St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

The Masthead

Monthly Newsletter

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

JANUARY 2021



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JANUARY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

'Discovery Series' Pastor's Membership Class Woman of the Year Honorarium Baby Bottle Boomerang Big Bash Game Info (superbowl LV)



Who Fights for You?

What a year. But wait... it's only January. It's only the first year of the month. And I'm already saying "what a year"? Oh, boy. Is 2021 going to be the new 2020? I sure hope not. It took five years to get out of 2020 (or so it feels like five years). What will God have in plan for this new year? Well, I'd say we're off to a good start at least. December has come and gone which means Jesus Christ has been born in the manger, the Savior has come into the world, and the great Immanuel is with us (quite literally- "God with us"). Just around the corner is Epiphany. Peeking over that is Lent. And then boom: Easter. In the span of only 3 months, we experience the God who was born for you on Christmas, to the God who manifested his divinity to you in Epiphany, to the God who was crucified, died, and was buried for you in Easter. But let me ask you this: have you ever experienced a God who *fought* for you? Because going into 2021, we need to know that our God has fought for us and will continue to fight for us. That's right. God fights for you. He's the one who made you; watches you; guards you; knows you. He's the one that sets the path before your feet and establishes your steps (Proverbs 16:9); he's the one that ordains your vocation and blesses it with hope (Jeremiah 29:11); he's the one that will fight for you in all things because he loves you. Yes, this is the same Lord who was written of in 2 Chronicles 31:8 when it is said that "the Lord our God is with us, to help us and to fight our battles." This is the same Lord whose hope our ancestors put in when they proclaimed that "our God will fight for us" in Nehemiah 4:20. And you best believe that this is the same Lord to which Moses reassured his people when he said in Exodus 14:14 that "the Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." God will fight for you. Let that sink in- we're talking about the Chairman of Heaven. The President of the eternal Kingdom. The Supreme Ruler of the company of angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. We're talking about the Commander-in-chief who has never lost a battle. The tirelessly strong conqueror who will ride the white horse of Revelation. The Alpha and the Omega of the Bible. All of this- for you!

When we celebrated God becoming flesh in late December on Christmas morning, we saw God fighting for us as a human being. When Jesus went face to face with the devil in the wilderness (not once, not twice, but three times!), he was fighting for your salvation. When Jesus felt the nails, endured the crown of thorns, suffered the lashes, and breathed his painful last breath, he was fighting for your very soul. So, yes, of course God will be with you this new year. But, what's more, is that he will *fight* for you every step of the way until you find yourself to be side by side with him in heaven. The victory is already won, people of Christ. Face this new year head-on with the confidence and assurance that the Lord is with you every step of the way. What a year it will be!

Pastor Andrzejewski

Kappy New Year!

MINISTRY

ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID, WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE WEEKLY NEWS

St. Paul Woman of the Year! Congratulations to Janet Dunker

Many blessings to you Janet!

Janet was born and grew up in St. Johns, Michigan until she went to college. She attended Michigan State University and earned her BA degree in accounting. She worked in the public accounting Industry and has her CPA.

Janet is a life-long Lutheran and became a member at St. Paul in 2010 when she transferred her membership from Our Shepherd Lutheran, where she had met her husband Alan, at which time, both were singing in the choir. She continues singing, in our choir, and plays the flute for various services. For the last several years, she has been leading a woman's Bible Class held on Monday mornings, when they can meet together.

If all goes well, a special luncheon will be held for Janet and other area Women of the Year winners hopefully in March. Information on place, date and time will be announced later. Watch upcoming bulletins as when to purchase tickets for the luncheon so you can celebrate with Janet. Please contact Colleen Olsen at 248-288-0769 for any questions on this celebration luncheon.



The Baby Bottle Boomerang is Back! We will observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 17 by kicking off our Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) to benefit Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Berkley | Detroit. The bottles will be available to pick up on January 17. Please leave your name and a

contact number so we can keep track of who takes a bottle. You may fill it with spare change — but paper money and checks are great, too! Make checks out to *CareNet Berkley/Detroit*. **Bring your bottle back by Sunday, February 7**, so we can return them to Care Net. Questions? Contact Lee Anne Millinger, 248-417-9526.

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 DISCOVERY SERIES

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

What is it?

The Discovery Series is simply a series of instruction designed to integrate new members into the life of the church with the central purpose of clarifying, answering, strengthening, and equipping discipleship. This is an opportunity to be confirmed as a fellow member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and as a

new member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Members may also take this as a refresher class.

When It is?

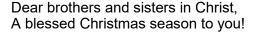
Considering the state of the world during this time of a pandemic, the less we gather in person, the better. Here at St. Paul, Pastor Andrzejewski will offer a seminar-style class which will take only two Saturdays of this January.

Class 1 will take place on <u>January 9th of 2021 from 8:00am-2:00pm</u> (approximately).

Class 2 will take place on <u>January 23rd of 2021 from 9:00am-10:00am</u> (approximately).

If you have any questions or would like to sign-up for this, please contact the church office at 248-541-0613. Or you may also sign-up at the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

SERVING THE LORD IN UGANDA From our Missionary Rachel Meyer





God indeed gives us so much to be thankful for. We especially thank God for health, safety, and opportunities to worship and learn. Read all about these and more on my mission here in Uganda in my most recent newsletter located on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

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NOTES & SUCH

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: Enroll at our website www.stpaulroyaloak.org. or you can complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the church lobby) and return to the church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger, 248-584-3128 or Ken Milz. 248-541-0613.



FLOWERS

Did you know you can order flowers for the Altar on any given weekend. You may sign up in the

lobby on the flower chart, located on the bulletin board. Flowers may be in honor or memory of someone, for birthdays, anniversaries or just because. All bouquets (up to 3 per Sunday) may be ordered for \$20 each. Just fill in the line on the chart for and by whom, make a check out to St. Paul and in the memo line put for *Flowers*. We then advertise in our weekly news and notes.

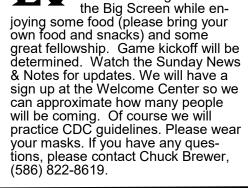
RED ETERNAL LIGHT (candle) that you see on the Altar that burns all year is also under the same concept

as the flowers. The cost for this is \$10 and the chart is located next to the flower chart in the lobby. Call the office for further information about this if you have questions. Thank you.

Articles for the News and Notes and Monthly Masthead Attention boards, committees and planners, please submit your articles of events and programs for the weekly bulletins to the church office no later than 10:00 am Wednesday mornings. After this time, article(s) will be printed in the following week's news. And, for monthly Masthead I need articles by the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Thank you.

MORE MINISTY

Annual Big Game Bash
Plans are being made
and we hope to watch
the game together on
February 7th in the
church lounge. Come
watch the Big Game on



Men's Saturday Breakfast All men of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to the Men's Breakfast on **January 16** for some great fellowship, devotions and Bible study. We meet in the church lounge at 7:30 a.m. Come Join Us! Men's Thursday Morning Break**fast**— Attention all men of the congregation! Come and join us for breakfast and devotions at The Avenue Restaurant on Woodward north of 13 Mile Road. We will now be meeting at 7:30 a.m. If your are retired or on your way to work this is a great way to start your day. Great group of men to fellowship with. We

Operation Christmas Child

hope to see you there!

Another year of successful giving was complete, and we couldn't have done it without you. We thank you! Again, we are beginning this month to collect for 2021. Each month a different item(s) will be listed in the monthly/weekly bulletins. You can place items in wood box located in the lobby coatroom. January: Small Toys/Small Stuffed Animals.

NOTE: please try to wrap a shoebox (base and lid separately) this year! (please do not place gift items in box). This is easy to do and if each family will wrap 1 box and leave in coatroom throughout the year, it will really help this project continue at St. Paul. Thank you and God's blessings to you and yours in 2021! Questions, Cheryl Dirkse, 248-930-4486.

Monthly Bible Readings

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	Jan. 3	Second Sunday a. Christmas	1 Kings 3:4–15	Psalm 119: 97–104	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 2:40–52
EPIPHANY	Jan. 6	Epiphany	ls. 60:1–6	Psalm 72:1–11	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1-12
	Jan. 10	The Baptism of Our Lord	Gen. 1:1–5	Psalm 29	Rom. 6:1–11	Mark 1:4-11
	Jan. 17	Second S. a. the Epiphany	1 Sam. 3:1–10 (11–20)	Psalm 139:1–10	1 Cor. 6:12–20	John 1:43–51
	Jan. 24	Third S. a. the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1–5, 10	Psalm 62	1 Cor. 7:29–31 (32–35)	Mark 1:14–20
	or	St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor	Acts 16:1–5	Psalm 71:15–24	1 Tim. 6:11–16	Matt. 24:42-47
	Jan. 31	Fourth S. a. the	Deut. 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Cor. 8:1–13	Mark 1:21–28

MINISTRY



Spotlight

The New Year is upon and New Year's celebrations have many deep and memorable traditions we typically think of and participate in. Here in the U.S., staying up and watching the Times Square countdown and singing Auld Lang Syne with near and dear family and friends is something we probably have all done or continue to do. In Spain, it is customary to eat 12 grapes – one at each stroke of the clock at midnight on New Year's Eve. Each grape represents good luck for one month of the coming year. Residents of <u>Denmark</u> greet the New Year by throwing old plates and glasses against the doors of family and friends to banish bad spirits. They also stand on chairs and jump off them together at midnight to

"leap" into January in hopes of good luck. Some traditions are sentimental, some are strange. And then there is the personal, reflective, often disappointing, sometimes motivating tradition of making New Year's Resolutions to consider.

While researching ideas for this month's Spotlight on Stewardship, a newsletter written by Rev. Rob Blezard to the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lancaster, PA in 2017, appeared. The newsletter suggests Christians approach the tradition of making resolutions a little differently. The message aligns strongly with the messages shared in the Stewardship Basics Bible Study many of us participated in early in 2020.

For some, New Year's Resolutions offer a great opportunity to set a new goal, to start a new project or to renew a commitment to achieve an objective that might have slipped away from you last year. Most resolutions deal with the most important aspects of our lives, and they usually go to the heart of our cares and concerns. So this year, be encouraged to make resolutions, but for 2021 try something different.

This year rebrand your resolutions as Stewardship Resolutions.

Christian stewardship starts with the premise that we actually own nothing because God owns it all. Therefore, our time, our talent and our treasures – and our very lives – are merely entrusted to us by a God who loves us and wants us to use all these things wisely and for Godly purposes.

As Stewardship Resolutions, your goals will not be merely tests of your willpower, but also noble exercises of faith. They will take on a deeper meaning because you are making resolutions as an act of discipleship. You can pray that God will help you keep your resolutions.

Here are some suggestions:

Time: This is a biggie for 21st century folks. We never have enough time, but somehow every moment seems to be consumed either by the nonstop urgencies of the moment on the one hand, or by mindless entertainment and activities on the other. Resolve to steward your time by planning, setting and maintaining priorities for enriching activities, such as meaningful hobbies, leisure, reading, prayer or rest.

Spirituality: We are saved by grace through faith, it's true, but we grow spiritually the more we invest ourselves in the disciplines of faith. Consider growth through the spiritual practices of daily prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading and devotions, nurturing spiritual relationships, serving others and giving beyond a tithe. Resolve to be a better steward of your spirit!

Physical Health: God gave us wonderfully complex bodies. Good stewardship means doing what we can to keep our bodies not only free from disease but also operating in top condition. Your Stewardship Resolutions might call for such things as getting adequate sleep, exercising more, eating better, quitting smoking, cutting down on alcohol.

Mental Health: We all carry stress, but too many of us have way too much! For stewardship of our mental health we might resolve to play more, to meditate, to pray, to take walks, listen to relaxing music – whatever works for you.

Intelligence: We know that to keep our bodies healthy we have to feed it nutritious food. Our minds need to be fed, too. Your Stewardship Resolutions might call for taking (or teaching) a class, reading challenging non-fiction books this year, or subscribing to an educational podcast.

Family and Friends: God has given us family and community in order that we will be happiest and most fulfilled in relationship. How are you stewarding relationships? This year resolve to strengthen ties with family and friends, and if necessary, to end unhealthy relationships.

What Stewardship Resolutions would enrich your life in 2021? Pray about it. Then write them down.

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



Coming back to school after Christmas break can be an awesome time and we pray we can return to our classrooms. Another new year has begun, and we are another year wiser. The children are constantly changing – growing up. Their confidence is building within themselves. Confidence can be a tough seed to plant. But once the seed has established itself, look out! Changes will happen.

Praise God that we have our Lutheran schools where changes happen every day by the power of the Holy Spirit. What better place other than in the Christian home can children of all ages be fed God's Word, be helped to grow in confidence, and experience changes in heart and actions.

With 2020 behind us, as you know, we had uncontrolled circumstances and we know things didn't go as planned. But, during the holiday season, we hope it became a good reminder that God is in control, and we should look to HIM to be our guide! We pray that 2021 will be a better year for our children and families. We truly thank the Lord that the school is thriving, either in-person or virtually, with so many wonderful families and students and we pray that we may continue together, to feed the Word and help your child(ren) grow.

Let us pray God continues to bless St. Paul Lutheran School!



KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP: Kindergarten Round Up will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 21 for all parents who may be interested in sending their children to our kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Lorence and Dr. Baldwin will share details of our program, tuition costs, and the curriculum materials used in our school. Health requirements will also be discussed. St. Paul offers a full day kindergarten program from 8:15 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Please watch your local TV broadcast for school closing notices. We follow the Royal Oak School District. If they are closed for weather conditions, we will be closed also. St. Paul will be listed under School Closings on your local stations. Don't forget to sign up to receive text messages in the school office.

SCHOOL FAMILIES who are also CHURCH MEMBERS: Please record your attendance at church services. 50% church attendance is the minimum to receive member tuition. IN-PERSON services: Please make it a point to fill out the regular attendance card at church. With ONLINE SERVICES: Just listen, record the date, and fill out the form at http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance. Questions can be emailed to boe@stpaulroyaloak.org.

JANUARY CALENDAR:

- 4 School Resumes 21 Kindergarten Round-up 7:00 P.M.
- 15 End of Quarter 26 Parent/Teacher Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- 18 Martin Luther King Day—No School

Church NOTES

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Alan Lacey* by M/M Jim Charnawskas, M/M Donald Storck, Clara Lichtenberg, M/M George Loomis

In memory of *Mabel Brown* by Joan Feldman In memory of *Virginia Manteuffel* by Roderick Pope

St. Paul School

In memory of Alan Lacey by Eyla Russ, Gay Eskew

OFFICIAL ACTS

MEMBER CHANGES

Transfers In:

Rebecca Denison, 501 N. Stephenson Hwy., Royal Oak, MI 48067

Transfers Out:

Allen Kerkes to Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills, MI Jane Schultz to St. Mark Lutheran, Houston, TX

Out Per Request:

Nannette Edgil & Preston Hager

Funerals: Service Date: Alan Lacey 12-03-2020

Address Changes:

Avery Manifold Mail Rtnd-No Fwd Address Shannon Tierney 314 9th St., Royal Oak, MI 48067 Stanley & Angela Harris 31 Telford Dr., Troy, MI 48085

PRAYERS

Church Boards

Board of Education Board of Elders

Board of Evangelism

Board of Stewardship

Board of Trustees

Women's Guild

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Board of Youth

Communications & Technology

Fund Operating Music Ministry

Prayers for our Homebound

Marion Havrilla Leona Jackson Donna McMinn

Art Peludat

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

Joe VanDamme

Tirzah VanDamme

Jason Zuniga

Gabrielle Zuniga

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





JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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

Birthdate: 1/2 Banker, Lauren

Birthdate: 1/3 Olsen, Erik

Birthdate: 1/4 Simon, Ephraim Simon, Ezra

Birthdate: 1/6 Valdes, Emily Webb, Darlene

Birthdate: 1/7 Louwers, Brian

Birthdate: 1/8 Brandt, Aaron Heins, Dawn

Birthdate: 1/9 Jackson, Jenelle

Birthdate: 1/11 Baker, Zandra Schroeder, Charlette

Birthdate: 1/12 Peludat, Richard

Birthdate: 1/13 Brown, Paul Birthdate: 1/14 Manteuffel, Al

Birthdate: 1/17 Smyth, Martha

Birthdate: 1/18 Ohngren, Michelle

Birthdate: 1/19 Eising, Henry

Birthdate: 1/22 Burch, Dawn Guilmette, Kaylee Newell, Laura

Birthdate: 1/24
Jarvey, Sara
Woodward, Courtney

Birthdate: 1/25 Włotkowski, Susie

Birthdate: 1/26 Tokar, Bill Tripp, Marilyn

Birthdate: 1/27 Cuddington, Susan Rummel, Maya Zenk, Tyler Birthdate: 1/28 Jackson, Alice Pittman, Joan

Birthdate: 1/30 Guilmette, Trevor Kratt, Larissa Malczynski, Hope

Birthdate: 1/31 Limbaugh, Beverly Simon, Esther



To You!

January 2021

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

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