St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



Monthly Newsletter

"Equip, Support, Serve and Witness Where God Calls Us!"

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JUNE DATES OF INTEREST

- Jun 14 Ordination of Jake Andrzejewski, (Live -Stream, Historic Trinity family only)
- Jun 21 Voter's Meeting (in-house tentatively)
- Jun 28 One Worship (in-house tentatively)
- Jun 28 Installation of Pastor Jake Andrzejewski (in-house tentatively)



Dear Church, You Are Seen

When I look around me, I see so many of you working so hard in such weird situations. I see you reaching and caring. I also see judgment and a lot of opinions. Perhaps, this is a time to learn a lesson in what we need more of in general - more compassion, more empathy, more flexibility, more context, more questions, more mercy.

And so I wrote this unexpected poem, during an unexpected time. Because I love you, Church. You are doing your very best, offering your all; expending energy and learning new things and trying to meet your people and love them where you are, and where they are.

SOMETIMES, WE JUST NEED TO KNOW THAT OUR WORK IS SEEN, THAT OUR HEARTS ARE SEEN; THEN, WE CAN GET TO THAT OTHER STUFF EASIER - COMPASSION, EMPATHY, FLEXIBILITY, CONTEXT, QUESTIONS, AND MERCY.

To the Church in Quarantine,

I see you.

I see you loving and I see you struggling

I see you walking out there where the world is, clinging to Truth and praying it can be heard;

sharing hope and asking God to give that hope strong wings

I see you connecting in ways you never have before, and feeling the weight of the created human need for presence and connection

I see you learning new skills and growing, in order to share the Gospel as clearly as possible with that world out there

I see you zooming and skyping

I see you calling and texting

I see you writing notes to individuals, to families, to nursing homes; from your house to each house;

no one left out, no one left behind is the theme of your heartbeat

I see you nursing and policing and shopping with masks, returning hot breath back to your face, a gentle reminder that you breathe by the breath of His lungs and that is what sustains you today, every day I see you dropping something on your neighbor's front porch outside apartment peepholes, at food banks, and shelters; continue valuing each stranger as you move forward

I see you birthday parading and toilet paper-sharing; I see you forgiving in close quarters and in the distance of video meetings I see your podcasts and your livestreams, your devotions and your devotion; I see your voices bringing His voice to a world in need I see your exhaustion trying to find ways to reach your people and care for all their needs I see your sadness, missing one another's faces, waiting to gather together around His

Table: pass His Cup, share His Bread; How great would it be to simply pass some peace?

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I see your joy in quarantine weddings, quarantine baptisms, baby showers and Sunday school packets

I see you celebrate eternity with the saints we have lost during these days; making funerals work for ten hearts in-person and countless hearts in the unity of the Spirit

I see you, Church.

I see you pray, and study, and reach, and teach, and love, and serve

I see you Church, working, wrestling, being, yearning, believing And He sees you, Church, Not Forgotten, Never Forsaken I see God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit in what you are doing, and where you are today; this day that He has made And there will be a day, not too far away when we gather face-to-face, hug, neck-to-neck, study and grow side-by-side once again

Until then, may this be a time, Dear Church, to live in the realization that we are simply sojourners here, that all that is stable, all that ever was stable is Christ,

the rest is bricks that tumble, grass and flowers that fade We were never meant to stay here,

We were never meant to be a building with doors and roofs and locks; those are temporary gifts in a temporary world

I see you, Church, looking to the bigger, the eternal kingdom I see you snug and tight in homes of wood and stone and clay; Your eye on the Cornerstone, the Capstone, the King

May we lean into His might and His mystery, His rest and His reflection, His promises and His purposes in this time and always

He is seen, Dear Church, through you.

Heidi Goehmann - LCMS Deaconess, writer on mental health, relationships and Jesus





Congratulations St. Paul Graduates

8th Grade Showcase:

Favorite color: purple Favorite food: steak Favorite things to do in your free time: play football Favorite part of 8th grade: playing football during recess Future career goal: NFL Player Future high school: Lutheran High Westland Summer plans: RELAX! Fun fact about yourself: I say random things at random times. Favorite Bible verse: Instead I picked favorite prayer, The Lord's Prayer



Favorite color: purple Favorite food: quesadillas

Favorite fund: quesaninas Favorite fungs to do in your free time: draw Favorite part of 8h grade: having fun with my friends Future career goals: being a graphic designer or artist Future high school: Lutheran High Westland or Northwest

Summer plans: visiting my family in Chicago Fun fact about yourself: I have over 20 colored pencils Favorite Bible verse: I don't have a favorite but, I really like Romans 8:31. What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

8TH GRADE SHOWCASE RACHEL



8th Grade Showcase: Joi



Favorite color: teal Favorite food: anything meat Favorite food: anything meat Favorite hings to do in your free time: read, eat Favorite part of 8th grade: friends Future career goals: cancer researcher Future high school: Mercy Summer Plans: to get a job Fun fact about yourself: I've been to Italy Favorite Bible verse: Psalm 30:5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

8th Grade Showcase Bernard "BJ"

Favorite color: blue Favorite food: spaghetti Favorite things to do in your free time: ride my scooter, play video games with my little brother Favorite part of 8th grade: computer class Future career goals: I would like to be an architect Future high school: Aim High School Summer plans: go to Kalahari Resort to swim Fun fact about yourself: I'm good at putting things together





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SCHOOL MINISTRY



St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

Our Mission

"Equip, Support, Serve and Witness Where God Calls Us!"

Statement of Purpose

St. Paul Lutheran School equips children for a life of service with a foundation of academic, physical, spiritual, and social maturity centered around Christ Jesus.

by Dr. Margie Baldwin, Principal



In this unprecedented time in history, St. Paul Lutheran School will also be hosting an unprecedented graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM in the church parking lot.

You are invited to join us! We will ask attendees to remain in their cars and enjoy a brief program honoring the graduates which will be held on the steps of the church with the assistance of a sound system.

Following the program, the attendees are invited to join a car parade around the block while teachers and graduates line both sides of the street. You are welcome to decorate your car and make signs to honor the graduates. Hope to see you there!

St. Paul Online Post

OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROVIDE VALUE

"Welcome to tonight's story!" The antics of the five little monkeys, the exploits of Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel MaryAnn, and the real story of the three little pigs have all been read and recorded. Children of all ages thoroughly enjoy these and other timeless stories. Which children's books are your favorites?

Fun activities, in addition to the online core subjects, abound for students at St. Paul Lutheran School in Royal Oak. The small, personalized K – 8 student body community is supplemented by a Preschool program of 3 and 4 year olds. Another resource, the St. Paul Church and School Facebook page, provides opportunities for parents and/or students to post pictures and videos of their activities and projects. Storytime is livestreamed at 7 pm weekdays on the Facebook page. Closing out the school year, one of the last events will be a virtual TALENT SHOW showcasing individuals or families.

One of the teachers is doing zany things to engage students, especially the older ones. Spirit days and dance moves are two ideas. Do you know how to dance the "Sprinkler"? It's on the Facebook page. Older, and younger, students are being recruited to read the bedtime stories.

This venue maintains connections between the students, increases reading skills, and builds confidence.

Initially when the governor closed schools for three-weeks, St. Paul School staff saw this as an opportunity to improve technology skills for both students and teachers. The staff transitioned to online teaching in mid-March to comply with the executive order. The teachers brainstormed and came up with various activities to supplement online classes and communicate with their students. Now with buildings closed to the end of the school year, St. Paul teachers are still on the job teaching and creating innovative lesson plans, often using a weekly theme. After everything calms down, and it will, a celebration for students, families, and staff is being planned. A wonderful opportunity to reconnect in person during this unprecedented virtual season.

A familiar routine begins the day on Facebook with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Christian Pledge, devotions, and prayer at 9 am. Then the teachers arrange a Zoom teaching session with their students. A weekly online chapel service is another connection to the school's regular schedule. Students are encouraged to do their own service projects in continuation of one of the weekly school activities. They may color pictures or write cards and letters of thanks and encouragement to healthcare workers, members of the military, shut-ins at home and in senior living facilities, or to others.

The whole student, including their family, is the overarching mantle of education at St. Paul Lutheran School. The focus is on all aspects of a child's development: educational, as well as physical, social, emotional, and spiritual. The entire staff at St. Paul works together as a team. Dr. Margie Baldwin, the principal, writes a daily letter of encouragement with a Scripture and a prayer. She also calls parents, asks if there is anything the school may do to assist them, and prays with them over their various needs. Many parents are health care providers on the front lines.

Teachers have also been able to connect with their students and interact with them on many levels, including calming fears and pointing them to God. The preschool teachers visit the homes of their students, deliver packets of activities, talk and share with the children through glass doors. Another aspect of a church school is prayer. Prayer is powerful; therefore, the school community is invited to unite in praying daily at 4 pm. Only a faithful God knew how relevant the school's 2019-2020 Scripture motto would be: "Trust in the Lord . . . And He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

What is a Dad?

A Dad is a person Who is loving and kind, And often he knows What you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends A dad can be one of your very best friends.

He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, A dad can be patient and helpful and strong.

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you're even more glad, More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

Thank you Dad, ... for listening and caring,

for listening and caring, for giving and sharing, but, especially, for just being you. Author Unknown

Happy Father's Day June 21, 2020

FRESH OIL

"I am anointed with fresh oil," King David states in Psalm 92:10. He needed "fresh oil" to defeat his enemies. What are our reasons for seeking God for "fresh oil"? Do we need a new start or a purpose for our life? Do we need a fresh anointing for a leadership role? Or for a task/job that includes a vision, wisdom beyond our understanding, and/or guidance? Are we battling a giant or an insurmountable mountain? Do we need encouragement for the day-to-day struggles in our lives or in the situations of those close to us? These requests are all possible with God.

"The righteous flourish ... and grow ... They are planted in the house of the Lord." (Psalm 92:12-13). Are we flourishing? Are we growing? What does "fresh oil" look like in our lives here at St. Paul? It is a new awareness of God's presence in our lives through the Bible; through prayer (a conversation with God); through praise, giving thanks, and worship in the house of the Lord; and through sharing the Gospel with others. We identify it in various ways (a fresh anointing such as what happened at Pentecost, wisdom, knowledge, empowerment, discernment, and so on). It is God's provision by the Holy Spirit promised to us by Jesus. As Christians we can only live a disciplined life in God's power and might. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." (See Ephesians 6:10-20.) As St. Paul Church and School enter a post-

As St. Paul Church and School enter a postpandemic lifestyle, we give thanks to God in His grace and mercy for providing a pastor. Our hope and trust are still centered in God, our Father. St. Paul's new Pastor Jake Andrzejewski needs "fresh oil." We all need "fresh oil" to move forward in the good plans that God has for the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.



BIBLE VERSE'S OF THE MONTH



CHURCH YEAR — SERIES A

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
June 7	The Holy Trinity	Gen. 1:1—2:4a	Psalm 8	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	Matt. 28:16–20
June 14 (Proper 6)	Second S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 19:2–8	Psalm 100	Rom. 5:6–15	Matt. 9:35—10:8 (9–20)
June 21 (Proper 7)	Third S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 20:7–13	Psalm 91:1–10 (11–16)	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 10:5a, 21–33
June 28 (Proper 8)	Fourth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 28:5–9	Psalm 119:153– 160	Rom. 7:1–13	Matt. 10:34–42



Spotlight on Service

As stewards of God, St. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 5:16-18 to, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks are things we do often. But what about always, without ceasing, and in all things? This part of the command can be difficult to

keep -especially during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic! As we hear of loved ones becoming ill, dying, losing jobs, and numerous other problems, it is easy to become discouraged and unthankful.

So how can we become more thankful during this time? I don't know how many positive changes you have seen during the last couple of months, but there have been quite a few. St. Paul (along with many other churches) now live streams Sunday morning service. The service is averaging 300 views a week. Some of the views aren't just one person, some views are family units! Our virtual attendance is higher than our previous regular Sunday services, and now includes shut-ins! Members continue to conduct church meetings and have Bible classes through Zoom. And to top it off, God has blessed us with a Pastor! St. Paul welcomes Jake and Rachel Andrzejewski.

Even the stay at home mandate has some positive effects. Many people are talking about how they finally got that job they have been putting off completed or finishing spring cleaning early. Have you noticed how many people are taking the time to go for a nice, healthy walk? Numerous people have reported how much their family has bonded during this time or how much they have enjoyed reading a few good books. Parents have commented that after helping their children with online classes, they have a new appreciation for teachers. When I look on Facebook, I am thrilled to see an increased number of comments on how God is in charge and the need to trust Him. Many of the ads on TV are about thanking and helping others. The news reports numerous acts of kindness. These are just a few of the things worth thanksgiving.

When this pandemic is over, will life go back to the old normal? Probably not. Will the "new normal" make things perfect? Of course not! We are still sinners living in a sinful world. But we do have hope. Paul tells us in Romans 8:28, "We know that for those who love God all things work together for good." God has promised us that through Jesus Christ one day we will have that perfect life with Him in heaven. And you know, He never breaks His promises! Now that's a reason to give thanks!

VOTER'S MEETINGS—

On June 21 we are planning to have a business voter's meeting following the service in house. This is tentative due to State guide lines. We may be voting online or by voter ballots. Watch for details.

Installation Service Ideas

Plans have begun for the Installation Service of Pastor Andrzejewski, tentatively scheduled for June 28th. We are looking for any ideas that you have to accomplish a warm, yet socially-distant welcome! Drive thru Meet & Greet? Drive-In Service? BBQ? Let's hear your ideas! Text the word 'installation' to (248) 780-8152 to submit your ideas! Otherwise, please e-mail Steven Carpenter at scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-21

It is time to begin the reenrollment process for next school year. "*Training your child in the* way that they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it". (Proverbs 22:6) Re-enrollment helps us immensely in planning and purchasing books and supplies for the new school year. Listed below is the Registration Fee Schedule for the 2020-2021 school year.

Registration Fees-

\$300 - by July 1, 2020 or \$400 there after. Preschool Registration Fee Per Child \$130.00 Contact the school office for enrollment forms or to inquire about our school.

Church NOTES

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PRAYERS

Church Boards Board of Education Board of Elders Board of Evangelism Fund Operating Music Ministry Board of Stewardship Board of Trustees Women's Guild Board of Youth

Prayers for our

Homebound Marion Havrilla Leona Jackson Margaret Kulmann Alan Lacey Betty Saunders Jean Schneider Charlette Schroeder Ralph Schroeder Kathleen Ulrich Don Whitbeck

Prayer for our Missionary

Rachel Meyer in Uganda

Prayers for Military Eric Banker Mark Bowdich Paul Bowdich Matthew Canfield Sam Eskew Brandon Newton Brendan Sharp Hayden Sharp Joe VanDamme Tirzah VanDamme Jason Zuniga Gabrielle Zuniga

> To Add/Remove a prayer, please email the office at prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

St. Paul Church

- In memory of
 - *Lavergne Nancarrow* by M/M Art Steiber, Sr., M/M Don Storck *Vi Petri* by M/M Art Peludat
 - Jackie Harris by M/M Art Peludat, M/M Art Steiber, Sr.
 - Dick Schneider by M/M Art Peludat

MaryAnn Peludat by Clara Lichtenberg, M/M Bob Rutledge, M/M Chester Limbaugh, M/M Rich Mahler, M/M Art Steiber, Sr., Debra Nemitz, M/M Don Storck, Jane Butala

Beverly Held (Krogman) by M/M Bob Rutledge

Shirley Lenz by Clara Lichtenberg, M/M John Beyerlein, M/M Chester Limbaugh

Jean Frincke by Člara Lichtenberg, M/M Bob Rutledge, M/M Don Storck, Jane Butala, M/M/ Chester Limbaugh, Marcia Kroenke, M/M James Charnawskas, M/M John Beyerlein Mother of Colleen Olsen by Clara Lichtenberg

Jackie Harris by Clara Lichtenberg, M/M Rich Mahler, M/M Don Storck, Gay Eskew, Eyla Russ

St. Paul Choir/Music

In memory of

Maryann Peludat by M/M Greg Paul, M/M Steven Snell Shirley Lenz by M/M Steven Snell

St. Paul School

In memory of

Beverly Held by Clara Lichtenberg *Maryann Peludat* by Eyla Russ *Jean Frincke* by Edna Lentner, Gay Eskew, Eyla Russ

Needy Families/Food Fund

In memory of

MaryAnn Peludat by M/M James Charnawskas, M/M Greg Ulferts, M/M Ken Kadowaki, Sandra Brinkman, M/M Mark White, M/M Dan Rivard, M/M Mark Abraham

Garden Club In memory of

Vi Petri by M/M Jacob Nemitz

Pay-A-Bill

In memory of Vi Petri by M/M Jacob Nemitz

Altar Guild

In memory of

Vi Petri by M/M Jacob Nemitz

School Tuition Assistance Fund

In memory of

Maryann Peludat by M/M David Hemming Jean Frincke by M/M David Hemming

Norman Beyerlein Fund

In memory of

Shirley Lenz by Edna Lentner, M/M David Hemming

Church Extension Fund

In memory of

Mabel Brown by Joan Feldmann *Jean Frincke* by M/M Richard Baker

GIFTS—Donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using the card located in the lobby . This is a two part card, one to go with the gift to the church and the other to be mailed to the family. Or you may make a donation by mailing it in and specify for who and by whom. Thank you. Contact the church office, 248-541-0613 for any questions.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Member Deaths:	Date:
Maryann Peludat	4-29-2020
Shirley Lenz	5-2-2020
Jean Frincke	5-4-2020
Received New Member:	By Transfer
Rolaant McKenzie	May, 2020

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613

1-0	01	Gabriel
	6 02	Jack Ulr
	03	Sage Sn
	04	Gary Ma Carol Mo
	05	Sean Hil
2.	06	John Be
No.	07	Robert M
	12	Karen C
	14	Marilyn
316	15	Isabella
	16	Ayden H Crew Va
	17	Joy Kell
	18	Susan N

abriel Ohngren	19	Gay Eskew
ack Ulrich		Mila Jackson
	20	Will Schley
age Smith	21	Laura Zeile
ary Maloney		
arol Messer	22	Rachel Harris
ean Hill		Connie Moulis
ean mh	23	Logan Ball
ohn Beyerlein		Violet Shooltz
obert Moelich	25	Henry Dodson (Newell)
		Elizabeth Kienman
aren Charnawskas		Jim Owens
arilyn Guettler		Lily Paul
,	27	Matthew Bock
abella Martin		William Lichtenberg Julie Smyth
yden Hertz		
rew Valdes	28	Noah Martin
oy Keller	29	Eric Pittman
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