

St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of November 29, 2020

FLOWERS are on the Altar in honor of Steve Snell celebrating his birthday by his wife Barb.



MINISTRY

Woman of the Year Voting Ballots of nominated candidates are now available from November 29—December 9. Stop by the welcome center to cast your vote. Winner will be announced on Sunday, December 13 at church.

The **Book Nook** has Advent & Christmas 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.

TODAY Help Decorate for Christmas—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.

St. Paul Face Mask— Be a part of the St. Paul family with your own designer mask. We have three designs to choose from. The Crown, the school Viking logo or the St. Paul church cross logo. Profits go to the PTL and please make

checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran School PTL. Questions please contact Anne Sagan at 248-224-0968 or annesagan@yahoo.com See page 11 for order form for you to pick your color and logo. All orders along with payment need to be in by December 2, 2020. Turn into church or school office.

Christmas Card Campaign

Christmas gatherings & celebrations may be smaller this year, but the angel's good news that God sent His only Son to redeem us will still be as big as ever. While many of us will be attending Christmas services at St. Paul, due to the pandemic, many of our family members will have to listen online. Let's show them we care! Consider sending them a card. The welcome center has a list of these members. Please choose one (or ten) and send a card to them. If you are aware of a St. Paul member that is not listed and not attending because of the pandemic, feel free to add them to the list.

Ideas for Christmas card notes

- Though we may not be able to worship with you this Christmas, please know that you are in the hearts and prayers of your St. Paul family.
- At this time of uncertainty, know that your St. Paul family is here for you.
- Your St. Paul family wishes you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.
- Our (St. Paul) wish for you is that your heart is filled with joy at the birth Jesus, Our Savior.

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 every-

one 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 this 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.

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.

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.

Notice

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.STPAULROYALLOAK.ORG/LIVE. Mid-week Advent services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who donated food stuff from the ingathering on Thanksgiving eve for the food pantry and to those who came and helped put food items away on Friday. Blessings. Clara Lichtenberg



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 Schroeder
Alan Lacey	Kathleen Ulrich
Donna McMinn	Don Whitbeck
Art Peludat	
Jean Schneider	

Prayer for our Adopted Missionary

Rachel Meyer in Uganda



1 Corinthians 1:9 – "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

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 Thorpe (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	Hayden Sharp
Mark Bowdich	Joe VanDamme
Paul Bowdich	Tirzah VanDamme
Sam Eskew	Jason Zuniga
Brandon Newton	Gabrielle Zuniga
Brendan Sharp	

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

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News & Events

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November 29-December 5, 2020

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



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV 29

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:15 AM WORSHIP C

11:00 AM WORSHIP C

WATCH LIVE-STREAM AT

WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/LIVE

12:00 pm Church Christmas Decorating

MONDAY, NOV 30

9:00 AM TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, DEC 2

8:30 AM SCHOOL CHAPEL

7:00 PM ADVENT I WORSHIP

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