

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - December 4<sup>th</sup> & December 5<sup>th</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 copy at church or school OR you can sign up for daily advent emails at [www.lhm.org/advent/](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.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

12/1, 12/8, 12/15 at 7:00 p.m.

(Church Campus in Kankakee)

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 12/24

5:00 p.m. - Candlelight - Communion

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight - Communion

10:00 p.m. - Candlelight - Communion

(Church Campus in Kankakee)

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 12/25

10:00 a.m. - Communion

(Church Campus in Kankakee)

### WEEKEND SERVICES

Sunday, 12/26 (No Saturday

Service)

8:30am and 10:00am

(School Campus in Bourbonnais)

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE - 12/31

6:00 p.m. - Communion

(Church Campus in Kankakee)

### WEEKEND SERVICES

Sunday, 1/2 (No Saturday Service)

8:30am and 10:00am

(School Campus in Bourbonnais)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM - 12/12 at 5:00 p.m.

(Church Campus in Kankakee)

## "30+ SELECTED PSALMS"

**Tuesdays 10 am in Fellowship Hall**

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, which has 176 verses with 22 sections of 8 verses each.

## 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. **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 Sunday services.

## ADVENT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



LWML is inviting you to join them for a night of worship by candlelight in the comfort of your own home on

**December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** To request the Zoom link, please email [ywchairman@lwmlnid.org](mailto:ywchairman@lwmlnid.org).

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG



In lieu of a traditional Christmas concert, our school will be hosting a Christmas Carol Sing-Along. Join us for an evening of Christmas carols, cookies, hot chocolate and Christmas lights! This event is open to everyone and will take place in the school parking lot **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 6:30 pm.** At 6:30 pm, we will have a countdown to light up the school. Let's proclaim the birth of Jesus for everyone to hear!!

### 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.



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.

### 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.



### ADVENT DINNER

The second Advent dinner will be this **Wed, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall at the downtown church. Dinner will be served **from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** by the Board of Stewardship prior to the 7:00 pm worship service. The meal for this week is chili and grilled cheese sandwiches. Coffee, lemonade and dessert will also be available. A freewill offering will be taken.

## "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!"



On **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,** Sunday School will have a "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party to wind up the year. Children should meet in their regular classrooms for the festivities. Please note, there will be no Sunday School on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Regular classes will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 have been giving online, you may not have envelopes. Otherwise, please call the Church Office 932-0312 if you do not find yours so that we can get it to the correct location for you. Thank you for your support of St. Paul's ministries!

### MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST



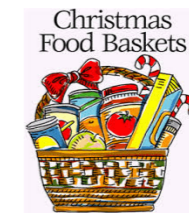
Due to the holidays, the Men's Bible Breakfast will be meeting one week earlier than usual. Please join Pastor on Saturday, **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am** in the Riverside cafeteria to study God's Word over coffee and breakfast.

## FUNERAL LUNCHEON THANK YOU

After many years of faithful service, Dennis & Nancy Rabe have stepped down from organizing and heading up our funeral luncheons. We thank them for their dedication and faithful service to God and so many St. Paul's families during their time of grief. You and your team were a gift to so many!

We are also pleased to welcome Ann Harms, Kathy Marcotte and Jill Graveline as our new funeral luncheon coordinators. We thank them for eagerly taking over this job! Thank you also to all of you who help with either serving or making food for these luncheons. God has truly blessed us with faithful workers in His kingdom!

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE



The Board of Human Care will be putting Christmas food baskets together next weekend to distribute to some local families. 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. We would also gratefully accept monetary donations for the perishable items. Many thanks for your generosity!



**2022 SPRING AUCTION & PORK CHOP DINNER**

The PTL’s annual Spring Auction & Pork Chop Dinner will be on **Sat, March 12<sup>th</sup>** and the auction committee is well underway! The auction will begin online March 4<sup>th</sup> and end March 12<sup>th</sup> during the live dinner. If you work for or own a business that would be willing to donate a basket, service, or sponsorship, please let the school office know. They will provide you with the proper paperwork for tax benefits. If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products or experiences for the auction! All donors will be advertised on our auction website, as well as in our Thank You Video, which will run on our school website and FB page, and during the live dinner. Our goal is \$20,000. All proceeds from the event will provide teaching supplies for our teachers and rubber mulch for our large playground. **Donations are due Feb 7<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you!

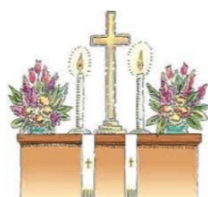
**CHRISTMAS WITH “THE CHOSEN”**

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. Now playing at Movies 10. Pre-order your tickets at [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com).

**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).

**TABLES OF EIGHT 2022**

Have you ever said "hello" to someone at church on Sunday morning and thought "They seem nice. I’d like to get to know them better."? Well, now is your chance! St. Paul’s Tables of Eight 2022 begins in January and so it is time to sign up for this fun social event!

Four randomly grouped couples meet once a month for four months in each others’ homes for dinner. This is a purely social event and a great way to get to know each other better. The dates for this year’s dinners are **January 29, February 26, March 26 and April 23** (all Saturdays).

You need to be able to host 8 adults for dinner. This event is for adults only, giving parents a night out on their own. If you cannot host 8 people or cannot attend all four dinners, we always need substitutes and we’d love to have you sign up on our substitute list.

**Sign ups will take place after services December 4 & 5 and 18 & 19.** Stop by our table in the cafeteria during coffee hour or talk to Lynda after church on Saturdays to find out more about Tables of Eight and sign up for the fun! If you have any questions or are not able to sign up at church, contact Lynda Koeppen at 592-5701 or [lykoeppen@comcast.net](mailto:lykoeppen@comcast.net) by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

As you make your Christmas shopping lists, don’t forget to 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! 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!



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b><u>Worship Attendance:</u></b>	
Saturday 5:00 pm	41
Sunday 8:30 am	156
11:05 am	83
<b>Total:</b>	<b>280</b>
<b><u>Bible Study:</u></b>	
Children’s Sunday School:	48
Sunday Adult Bible Classes:	6
<b><u>Weekly Offerings Given (including Thanksgiving)</u></b>	
General	\$17,284.50
Building	\$780.00
School Ops	\$185.00

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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

**Organist/Pianist:** 5:00: Nadine Engel      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: Greg Deck  
8:30: Bruce Clark, Robert Carruthers, Richard Engel, Brent Eden  
11:05: Steve Plotezka

**Lay Readers:** 5:00: Rich Nordmeyer  
8:30: Nancy Eden  
11:05: Ruth Fabbro

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Seth McHugh, Haley O'Keefe  
11:05: Pippa and Rowan Dunnill

**Trustees:** 5:00: Jeff Johnston  
8:30: Jim Trudeau  
11:05: Greg Wheeler

**Ushers:** 5:00: Terry Treece, Fred Langelett, Jim Sharper, Rob Wood  
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Steve Weith, Judy Browning, Bob West  
11:05: Kim Williams, Kirk Anderson, Aric and Sean Turrell

**Contemporary Service Worship Team:**  
Mellody MacDonald, Ellana Turrell, Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane and Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## This Week's Schedule of Activities

<b>Sun, Dec 5</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	Sunday School	<i>(at School)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(at School)</i>
	3:00 pm	Assoc. Pastor Installation & Reception	<i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Mon, Dec 6</b>	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting	<i>(at School)</i>
<b>Tues, Dec 7</b>	10:00 am	Adult Bible Class	<i>(at Church)</i>
	7:00 pm	First Things First	<i>(at School)</i>
<b>Wed, Dec 8</b>	5:30 pm	Advent Dinner - BBQ	<i>(at Church)</i>
	6:00 pm	Winter Band Concert	<i>(at Mac)</i>
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship	<i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Thur, Dec 9</b>			
<b>Fri, Dec 10</b>			
<b>Sat, Dec 11</b>	9:00 am	Christmas Program Practice	<i>(at Church)</i>
	9:30 am	Cookie Walk Pick-Up	<i>(at School)</i>
	4:30 pm	Cookie Walk Pick-Up	<i>(at Church)</i>
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional	<i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Sun, Dec 12</b>	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(at School)</i>
	9:30 am	Cookie Walk Pick-Up	<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	Sunday School	<i>(at School)</i>
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i>	<i>(at School)</i>
	5:00 pm	Sunday School Christmas Program	<i>(at Church)</i>

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