

The Masthead

Monthly Newsletter

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

September 2020



Church Office: 248-541-0613 & School Office: 248-546-6555



REV. JAKE ANDRZEJEWSKI



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Ministry	2-4
School News	5
Notes & Directory	6
Monthly Calendar	7
Birthdays	8

SEPTEMBER DATES OF INTEREST

7	Labor Day Weekend Office/School Closed
13	Youth Confirmation Classes begin
15	PTL-Back to School Nite
18	PTL-School Family Nite
27	Voter's Meeting Rachel Meyer Uganda Missionary Door Collection

From Pastor's Desk

If there's anything that we all can agree on, it's that change is getting old. It's tiring. Some people would even call it annoying at this point. For months now, the world has been adapting, modifying, adjusting, transforming, and even completely revamping altogether the way we breathe, eat, drink, interact, work, and live. Does it ever stop? Is there an end in sight? The worst part about this whole thing is that we have no idea how long this will take or if there will ever be a "normal" again. Maybe this is the new normal? We're not sure what to expect. We're not sure how much more the world will change. We are simply living a life of inescapable inconsistencies by which we are subject to twist and twirl around until the unfamiliar becomes familiar and "change" becomes a thing of the past. We just simply do not know. And it can be a scary thing when everything around us changes unexpectedly and unpredictably.

Yet, here we stand at St. Paul unchanged and unmoved. Sure, we've made some slight changes here and there but the hymns that we sing, the words that we speak, the confessions that we profess, the love that we share, and the Lord that we worship has not changed and will not change. This is what we hold on to when everything else around us falls. This is what we remember when the world seems to forget. For Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8); for I the Lord do not change; therefore you are not consumed (Malachi 3:6); the grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord endures forever (Isaiah 40:8). Even when we are surrounded with change; even when we are forced to adapt, modify, adjust, transform, or even completely revamp altogether, the Lord will never be subject to this inescapable inconsistency. The Lord will never become unfamiliar. The Lord will never become a thing of the past because his love for us never changes; his mercy endures forever (Psalm 136); and his death and resurrection establishes the unchanging truth that no matter what happens to us in this life, we know what will happen to us in our death.

*The grass
withers, the
flower fades, but
the Word of the
Lord endures
forever
Isaiah 40:8*

Here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, you will never have to fear the unexpected or the unpredictability. Here at St. Paul Lutheran School, you will never have to question whether or not our faithful teachers will change who they are, what they do, or what they teach. Because you will know: we will continue to worship our Lord; we will continue to hear His word; we will continue to be forgiven of all of our sins; we will continue to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, souls, and mind. And there is no end in sight.

Pastor Andrzejewski

MINISTRY

Wednesday Morning Bible Class meets at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own Bible and, if you wish, a snack and something to drink. We will continue finishing up with the Gospel of John for the next few weeks. All are welcome! We will be wearing masks and social distancing in the lounge.

Operation Christmas Child—With each month, a different item will be listed that is collected for the **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** to be sent in October to less fortunate children around the world for Christmas. Please save items and drop off and place in wood box in lobby coatroom.
September: *Pencils and Sharpeners*

Door Collection for Rachel Meyer, our Uganda Missionary that we support, will be following services on Sunday, September 27, 2020. Please continue to keep her and her mission in your prayers.



Bible Classes And MORE!!!

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

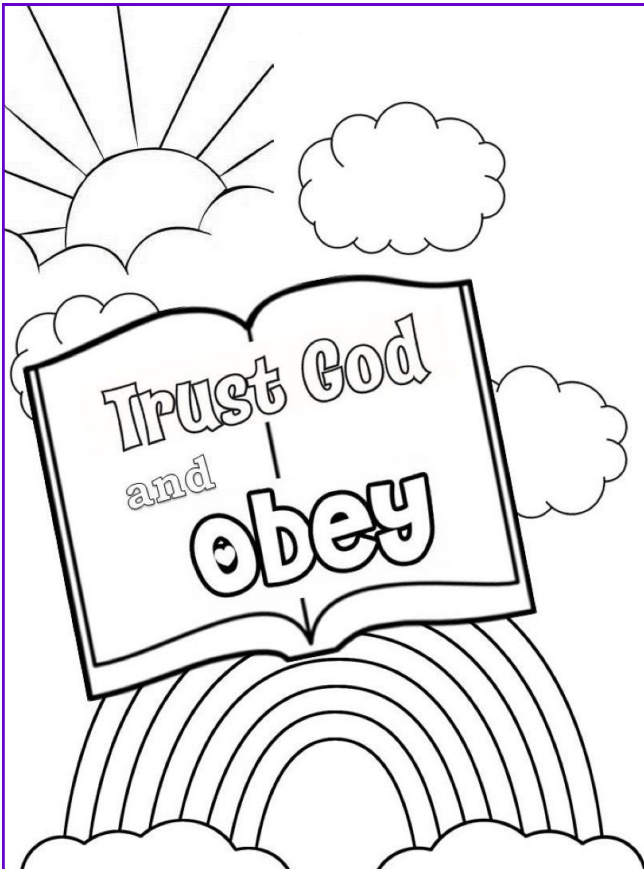
Sunday Class w/Pastor Andrzejewski
(lounge and live-streamed)

Weekday Bible Classes

Mondays 9:00am Women's Bible Class (lounge)
Wednesdays 10:00am w/Gay Eskew Class, (lounge)
Thursdays 8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Avenue
Restaurant (Woodward, N of
13 mile)
3rd Saturday, 7:30am Men's Bible Study, (lounge)

Color Me

KIDS KORNER



BibleWise

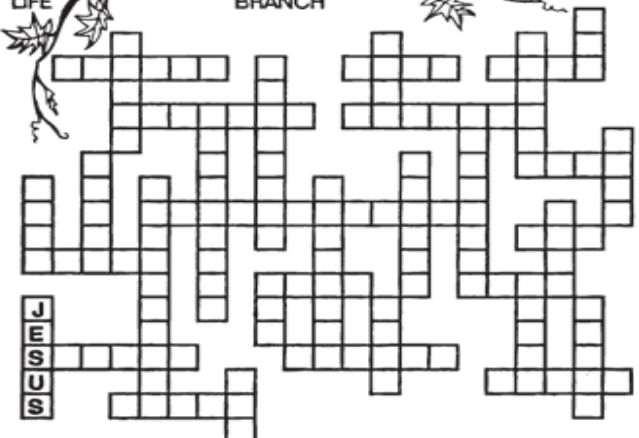
And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD
SUN
WAY
ONE
ROOT
WORD
LAMB
GATE
LORD
KING
VINE
LIFE

SEED
STAR
RABBI
BREAD
LIGHT
TRUTH
ALPHA
OMEGA
STONE
FATHER
PRINCE
BRANCH

CHRIST
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
TEACHER
REDEEMER
IMMANUEL
SHEPHERD
COUNSELOR
BRIDEGROOM
RESURRECTION



Nell de Vries and Mary Currier. More Bible Activities You Can Do. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

MINISTRY

Youth Confirmation Classes-



Confirmation class is available for all 7th and 8th grade students during the 2020-2021 academic year. We are expanding our learning opportunities for both the students at St. Paul Lutheran School and the students that attend other learning institutions. The students at St. Paul

will engage in confirmation class four times a week during school hours as a class period as they are led by both Pastor Andrzejewski and Mr. Greg Paul. The other students who attend elsewhere will have the opportunity to be confirmed through the classes led by Mr. Craig Rinkus during Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am. An informational meeting for all in-

terested parents will be held on **Sunday, September 6th** following the 11am service led by Pastor Andrzejewski. A letter of invitation was mailed to all families who have children in both 7th and 8th grade. If you did not receive one or would like your child to be confirmed in the church, please contact the church office.



Church and School will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day!

LWML Mite Collections-

The first weekend of every month you will notice at the welcome center a big purple and white box with little boxes in front of it. Next time this is out, please pick up a little box, fill it with loose change and return it to the big box. Funds collected throughout the year helps many people and missions throughout the world. If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, please go to www.lwml.org Thank you to those who donate.

Electronic Giving-

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, St. Paul Lutheran Church & School relies on your regular contributions. St. Paul offers a convenient electronic giving option to help

you keep up with your intended offerings. There are two ways to get started: The easiest and fastest way is to enroll at our website, www.stpaulroyaloak.org or you can complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the lobby) and return to the church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger, 248-584-3128.

Fall Sunday School-

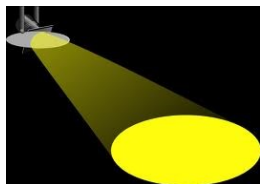
Plans are being made for Sunday School hopefully starting in September, but we are not sure we will be able to have a Sunday School Rally this year. However, we need to get an idea of those interested in having their child attend Sunday School. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested. For questions, contact Theresa Fullerton-Hertz at tfullerhertz78@gmail.com or (734) 546-1478.



BIBLE VERSE'S OF THE MONTH CHURCH YEAR — SERIES A



Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
Sept. 6 (Proper 18)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 33:7-9	Psalm 32:1-7	Rom. 13:1-10	Matt. 18:1-20
Sept. 13 (Proper 19)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 50:15-21	Psalm 103:1-12	Rom. 14:1-12	Matt. 18:21-35
Sept. 20 (Proper 20)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isa. 55:6-9	Psalm 27:1-9	Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30	Matt. 20:1-16
Sept. 27 (Proper 21)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-10	Phil. 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18	Matt. 21:23-27 (28-32)



Spotlight on Service

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

VOTER’S MEETING

The congregational voter’s ministry meeting will take place on **September 27, 2020** in the church lounge and live-streamed.

If you are not a voting member of the church and would like to be, pick up a copy of the Bylaws and Constitution in the church office. Read through it and contact your elder (see list next article) and let them know you are interested in being a voting member. You must attend a regular meeting, come on September 27 or participate virtually, and then on the next regular meeting of November 22 you may sign in to be a new voting member.

Please contact your elder if you have any questions.

ELDER ZONES—Below is a list of elders of our church. Each elder is assigned a group of our members they are responsible for answering questions and for encouragement. Members are listed by last name initial, you will see who you are assigned to. If you have questions or concerns regarding your church, you may contact your elder. A list is also located on the bulletin board in the lobby.

<u>Your Last</u> <u>Name Initial</u>	<u>Your Elder</u>	<u>Phone</u>
A, B	Tony Valdes	248-505-0925
C	Chip Eising	248-765-0314
D,E,H,L,M	Will Lichtenberg	248-227-9736
F, G	Ross Pomroy	248-515-6927
I-K	Kevin Calhoun	248-343-8643
N-P	Mike Rasmussen	248-515-4605
Q, R, S	Jim Schultz	248-302-6435
T-V	Bryan Harris	586-480-4840
W-Z	Dave Newton	248-506-0093

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.” John 15:9

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



St. Paul Lutheran School is experiencing a unique phenomenon! Because so many public schools will teach virtually this fall parents are calling to enroll their children at St. Paul. We consider this a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families to our school. With distance requirements and safety concerns it seems that God has prepared us for this time in history. I'm grateful for creative and flexible teachers who are meeting this challenge with grace. We appreciate your prayers for a safe and prosperous 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)

Parent Teacher League Back to School Nite

Parents come meet the PTL board and visit your child's classrooms and see and talk with the teachers. Plan to attend **Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30pm.**

Family Fun Night

All school families please join us from 6:30pm—9:00pm on **Friday, September 17** at the school! This is a great way to see our school and meet our new families and teachers. Food and games and LOTS OF FUN!!! See you there!!!

Viking News

Every Friday, we send home our school newspaper – *The Viking*. We send it home with the children and also by email. If you would like to receive the Viking by email, please make sure the school office has your email address. You may send it to strepanier@stpaulroyaloak.org

FUNDRAISERS

Little Caesars Pizza Bar Codes We continue to collect these bar codes found on the pizza boxes. Please bring these in to the church or school. The school gets cash towards school items we could use.

St. Paul Lutheran School



**Providing a Quality
Christian Education
for over 100 Years**

1916—2020
Small Class Size



Home of the Vikings

Box Tops Find and clip **Box Tops** from various food packages for St. Paul! They are each worth 10¢! Our assigned coordinator, will send them in and our school gets a check! Leave them at the school in the box near the office or in the envelope on the bulletin board at the church. Thank you.

Upcoming Calendar Events

September

4 - No School

7 - Labor Day – No School

15 - 6:30 – PTL Back to School Nite

18 - 6:30 – PTL Family Nite

Church NOTES

DIRECTORY

Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
(cell) 734-644-0059

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/stpaulroyaloak

Church Office
248-541-0613

School Office
248-546-6555

Church Fax
248-541-6965

School Fax
248-546-8096

Church E-Mail:
prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org

School E-Mail:
slutheranscho113880@comcast.net

Web:
www.stpaulroyaloak.org

(Please contact Steven Carpenter at scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org to request a communication, print publication or new web project for the website. Submit your news, story, recap, event, or photo and it'll be considered for publication.)

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
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 Wilma Sigman by Mr. & Mrs. James Charnawskas, Mr. & Mrs. Don Storck, Mr. & Mrs. Art Steiber, Sr.

In memory of Betty Jackson by Mr. & Mrs. Art Steiber, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rutledge

Church Extension Fund

In memory of Wilma Sigman by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baker

St. Paul School

In memory of Wilma Sigman by Eyla Russ, Gay Eskew, Carol Messer

St. PAUL OFFICIAL ACTS

Funerals/Memorials

Mary Ann Peludat 08-29-2020

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Received by Transfer:

Tom Gralinski, 43526 Perignon, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Released per Request: Christine Jones



Follow us on FACEBOOK at:
facebook.com/stpaullutheranroyaloak

September 2020

All events are tentative and subject to change. Contact the church office for verification.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 AM Bible Cl	3 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 7:00 PM EIP (lounge)	4 No School Labor Day Weekend	5
6 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation Parent Meeting	7 Church/School Closed Labor Day	8	9 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Cl	10 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 6:00 PM Praise Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM EIP (lounge) 8:30 PM Bell Practice	11	12
13 8:15 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Class, Youth Conf Cl 11:00 AM Worship c	14 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC 7:00 PM ALL Boards 7:00 PM Elders Mtg	15 6:30 PM PTL-Back to School Nite	16 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Cl	17 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 1:00 PM Finance Meeting 6:00 PM Praise Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:30 PM Bell Practice	18 6:30 PM PTL-School Family Nite	19 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast-lounge
20 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Class, YCC 11:00 AM Worship	21 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC 7:00 PM Council	22	23 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Cl	24 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 6:00 PM Praise Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:30 PM Bell Practice	25	26
27 8:15 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Class, YCC 11:00 AM Worship c 12:30 PM Voter's Mtg-Ministry (in-house & online) Door Collection-Rachel Meyer-Uganda	28 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC	29	30 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Cl	<div> <div> Aug 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> <div> Oct 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> </div>		

:Communion, YCC=Youth Confirmation Class, WBC=Women's Bible Class, AIC= Adult Info Class, EIP=Education Intervention Program, YA=Young Adults, SS=Sunday Sch

September Birthdays

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

01 Julia Paul

02 Janet Ruszkowski

03 Tim Snell

05 Ola Martin
Ethel Storck
Katherine Zeile

06 Craig Ciccone

08 Jason Bock
Carolyn Dober
Grace Hammond

09 Lauren Brewer
Caroline Kienman

12 David Cunningham
Kenneth Milz
Deanna Petri
Owen Werner

13 Kathy Eifert
Michael Hammon
Craig Maloney
Lee Anne Millinger
Jaclyn Moelich

14 David Hemming

15 Sharon Maloney

18 Adam Kilbourn
George Rosenzweig
Melissa Snell

19 Amie Szerdi

20 Amanda Brandt
Maverick Long
Avery Manifold
Lewis Petersen
Anthony Smith

22 Griffin Hansen
Olivia Rummel
Richard Thomas

23 Patricia Brown
Barb Snell

24 Chuck Brewer

25 Ryan Milz

28 Griffin Pierce
Kendal Smith

30 Meghan Harris
Sandy Limbaugh