

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - December 26 & 27, 2020

## ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

Please join us in our online worship service! The service will premiere on our Facebook page at 8:30am on Sunday or on demand through our website:

<https://www.stpaulslutheran.net/church/worship/>

You can also listen to the abbreviated service on WKAN AM Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

## ALTAR FLOWER CHART for 2021

The Flower Chart for 2021 is up and will be posted at the downtown church through January 3<sup>rd</sup> and then will be moved out to the school site. 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. When you sign up for flowers please include your phone number. 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 may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you have any questions please contact Lynda Koeppe at 932-1545 or [lykoeppen@comcast.net](mailto:lykoeppen@comcast.net).

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE



New Year's Eve  
Worship Service

Thursday,  
December 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00 p.m. -  
Communion

(Downtown church  
in Kankakee)

## SHOP AMAZON SMILE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, recently received a donation of \$300.62! Thanks to friends and family shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile turned on in the Amazon shopping app!

## RAMSEY+

Ramsey+ is still available to St. Paul's members for FREE! Go to [stpaulslutheran.net](http://stpaulslutheran.net) and click on Ramsey+. Once you register you will have access to all the tools and programs. If you are new to Ramsey, we suggest starting with the Jump Start! If you are a Ramsey Pro, then try one of the other programs like "Know yourself, Know your Money" or "The Legacy Journey"

## Ramsey+ Small Group Available

To sign up for the Ramsey+ small group please click or visit the link provided here:

<https://forms.gle/CGJmc8unQmz7DSqMA>

OR Sign up forms are available by the offering envelopes at both the church and school.



## 2021 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2021 Envelopes are here. Saturday attendee's envelopes are in Fellowship Hall; Sunday attendee's envelopes are at the School. Call the Church Office if you do not find yours, we can get it to the correct location for you. However, if you are not attending at this time call or Email Andrea [amarevka@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:amarevka@stpaulslutheran.net) in the church office and we can mail them to you. Thank you for your support of St. Paul's ministries.

## Newsletter via Email??

Would you like to receive St. Paul's monthly newsletter in your Email inbox instead of a paper copy? If so, please provide your Email address by contacting Andrea in the church office at 815-932-0312 or [amarevka@stpaulslutheran.net](mailto:amarevka@stpaulslutheran.net) Also, the newsletter is posted on St. Paul's website at [stpaulslutheran.net](http://stpaulslutheran.net)

## GOOD ANGELS & EVIL ANGELS TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

(10 am - 11 am School Science Room)  
**Join us every Tuesday - wear a mask - the room is big enough for social distancing.** Enjoy the fellowship, fun and the opportunity to study God's Word under the leadership of Roy W. Cordes. **If church is cancelled classes will also be cancelled.**

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

December 27<sup>th</sup>

"The slaughter of the innocents continues in our time ... done not out of anger, but because the arrival of these little ones is deemed inconvenient or too expensive or sometimes simply because they are not the 'right' sex. We, like Rachel, weep over our lost children. But mourning their loss does not mean that we do not fight to end this assault on the sanctity of life. The holy birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, which has transformed the world for the good in so many ways, gives us hope that abortion, too, can be ended." Steven Mosher, Population Research Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

To our friends and loved ones at St. Paul's,

Such a happy day our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary was! All of your cards, words and sharing were such a beautiful surprise and so much appreciated. Thank you to each of you for caring. You will be forever our family in Christ and in our hearts. The memories we have of each of you! Our working and serving our Lord, Sunday worship, you will never realize what it meant to us then and still does now. Continue in His service, the "retirement plan" is great! This note could be a million pages in thanking everyone for the many years of love. Please realize you truly cannot put on paper what is in your heart.

- Norman & Mitzie Tutwiler  
(Mr. & Mrs. T)



## **TAX CREDITS**

### **TAX CREDITS? TUITION SUPPORT? HELP ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL?**

You can do all three through the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit. Visit the St Paul's website to learn more about this wonderful opportunity.

Don't delay there is less than 1 week left to earn credits for this year. <https://www.stpaulslutheran.net/admissions/invest-in-kids>

### **WORSHIP ANEW**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*"We Are Family"*

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

The birth of a child is a special event for the entire family. The birth of our Savior was a special event that changed each person's future. As a child and an heir, we have an eternal inheritance.

*Sundays 8:00 a.m. - WPWR-CW 50*  
[www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org)



### **CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILIES RE-ENROLLMENT AND CHURCH MEMBER ENROLLMENT STARTS MONDAY JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 a.m.**

Currently we are expecting full classes from Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. Since we have several families that have one child in school and have siblings coming back next year, this will not allow a place for everyone. Places will be given out on a first come first serve basis that Monday morning with a signed enrollment form and paid fee by cash or check. No electronic registration allowed.

Open enrollment for the general public will begin on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Information will be mailed to your home at the end of December. If you do not receive this or need additional copies stop by the office. If you would like more information or would like to speak with someone about the school, please contact our Principal, Mr. Krupski in the school office at 815-932-0312.



### **SCORE RECYCLING**

We are doing great in our "SCORE" program. Remind all your family and friends to support our school and bring their aluminum cans to Belson's and mention St. Paul's Lutheran School. ***Please remember to recycle over the holidays!***

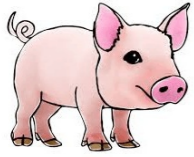
### **Fear not!**

On that first Christmas night, the angel said to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid" (Luke 2:10). What is there to fear from a baby? A baby is powerless, with no guile, no anger and no judgment, only needing from us without fearing we will not provide: simply trusting, and content to be resting in our arms. This is how God came. This is Christmas. This one child, and for a time, perhaps too brief, our fears are taken over by our love for this child, and he is able to change our hearts. ...

In Jesus, we are free to live life as fully and as joyfully as we will allow ourselves. For it is only we who hold ourselves back. God does not. For God has forgiven us in this baby and will not restrain us from living with sheer abandon, trusting in this gentle and gracious God, who keeps telling us: "Do not be afraid."

—Gary Westgard, *At Break of Day*

**Exciting Changes to the  
St. Paul's Lutheran School  
Annual Dinner and Auction**




We are pleased to announce our new Pork Chop dinner and Auction that is Covid approved! We will be doing a drive thru pork chop dinner.

Pork chops will be grilled by the Ford Iroquois Pork Producers. This event will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021. In addition to the dinner, we will be hosting our silent auction fully online this year. All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go towards the teachers for classroom supplies and the purchase of much needed cafeteria tables.

The auction committee needs your help getting auction items donated and picked up. With school partnership hours being limited we would like to offer you hours for getting donation baskets, items or services. If you know someone who owns a business and would be willing to donate a basket, an item or a service and you collect this item, you will earn 1 hour for every \$50 donation, up to 5 hours max. As an example, if your family member has a hair salon that is willing to donate a gift card and basket of hair products valued at \$50 and you pick up and deliver that item by the cut off date, you will earn 1 partnership hour. Also some businesses are willing to donate more to an employee. So for example, if you have a family member that works at

Lowe's perhaps it would be easier for them to get a donation. Please reach out to Mrs. Meyer with the business name and description prior to contacting the business. Final date for basket drop off is Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, however earlier is always welcome. Also, If a business would prefer to just donate money and sponsor our event. We can offer advertising on our PowerPoint presentation that will run during the event and on our Facebook page. Please see Mrs. Meyer for more info. We are grateful for all your support. PTL



**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 workroom. **Please join them again January 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

**December 19 & 20, 2020**

**Worship Attendance:**

Saturday	5:00 pm	.....	48
Sunday	8:30 am	.....	65
	11:05 am	.....	57
<b>Weekend Total:</b>			<b>170</b>

**Bible Study**  
 Children's Sunday School: .....  
 Sunday Adult Bible Classes: .....

**WEEKLY FINANCES**

**Weekly General Fund Thankofferings\***

<b>Given</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>% of Bdg Inc.</b>
\$19,952.00	\$16,799.23	118%

\*Thankofferings include: Advent, Weekend Envelopes, Plate & Electronic Giving, School ops

**Weekly Building Fund Offering\***

<b>Given</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>% of Bdg Inc.</b>
\$1,095.00	\$3,580.71	30%

\*Building Fund Offerings include: Envelope & Electronic Giving

**Annual % of Budgeted Income:**

General Fund: 94.00%  
 Building Fund: 82.00%



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

## Serving In God's House Today

**Preacher:** Rev. Karl Koeppen

**Liturgist:** Rev. Michael Hanel

**Organist:** Nadine Engel

**Lay Ministers:** 5:00: Greg Deck  
 8:30: Robert Carruthers, Bruce Clark, Richard Engel  
 11:05: Steve Plotezka

**Lay Readers:** 5:00:  
 8:30: Roy Cordes  
 11:05: Joe Kubal

**Acolytes:** 8:30: Grant Sheely, Zoey Goranson  
 11:05: Ryan Sarkozi, Chloe Butler

**Contemporary Service Worship Team:**  
 Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Elizabeth Kubal, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Kayla Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone

## This Week's Schedule of Activities

<b>Sun.</b> December 27	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional Worship - Contemporary	<i>(at School)</i> <i>(at School)</i>
<b>Mon.</b> December 28			
<b>Tues.</b> December 29	10:00 am	Adult Bible Class	<i>(at School)</i>
<b>Wed.</b> December 30			
<b>Thurs.</b> December 31	6:00 pm	Worship - Communion <b>Church &amp; School Offices Closed</b>	<i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Fri.</b> January 1			<b>Church &amp; School Offices Closed</b>
<b>Sat.</b> January 2	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion	<i>(at Church)</i>
<b>Sun.</b> January 3	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion Worship - Contemporary - Communion	<i>(at School)</i> <i>(at School)</i>