

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - December 18th & December 19th, 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. This study will explore God's saving love as promised in the Old Testament and brought about in Jesus.

COMING JANUARY 9th...

Class: "Getting Back to the Basics: A Bible Study on the Nicene Creed"

Location: Room 130

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

We say the Nicene Creed in worship but do we know the biblical basis for the words of the Nicene Creed? What does it mean for Jesus to be of "one substance" with the Father? Did you know that the historical Santa Claus, Nicholas of Myra, was a part of the council that drafted the first version of the Nicene Creed? Please bring your Bibles as we investigate the over 100 Bible verses contributing to the language of the Nicene Creed. All are welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. 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/.

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.



Please note the church and school office will be closed:

- * Friday, December 24th
- * Monday, December 27th
- * Friday, December 31st
- * Monday, January 3rd

SPECIAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 12/24

5:00 p.m. - Candlelight - Communion

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight - Communion

10:00 p.m. - Candlelight - Communion

(Downtown Campus)

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 12/25

10:00 a.m. - Communion

(Downtown Campus)

WEEKEND SERVICES

Sunday, 12/26 (No Saturday Service)

8:30am and 10:00am

(Bourbonnais Campus)

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE - 12/31

6:00 p.m. - Communion

(Downtown Campus)

WEEKEND SERVICES

Sunday, 1/2 (No Saturday Service)

8:30am and 10:00am

(Bourbonnais Campus)

"30+ SELECTED PSALMS"

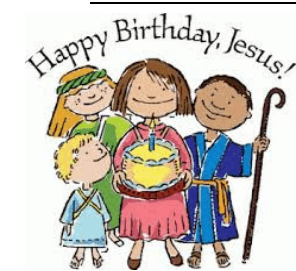
Tuesdays 10 am in Fellowship Hall

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.

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 8th 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.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!"



This **Sunday, December 19th,**

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 Dec 26th or Jan 2nd. Regular classes will resume on Jan 9th.

COOKIE WALK THANK YOU

Thank you to all the supporters of the St. Paul's Youth Christmas Cookie Walk! Thank you to all the bakers who made beautiful and tasty cookies. Thank you to all the people who purchased a box of cookies. The youth of the church have been so blessed by your support!

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

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!

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As you do your Christmas shopping, please keep in mind that if you shop Amazon, St. Paul's Lutheran School can receive a reward each time you purchase something. This program does not cost you a thing! Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and go through the normal purchase process. The first time you do it, you will be asked to designate the organization, which will be:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Bourbonnais

You only have to go through this designation process once.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

January 4th marks the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 10th, enrollment will be opened up to siblings of current students as well as church members. Enrollment will open to the public on January 18th. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment and our classes have been filling quickly so don't delay. Please let your friends know that we will be hosting an Open House on January 6th if they would like to tour our facilities and meet the teachers.



2022 SPRING AUCTION & PORK CHOP DINNER

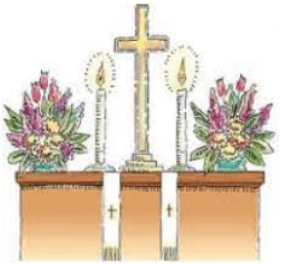
The PTL's annual Spring Auction & Pork Chop Dinner will be on **Sat, March 12th** and the auction committee is well underway. If you work for or own a business that would like to donate a basket, service, or sponsorship, please let the school office know. They will provide you with the proper paperwork 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. **Donations are due Feb 7th**. Thank you!

MINISTRY FAIR PLANNING

Our vision at St. Paul's is ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion and Christian Education"***. As part of that vision, the Board of Stewardship would like to showcase the various ministries in the church and ways people can serve within the ministries with a Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 6, 2022. If you are a leader of a ministry and would like to participate in the Fair, please contact Marianne Stevenson @ 815 / 370 - 7781 or stewardship@stpaulslutheran.net by January 10, 2022.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2022

The 2022 Flower Chart is now up. The chart will be posted at the downtown church through January 2nd 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.

YOUTH NIGHT

Our special Christmas-themed youth night is this **Sunday, December 19th at 6pm** at St. Paul's School Campus. We encourage any and all 7th through 12th graders to come celebrate the season!

**DISTRICT-WIDE BIBLE STUDY:
INCARNATE COMMUNITY**

Imagine the power of prayer and sense of community possible if all LCMS Northern Illinois District congregations participate in the same Bible study! That's a potential of more than 200 churches and as many as 67,652 communicant members.

The LCMS Northern Illinois District is providing a Bible study based on that community. How exciting it will be for St. Paul's to join in this Bible study. It will take place for four weeks in February of 2022.

Our world changed with the pandemic, and we learned to adapt to a world where we lived physically distant. This study is designed to now invite people to return to an 'in person' community of faith by exploring the God-given blessings that come as the followers of Jesus gather around His Word and Sacraments.

It is our hope that through this study we will grow appreciation for the gathering of fellow believers around Jesus' Means of Grace, be equipped to better understand how we bear Christ's image in His world, and see the wonderful blessing our Lord works through us in a local faith community.

Look for your opportunity to sign up in December and January at church, via the weekly email, on Facebook, and in the weekly church announcements.

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 this weekend. 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 by December 23rd.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

December 11th and 12th, 2021

Worship Attendance:

Saturday 5:00 pm	54
Sunday 8:30 am	140
11:05 am	61

Weekend Total: **255**

12/8 Advent Service	58
Christmas Program	177

Bible Study:

Children's Sunday School:	51
Sunday Adult Bible Classes:	20

Weekly Offerings Given (including Advent)

General	\$17,404.48
Building	\$15,446.37
School Ops	\$210.00



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Liturgist: Rev. Roger Drinnon
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, 7th & 8th 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: Dennis/Georgia Hess
 8:30: JoAnn Hess
 11:05: Debbie Turrell
Acolytes: 8:30: Grant Sheely, Hope Brammer
 11:05: Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
Trustees: 5:00: Jeff Johnson
 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:

Leah Bohlmann, Elizabeth Kubal, Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane and Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

This Week's Schedule of Activities

Sun, Dec 19	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (at School) Adult Bible Study (at School) Youth Group (at School) Sunday School (at School) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (at School) Youth Night (at School)
Mon, Dec 20		
Tues, Dec 21		
Wed, Dec 22		
Thur, Dec 23		
Fri, Dec 24	5:00 pm 7:00 pm 10:00 pm	Candlelight Service - <i>Communion</i> (at Church) Candlelight Service - <i>Communion</i> (at Church) Candlelight Service - <i>Communion</i> (at Church) Church & School Office Closed
Sat, Dec 25	10:00 am	Christmas Service - <i>Communion</i> (at Church) NO EVENING SERVICE
Sun, Dec 26	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship - Traditional (at School) Worship - Contemporary (at School)

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)

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