



“Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us!”

St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of November 22, 2020

URGENT NOTIFICATION

Please take note that all events, programs, meetings and practices will be cancelled following the State of Michigan’s orders until December 9. Worship will continue on Sunday mornings at our usual times or can be viewed live-stream at WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/LIVE

VOTER’S MEETING has been postponed until after December 9. Watch for notices.



FLOWERS are on the Altar in honor of Larry & Beth McClatchey, celebrating their Anniversary, Rita & Dennis McClatchey’s parents.

MINISTRY

Advent by Candlelight program has been cancelled. However, we still seek **Woman of the Year Nominations** —We are looking to get nominations of women who exemplify Christian service to our Lord within the church and community. This is open to all women of the congregation. Choose your favorite St. Paul Woman of the Year candidate. Nomination forms are at the Welcome Center, leave in nomination box. Accepting nominations through November 25. Please fill out as much information as possible about the candidate. Voting ballots of candidates will be available November 29—December 9. Winner will be announced on Sunday, December 13 at church.



Give Thanks on Thanksgiving Eve for all God has given you! Our worship service is **Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m.** Our tradition is to bring a bag of food to the Altar to help keep our pantry full, so that we may serve those in our community in need. Pantry items suggested: 18oz Peanut Butter, 18oz Jelly, 12-16 oz canned foods: meats, soup (no crm of mushroom), fruit, pork and beans, (no canned pumpkin), boxed cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes, noodles (all types). Come help put food

away on Friday, November 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Questions, call Clara, 248-288-3325. May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving!

The **Book Nook** has Thanksgiving & Advent items for you: cards, napkins, Advent calendars, wreaths & candles. Sales are DIY - open the case to obtain your item, & place payment in the lock box on the brick wall next to cards. Contact Martha Smyth at 248-284-3790 or smythfam4@aol.com with questions or orders. All cards are 50 cents each.

Be a Christmas Card Evangelist—Send cards with a Christian theme and Bible verse to remind persons of God’s plan of salvation. The card will set on their mantle for weeks reminding them of the true reason for the season.

Help Decorate for Christmas—Sunday, November 29 All hands on deck! Plan to help with decorating our sanctuary and building for Christmas season following the late service.

Handy People Needed: The church is developing a congregational support process through which members who may not be able to fix minor issues in their home can request assistance. To initiate this process, a pool of willing and competent people is needed. If you are a Mr./Mrs. Fix it and are interested in being a resource to help other members of the congregation with small home repair and maintenance needs, please contact Steve Baker at sbaker15.sb@gmail.com, or (248) 885-0391).

SCHOOL NEWS



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE: On December 11, the students will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping and buy hand-made gifts for \$1 - \$5. This is an affordable and fun way for the students to get quality gifts for everyone on their list. If you are interested in making a dozen or more items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe,

please contact Anne Sagan at 248-546-5228 or annesagan@yahoo.com. We also need help in planning this event, and will need help the day of the sale with wrapping gifts.

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.

Also, find and clip **Box Tops** from various food packages. 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 bin at the church located in the coatroom.

NOTES



God With us

Advent Season- Lutheran Hour Ministries seasonal devotion booklets are available for you and your family to use during the Advent season or give one to a neighbor or friend. Invite them to worship with us this holiday season. **Available for pick up in the church lobby** (holiday worship schedule inside cover). Advent season begins today.

Pick up in your free 2021 calendar in lobby.



LAST DAY for Poinsettia Plant Orders—Help decorate our Chancel for Christmas by ordering your poinsettia plants. Orders need to be into the office

TODAY w/payment made out to *St. Paul Lutheran* by **November 22nd**. Use the form in the November Masthead or pick one up at the Welcome Center. This years cost is \$8.60 per plant. Thank you!

LUTHERAN WITNESS—A Lutheran Christian monthly subscription magazine which runs from March 2021 to February 2022. Each issue will

include the *Michigan In Touch* supplement. This magazine provides LCMS lay-peoples stories, info on congregational life, foster personal growth in faith and help interpret the contemporary world from a Christian perspective **Annual cost \$11.60** Deadline to order, December 7, after the 7th you are responsible to order your own at a cost of \$13.60 and you’ll have to order online at the Michigan District. Contact the church office to continue or order a new subscription. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write in the memo line *Lutheran Witness* or leave in the office. Thank you.

WORSHIP NOTES

IMPORTANT: Wearing a mask is expected of each worshiper during the songs and spoken portions of our service. The acts of speaking, singing, coughing and sneezing are the primary ways of spreading the virus to others. Worshipers may remove their masks during the “extended listening” portions of worship, such as the scripture readings and sermon. Pastors and worship leaders will wear masks when interacting with the congregation. They will not, however, wear masks as they lead worship because of their significant distance from the congregation. Remember, wearing a mask is for **your** safety and the safety of your St. Paul family.

Offering and Worship: During these times of social distancing guidelines, we have not been able to reflect our love for Jesus through the physical passing of the plate during the Offering. The Offering is a short, but special part of worship where we share a few moments to reflect on the abundant blessings God has bestowed on us. We return a portion of those gifts back to God because of our love for Him and our faithfulness. Be sure to contemplate God’s generosity in your life, and whether at home or in person at church, make your heartfelt Offering a meaningful part of your worship.



MEMBERS

Long-term Health Needs

Jane Butala (health concerns)
 Bill Carpenter (continued care)
 Carol Hills (health concerns)
 Allen Kerkes (health concerns)
 Margaret Kuhlmann (health concerns)
 Alan Lacey (hospice)
 Eyla Russ (recovery)
 Will Lichtenberg (health concerns)
 Chester Limbaugh (health concerns)
 Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)
 VerdaMae Steiber (health concerns)
 Jeanette Till (health concerns)
 Patricia Walker-Bill (continued care)
 Maureen Walsh (concerns)

Prayers for our Homebound

Marion Havrilla	Ralph Schroeder
Leona Jackson	Charlette
Alan Lacey	Schroeder
Donna McMinn	Kathleen Ulrich
Jean Schneider	Don Whitbeck

Prayer for our Adopted Missionary

Rachel Meyer in Uganda



Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Nancy Ackerman (health concerns) sister of Denny McClatchey
 Chuck, (health concerns) nephew of Barb Snell
 Titus Bailey, (health concerns) son of teacher Brigitte Bailey
 Janet & Michael Barnes, (health concerns) daughter & son-in-law of Dan & Joline Bowdich
 Gail Craft (cancer), aunt of Heidi Bowdich
 Laurie Dawson, (cancer), sister of Susan Cuddington
 Gayle Delaney (cancer), co-worker of Mark Olsen
 Judy Fife, (health concerns), daughter of Margaret Miller
 Grant Haley, (health concerns) former student of Al Manteuffel
 Beth Manteuffel (health concerns) Scott Manteuffel’s wife
 Luke Mikinka, cousin of Mike Poliski, (recovery from burns)
 Helene Ottinger (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz
 Renae Peterson, friend of member Meghan Broderick
Odin Rasmussen, (rare liver condition), great-great nephew (infant) of Clara Lichtenberg
Daniel Tharpe (continued care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge
 Cathy Trawick (hospice), & Brad Selsner (health concerns), sister & brother-in-law of Margie Topous
 Neil Trygestad, family of Mr. & Mrs. Garel Rice

ALL MILITARY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

Eric Banker	Brendan Sharp
Mark Bowdich	Hayden Sharp
Paul Bowdich	Joe VanDamme
Sam Eskew	Tirzah VanDamme
Brandon Newton	Jason Zuniga

If prayers need to be removed or added, contact the church office

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News & Events

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Nov 22

8:15 AM WORSHIP

11:00 AM WORSHIP C

WATCH LIVE-STREAM AT WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/ LIVE

MONDAY, Nov 23

9:00 AM TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, Nov 25

8:30 AM SCHOOL CHAPEL

7:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & FOOD INGATHERING

THURSDAY, Nov 26

BLESSINGS TO YOU THIS THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, Nov 27

1:00 PM FOOD INGATHERING PUT-AWAY

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