people must know." Coming to Movies 10 on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Order your tickets at [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com).

**THANK YOU FROM LWML**

St. Paul's LWML would like to thank all of you for your generous donations for our Operation Christmas Child project. Your donations for postage, along with the school Chapel Offerings, allowed St. Paul's to ship 100 shoe boxes. We packed 140 shoe boxes on October 9th and have sufficient funds and supplies to ship a total of 220 shoe boxes. Without your help, and God's Blessings on this project, this would not have happened. We far exceeded our goal of 150 shoe boxes! PRAISE BE TO GOD!

We would also like to thank you for contributing to the special offering on LWML Sunday for our LWML Mission Grants. Your donations of \$472.29 will be sent to the LWML Northern Illinois District as a mite contribution from St. Paul's Church. All of the Mission Grants for the NID will be fully funded if we meet our Mission Grant goal of \$157,000. Please remember to fill your mite box and bring it to church on the 3rd weekend of the month! We need \$34,000 in donations before the end of June 2022 to meet our goal and fund all of our Mission Grants! Your generous donations help the LWML to meet this goal.

On behalf of St. Paul's LWML, thank you for all you do to "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" It is my prayer that God will continue to bless our efforts so we can continue to serve Him in the years to come.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Worship Attendance:**


Saturday 5:00 pm	80
Sunday 8:30 am	111
11:05 am	95
<b>Total:</b>	<b>286</b>

**Bible Study:**

Children's Sunday School:	40
Sunday Adult Bible Classes:	15

**Weekly Offerings Given**

General	\$10,173.41
Building	\$.1,940.00
School Ops	\$135.00



The church office is looking for one or two more people who would be willing to donate 2-3 hours a week to enter church attendance records in our computerized database. This task can be completed at your convenience and would be on a rotational basis with two or three other volunteers. Please contact Karen Beatty at 932-6304 if you are interested.

Roy and Dee Cordes have a new home phone number. If you need to reach them for janitorial purposes at the downtown location, please call **815-304-5002**. Dee's cell phone number has not changed.





## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher & Liturgist:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Organist/Pianist:** 5:00: Aaron Heldt                      8:30: Nadine Engel

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

**Live Streaming & Recording:**  
Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Robert Carruthers  
8:30: Richard Engel, Steve Plotezka, Kevin Kurtz, Bill Balgeman  
11:05: Greg Deck

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Ken Ebert  
8:30: Rich Engel  
11:05: Melody Trudeau

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Everett Finnegan, Ethan Anderson  
11:05: Meadow and Rush Hofbauer

**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:**  
Ellana Turrell, Sharla Ronchetto, Matt Callan, Bill and Diana Dyche, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## This Week's Schedule of Activities

<b>Sun, Nov 21</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> <i>(at School)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study <i>(at School)</i>
	9:50 am	Youth Group <i>(at School)</i>
	9:50 am	Family Sunday School <i>(at School)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> <i>(at School)</i>
	6:00 pm	Youth Night <i>(at School)</i>
<b>Mon, Nov 22</b>		
<b>Tues, Nov 23</b>	7:00 pm	Overcomer Bible Study <i>(at 1573 Surrey, Bourb)</i>
<b>Wed, Nov 24</b>	7:00 pm	Worship - Thanksgiving Eve - <i>Communion</i> <i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Thur, Nov 25</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	10:00 am	Worship - Thanksgiving Day - <i>Communion</i> <i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Fri, Nov 26</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Sat, Nov 27</b>	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> <i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Sun, Nov 28</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional <i>(at School)</i>
	9:50 am	Adult Bible Study <i>(at School)</i>
	9:50 am	Sunday School/Youth (Christmas Program Practice) <i>(at School)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary <i>(at School)</i>

**CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)**

**Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**