

The Masthead

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

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MAY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Youth Confirmation Sharing of
Faith and Confirmation Sunday
National Day of Prayer
Ascension Worship
Mother's Day
Operation Layettes
Memorial Weekend

Punctuate Your Prayer

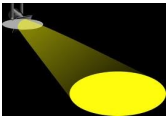
Fear. Worry. Panic. Distress. All the feelings we don't want to feel. In fact, this never was part of the plan in the first place. You know- the original plan. God's plan. What he *wanted* you to feel for all of eternity. Everything was supposed to be "good" (Genesis 1). God looked upon the light and called it good. He looked upon the waters and called it good. God looked upon the earth, the vegetation, the plants, fruits, trees, living creatures, even mankind itself and called it good! But fear? Worry? Panic? Distress? This was not good. This was not his plan. The taint of sin and its poisons were not at all part of the plan. I can't help but think of the world we live in right now and the groaning of all of creation. Covid19 was not part of the plan. Separating families and friends because of CV19 was not part of the plan. Death was not part of the plan. And it's painful to see. It's painful to hear. It's just... painful. Unplanned pain.

Jesus was no stranger to this pain. Slow down! Don't go to the cross too quickly just yet! There is so much more for us to see. Think about how many times Jesus looked upon his craftsmanship, his world, his people, and thought: this is not at all how I planned it. This is not at all how I wanted it. Can you imagine how painful it was for Jesus to see sickness reign, death stalk, hate lingering, and fear prevailing? Can you imagine how painful it was for those men and women whom he created with his own fingers to condemn him to the cross? Can you imagine the fear, worry, panic, and distress that Jesus felt? Imagine the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was absolutely terrified! So much so that Luke describes Jesus to sweat blood (Luke 22:44). This is actually a real medical condition called "hematidrosis" in which severe anxiety causes the release of chemicals that break down the capillaries in the sweat glands. When this occurs, sweat comes out tinged with blood. How remarkable it was that Jesus, the Son of Man and the Son of God, felt such human feelings. But he told us this for a reason- so that you may know that there is nothing in this world that he wouldn't understand. There is no feeling, no fear, no worry, no distress that our Lord could not grasp. But more importantly, Jesus was also showing you how to respond to such feelings: **pray**. If Jesus, who was about to undergo the world's harshest punishment and carry the sin of the world on his shoulder, thought prayer was the best and only way to combat such dreadful feelings, then why shouldn't we when it comes to ours?

Whenever you're about to enter into life's Gethsemane, and combat those feelings of fear, worry, panic, and distress, don't go in alone. Call upon the Lord and he will answer (Jer. 33:3). And while you're there, be honest. Express your feelings just as Jesus did. Tears are permitted. Praying is commanded (Philippians 4:6- ...in everything with prayer and supplication...). Open up your heart to Jesus and punctuate your prayers. He has plenty of time and even more compassion. For he is "good" no matter how much bad surrounds us. Yes, there is so much happening that was unplanned. But the plans he has for you are ... well, good.



MINISTRY



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—

Variety! Do you ever wonder how many different birds there are in the world, or how many bugs may invade our backyards as spring starts to take hold? How many stars are out there lighting up a clear night sky? If we take a step back and think about how vast and how complex creation is, it is truly amazing, even breathtaking. Just to share, there are over 10,000 types of birds in the world. In the United States alone, there are over 165,000 species of insects creeping around. There are over a billion trillion stars in the observable universe...none of which are the same. The variety, complexity and the uniqueness of each creation is awe inspiring. It shows that God loves variety. He intentionally created each of us with variety, complexity and uniqueness too!

Psalm 139: 13-14

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Each one of us is a wonderful and original masterpiece! Not one of us is the same. None of us share identical fingerprints. Every iris is unique. Every voice has its own individual sound. It is easy to see all sorts of curious and distinctive people God has created shopping at Costco or waiting in line for a ride at Cedar Point. God's creativity doesn't stop with physical differences between all people. Our Creator has given each one of a full complement of distinctive talents and interests for us to use and share as well.

God created each of us for a purpose. He created everything in this universe for a purpose. We aren't here by random chance. God has shaped and prepared us to play our own role in His creation. It what ways has God shaped you? What talents has God gifted you that you can in turn share with others around you?

When you look around St. Paul, you can see the fruits of the talents that God has given. Music, technology, prayer ministry, beautiful grounds, decorations, fellowship, Bible studies, community service, worship: all these things and countless more can be experienced because members and friends of St. Paul share their talents. Though each of us is unique, with talents large and small, visible or behind the scenes, collectively, our talents working together result in a wonderful tapestry of praise, outreach, and faith.

In the upcoming weeks, St. Paul will be rolling out a new Time and Talent Survey. We encourage all members and friends of St. Paul to consider sharing your personal talents and interests through this process so we can connect you to opportunities of fellowship, service and worship. Remember, each of us is wonderfully made by God who loves us. Let's share that love by sharing our time and talents with each other.



May 9, 2021

Dear Mom,

May God's many blessings
Be yours forever more
And may you know you're valued
And loved by the Lord
Especially on this day
That we have set aside
To show our appreciation
To the Mothers in our lives.

M.S. Lowndes



Operation Layette's Coming June 3 @ 7:00 P.M.

What is Operation Layette's? The Council of Lutheran Women collects layette (infant) items to give to various organizations in the Detroit area which assist pregnant women in need.

In the past, many layettes assembled by the members of St. Paul, Royal Oak, are delivered to various organizations such as; Image of God Pregnancy Center of Detroit, a pro-life advocacy program that helps women in crisis with spiritual and physical needs, as well as Compassion Pregnancy, Peace in Detroit, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac.

You may donate baby items throughout the year. Types of donations accepted are: Onesies and sleepers (3-6 months); receiving blankets; cloth diapers; socks and booties; sweater sets (knit or fleece); baby lotion; bottles; infant toys.

Everyone is invited to attend Operation Layette's assembly evening and we will practice CDC guidelines in wearing a mask and being separated. We begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Stop by for a few minutes, a couple of hours, or just pop in to find out what it's all about.

Questions, please call Pam Stasko at [248-544-8390](tel:248-544-8390).

MINISTRY



SHARING OF FAITH MAY 14 & CONFIRMATION MAY 16

Friday, May 14 is the Sharing of Faith service at 5:00 p.m. for our confirmands. Everyone is invited to attend this service program.

On Sunday, May 16 we will be confirming these youth in the 8:15 a.m. worship service. They will make their vows and take the Lord's life-giving body and blood through First Holy Communion. Please join us in welcoming our new confirmed members!

Our 2021 Confirmands

ADRIANA MESA	KELSEY MILZ
NATHAN PETRI	VIKTOR SAGAN
	NIGEL SMITH

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Saturday Men's Breakfast -

All men of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to join and fellowship with other men of St. Paul on Saturday, May 15. Devotions, breakfast and a Bible study is always on the agenda. Hope you will come and join us!

May Collection for 'Operation Christmas Child'

To get a head start through the year, we will be collecting a different item each month needed for the shoebox gifts. Please note we are not collecting shoe boxes yet; we will let you know when, but we are collecting **Coloring Books, Small Notepads** for the month of May. These items may be placed in the wood box located in the coatroom in the lobby. Thank you.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENT'S

Did you know...

Children from St. Paul will be attending Camp Concordia (the Lutheran overnight children's camp) for a week this summer? For sixty plus summers hundreds of parents have trusted Concordia Camp with their children. They'll bring home a growing Christian faith, new-found friends, increased self-confidence and skills, lived-out values, and a suitcase-full of life-long memories! So, parents



start planning you and your children's summer camp programs now! Camp Concordia is located in Gowen, MI, about 45 minutes north of Grand Rapids on the beautiful Woodbeck chain of lakes. Many programs are offered, including weekend family camps and summer week long camps for children of all ages. Summer overnight camp sessions are available for children heading into grades 1-8 in 2021. Grades 9-12 are eligible for Leaders in Training sessions. Go online at to www.campconcordia.org and find out about their summer camp programs today or call 616-754-3785.

Walk for Life at the DETROIT ZOO! Saturday, July 24, 2021

We are excited to announce that the Walk for Life will be meeting at the Detroit Zoo this year to help raise funds for CareNet of Berkley/Detroit! It is our long term goal to create a Walk for Life that unites the entire pregnancy center community across Metro Detroit. Walk For Life is a fun, family-focused celebration of LIFE! It is the most important walk you will ever walk because of the impact it will have on saving lives! Money raised during our annual WFL impacts thousands of women, families and teens in our community and beyond each year. Whether our client is a mother-to-be facing an unplanned pregnancy, a family wishing to deliver their baby in a loving, medical environment, a

teenager who is learning the impact of their choices on their future, or a single mother looking for a place to call home – we are here to support these precious lives and help lead them toward a bright future.

Funds raised help to underwrite these free services: Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, Parenting Program, Man2Man program, Baby Boutique, maternity clothing, abortion recovery series, and youth development programs in our local schools. Your steps DO make a difference for LIFE!

To help raise awareness and money to help moms and dads or for more information to register and time start, please go online and visit www.carenetberkleydetroit.org/events/walk-for-life

Attention High School & College Grads!!

We are preparing to create a display board for all our youth who are graduating this year from either high school or college and hoping to get pictures of our graduates with name, school name and degree (if college) and if in high school, name, school graduated from and planned college you will be attending. Please turn these into the church office or email them to prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org. Photos will be returned per your request. Thank you.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting all people to pray for America. People across the nation have been gathering on this day since 1952 when President Harry S. Truman signed into law a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress. We will gather on May 6 at 12:00 Noon in the church sanctuary along with St. Paul teachers and students. The theme for this year's observance is Lord Pour Out Your LOVE, LIFE, AND LIBERTY based on 2 Corinthians 3:17. *"Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* We will pray through 7 centers of influence in our nation as outlined by the National Day of Prayer Task Force - Family, Church, Workplace, Education, Military, Government and Art, Media & Entertainment. What a privilege it is to be able to come before our Lord in prayer! We encourage you to join in this time of prayer – approximately 30 minutes - and commit to making it a daily practice of praying for our nation. Social distancing and mask requirements will be followed.



Ascension Worship

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. On Thursday, May 13 worship with us at 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion for the Ascension of Our Lord.

RO Memorial Day Parade
May 31st @ 9:00 a.m.
The parade will start near Main Street at Lincoln and will proceed north to Second Street. The parade has been held on Memorial Day for several decades as a respectful tribute to our veterans – past and present. For more information, visit romi.gov/parade



REMEMBER, REJOICE, RENEW



ATTENTION MEN OF ST. PAUL! Since 1946, laymen of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have gathered annually at Camp Arcadia for fellowship, recreation, relaxation, and most importantly praising God and growing their faith. Whether you are a first timer or returning, you are invited to this multigenerational retreat. Special contributions as well as Sunday's worship offering will be sent to Lutheran Hour Ministries. This year's **Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.** He began serving with Lutheran Hour Ministries as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour in October 2018. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church and assistant pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church, both in St. Louis. Before becoming a pastor, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer in the Air Force.

Activities begin at check-in Thursday night with a Welcome reception and continue through the weekend including a golf game on Friday and the annual Softball game on Saturday. For more information on the weekend contact Camp Arcadia @ **231-889-4361** or go online @ **camp-arcadia.com** or watch the news & notes and upcoming mastheads for further information. Date of weekend retreat: September 9—12, 2021.

SCHOOL MINISTRY



St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

Our Mission

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

Our 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.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. – Nelson Mandela

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

We are now accepting registration for the next school year (2021-2022). In order to re-enroll, please fill out a Re-enrollment Form and a Smart Tuition Form and return it with your check to the school office. **Please note:** Registration cannot be accepted if your tuition is not current. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 248.546.6555. Please register early. We are having inquiries everyday, and we would not want you to lose your place in class.

Please notice the following schedule:

Registration Fees (K - 8th Grade) will be:

\$300 - if paid by April 30
\$350 - if paid by May 31
\$400 - if paid by June 1 or after

Our Preschool Registration Fee is \$130.
Registration Fees are not refundable.

FINANCIAL AID FOR 2021-2022 St. Paul provides grants for tuition assistance for **member families** that qualify for financial aid. We have enlisted the services of Smart Aid, a company that provides a financial aid analysis service, for the purpose of evaluating an applicant's need for aid. If you feel you may qualify for aid, you must complete an online application at: smartaidforparents.com. The application fee is \$35, and our School ID is 13489. Your application will only be considered if your tuition is current. Completed Applications and Supporting Documents are due by April 30, 2021. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

YEARBOOK INFORMATION Our Yearbook will be coming out soon. Each family (K-8) will receive one yearbook. If you would like an additional yearbook, or if you are a preschool family, the cost is \$25 each. You can order one by sending in an envelope with your name and child's name and grade. Please put "Yearbook" on the envelope and send it to the office with your \$25 enclosed. Thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISERS:

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Go online to Kroger.com/community rewards to create an account. Kroger Community Rewards makes fundraising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Another convenient way to support St. Paul. Our Organization # is HG674. Last year our PTL received \$527 from Kroger.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION **Box Tops for Education has changed the way that Box Tops are submitted.** You will need to download the Box Tops App to your phone. **To register St. Paul**, please use the zip code to locate our school. It is 48067. Once the app is on your phone, you will simply scan any receipt that has the Box Tops logo on items that you have purchased. St. Paul will then be credited. Our school receives 10 cents for each box top collected. Thank you for supporting our school.

CALENDAR CHANGES

Please make a note of the following changes:

May 6 - National Day of Prayer—church sanctuary
May 13 - Ascension Worship- (No Ice Cream Social)
May 27 - 5th -8th gr Band/Bells/Choir Concert
(No Awards Night this year)
June 10 - School Picnic—On school grounds this year



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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
Communications &
Technology

Prayers for our Homebound

Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat
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.

GIFTS GIVEN

St. Paul Church

IN MEMORY OF BETH MANTEUFFEL BY BOB & DENISE RUTLEDGE

MEMBER CHANGES

Address Change:

IAN BURGESS 4495 COOLIDGE HWY ROYAL OAK, MI 48073-1683

BAPTISMS

ALICE JUNE SCHLEY

Date

03/29/2021

Parents

WILLIAM SCHLEY & OLIVIA PIERCE

VOTER'S MEETINGS

May 2 we are planning to have a regular voter's meeting following the late service at 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to be a voting member, pick up a Bylaws and Constitution booklet in the church office and sign up at this meeting.



Monthly Bible Readings **LCMS Series B**



			First Reading	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
	May 2	Fifth S. of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalms 150	1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)	John 15:1-8
	May 9	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 10:34-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5:1-8	John 15:9-17
	May 13	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalms 47	Eph. 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
	May 16	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Psalms 1	1 John 5:9-15	John 17:11b-19
PENTECOST	May 23	The Day of Pentecost	Ezek. 37:1-14	Psalms 139:1-12 (13-16)	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
	May 30	The Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1-8	Psalms 29	Acts 2:14a, 22-36	John 3:1-17



BIRTHDAY'S

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

1 Addison Squire

2 Colleen Olsen

3 Jeanette Till

**5 Brody Cunningham
Jennifer Rabideau**

6 Monica Mills

**7 Dennis Hertz
Lee Woelmer**

**9 Brian Hermann
Ronald Loretitsch**

10 Samantha Rasmussen

**11 Charese Eason
Roger Pierce
Hayden Sharp**

**12 Steven Carpenter
Daniel Carpenter
Daniel Lawrence
Maegen Lienard
Jeremiah Smith
Barb Strick**

13 Marion Havrilla

14 Desmond Shaw

15 Kelsey Milz

**18 Faith Frederick
Leah Mitchell
Jennifer Werner**

**20 Evan Szerdi
James Kelley**

21 Verda Mae Steiber

**22 Alan Dunker
Ralph Schroeder
Carrie Smith**

23 Pat Smyth

**25 Emma Rosenzweig
Bob Rutledge**

**28 Otto Smith
Donna Snell
Melia Woelmer**

**29 Theodore Eising
Denny McClatchey**

**30 Elizabeth Rummel
Art Steiber, Jr.**

31 Harold Sharp

Happy Birthday!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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30 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship c	31 9:00 AM Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade Memorial Day School/Offices Closed					

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



MAY

