

The Masthead

A Monthly News Edition

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

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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Sep 3-6	Labor Day Weekend Arts, Beats and Eats
Sep 5	ONE WORSHIP
Sep 9-12	Men's Arcadia Retreat
Sep 13	Women's Monday Bible Class Begins
Sep 14	MOPS/MOMsNext Begins PTL Back to School Nite
Sep 18	Men's Breakfast
Sep 24	PTL Family Fun Nite
Sep 26	Voter's Meeting

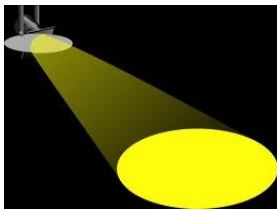
Miracles

Let me share with you one of the many miracles of God that each and every one of us use on a daily basis. Can you guess what it is? I'll give you a hint. You have it but you can't see it. It grows triple its size within the first year of your life. It doesn't feel pain but will tell you how pain feels. Anything? How about this- scientists rightfully call it the greatest arrangement of matter in the universe. Come on... use your brain, here. Oops, I just gave it away! That's right. I'm describing your brain! Here's how incredible our brain is:

1. Scientists have recently calculated that the brain's main processing units – neurons – add up to at least 86 billion. Neurons help us control our bodies and think thoughts.
2. The human brain contains 528,000 miles of nerve fibers. They transmit information to different neurons, muscles, and glands.
3. Scientists estimate the human brain contains 2.5 petabytes of memory capacity. This is equivalent to the information stored at all US academic research libraries.
4. The brain is not snoozing during sleep. “Once consciousness is lost, it gets to work on all manner of chores: clearing out toxic molecules, regulating hormone levels (and) also filing away experiences for later recall.
5. And finally, the brain produces the miracle we call consciousness, which to this very day puzzles scientists about how it exactly does this.

Our brains are just absolutely miraculous. The Lord is known for many things- miracles being one of them. Jesus, both fully Man and fully God, has dabbled in transcending the ordinary laws of nature, defying common expectations of behavior, and most importantly demonstrating his involvement within our human history. The Gospels record approximately 37 different miracles of Jesus (although the apostle John stressed that many more were done but not recorded in his letter). Each and every one of them were to prove something- whether it be God's superiority over false gods, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies, or just to simply feed hungry people. But what does this all point to? What's the ultimate purpose in miracles? I'll give you a hint. It's all for the greatest miracle to ever flow from the hands of the Lord.

It's all for you. The miracles of God in the Old Testament were to prove that the parting of the sea, the den of lions, the fiery furnace, and the “big fish” buffet (ahem, Jonah) would never stop the Lord from saving his people. The miracles of God in the New Testament were to prove that the virgin birth, walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitudes would never stop the Lord from loving his people. I think it's fair to say that a miracle of God is the manifestation of love. But let me share with you one more miracle – one that even our brains in all of it's wonders can't comprehend. Your resurrection. “When you are raised on the last day” (Jn 6:39), you will no longer read about miracles. You will be the miracle. You will be the greatest arrangement of matter in the universe – a glorified (1 Cor. 15:42) and perfected (Phil. 3:21) manifestation of God's love... brains and all.



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—*Families That Serve*

In upcoming Mastheads, we will be sharing stories of families of St. Paul that serve together. We can all immediately think of families that do many things to enhance worship, help the office, or maintain the facilities. There are hundreds of collective acts of volunteering and service that continually support the congregation, the school and community. Many St. Paul families, whether as young adult couples or multigenerational families, faithfully manage many of these tasks. When we recognize how families have prioritized their faith and how it grows in their children, spouses, grandchildren, siblings, and how it influences others, it is truly encouraging. Winston Churchill stated, "There is no doubt that it is around family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human society, are created, strengthened and maintained." St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." No matter what our family looks like, our response to God's boundless love is faith. One of the great ways a family grows in faith is through serving together. Relationships are strengthened when you serve as a family. Spending time each week, each month, potentially outside your comfort zone leads to personal and family growth. You grow as individuals mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually and that individual growth leads to a stronger, faithful family dynamic. As opportunities are shared through St. Paul, the LCMS, or from any other source to serve, consider the impact you and your loved ones could possibly have. Arts, Beats and Eats is just around the corner and there are ample opportunities to help as St. Paul embraces this festival as an important outreach opportunity. Your family could spend a few hours recycling, serving in the drink booth or managing a lot for parking. These opportunities will put you in a position to have a positive influence in the lives of people you would never otherwise meet. There could be that one moment of interaction with someone new that somehow sparks a memory of church or a question about Jesus. Ponder the impact that could happen to your school age son or daughter who witnesses your kindness and Christ-centered conversations with strangers. Think about the stories that become family memories, all centered around this service opportunity. Families that prioritize faith can have prolific impact on the people that God puts into their lives.

Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." We look forward to sharing stories of St. Paul families serving together and encouraging each other in their faith so that their examples can spur others on toward love and good deeds, growing together in our faith as God's family, all to God's glory!



Bible Classes Etc.

Join in on Bible Studies throughout the year at St. Paul. Something for everyone. Check out the schedule to the right for all age groups. Call the church office for further information.

Women's Monday Bible Class—Coming soon, *Prophecy*, a nine week LifeLight study. We meet Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge. Begins September 13. All women welcome! Books are \$10, contact Janet Dunker 248-459-9156.

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Sunday Class	w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)
Youth Sunday School	w/various teachers (school) grades pk-6th

Weekday Bible Classes

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

Sunday School Kick-Off—will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 12th** at 9:45 a.m. Attention all parents of children PK to 6th grade! Everyone (parents and kids) will gather at the school for registration and introduction of the lessons. The students will then be released to the teachers and we will spend the rest of the time getting to know each other and talking about what you can expect this year. Stories, Songs & Crafts just part of the fun this year. You may also fill out registration form at the Welcome Center. Working together this year will be the Sunday School Board and Evangelism Board. See you then!

MINISTRY

'Operation Christmas Child' Collection

We are collecting a different item each month needed for the shoebox Christmas gifts distributed to children around the world through the organization, Samaritan Purse. Items are collected through October then we pack and mail. **SEPTEMBER: Pencils & Sharpeners** are now accepted. These items may be placed in the wood box located in the coatroom in the lobby. You may also wrap shoeboxes in Christmas paper and drop off. Please wrap lid separate from box bottom. Thank you.



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers: Birth-Age 5) and **MOMSnext** (Mothers of School Age Children) will return to St. Paul this Fall in person. Both groups will meet together to promote friendship, encouragement, and fellowship as members learn to be more honest, feel more equipped, and find a sense of identity by journeying alongside one another. Gatherings will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, beginning September 28 thru May. Childcare is provided. Registration is online at www.stpaulroyaloak.org or <http://www.mops.org/groups/stpaulroyaloakmomsnext>. Space is limited. Fees for MOPS International will apply and there will also be chapter dues per semester for MOPS and/or for MOMSnext. For questions, contact our coordinator Allison Thommen (317) 517-1392, or nathommen@gmail.com or Erin Rymer (248) 752-5467, or erymerson@gmail.com. Volunteers needed for child care. Can be grandma's, grandpa's mom's or dad's. Please contact Allison Thommen at the above number if you can help. Thank you.

ELDER ZONES—A new year, a new start. Below is a list of elders of our church. Each elder is assigned to a group of our members that they are responsible for by answering questions and for spiritual encouragement. Members are listed by last name initial. If you have questions or concerns regarding your church or spiritual welfare, you may contact your assigned elder. A list is also located on the bulletin board as you enter the hallway.

<u>Your Last 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, F, G,	Will Lichtenberg	248-227-9736
H, L, M, W-Z	" "	" "
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



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 3—September 6, 2021

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Still time to sign-up!

We will be looking for your help to volunteer with this year's Arts, Beats & Eats. Some recycling, work, our Drink Booth and Parking attendants are needed. We appreciate everyone's help in the past and look forward to working with you this year.

Help us on **September 3rd through September 6th**. Watch for a sign-up coming soon. This is a great fund-raiser for our church and many people are needed to help with this program. Please consider helping a few hours.

Please contact Tony Valdes at 248-435-8095 for event help or Richard Baker at 248-535-8223 for parking attendant questions.

Arts, Eats and Beats

EVENT HOURS

Fri Sept 3 11a - 11p
Sat Sept 4 11a - 11p
Sun Sept 5 11a - 11p
Mon Sept 6 11a - 9:00p

ONE WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

September 5, 2021

No Classes Held

LOCAL MISSION PROGRAMS - On September 27, the Council of Lutheran Women will present an exhibition of numerous missions that operate locally and internationally. Representatives from each organization will be available to discuss their program and answer your questions. You are cordially invited to attend this event at Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan, beginning at 9:30am. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required so they can ensure that a lunch and program will be available for you. You can learn more by visiting the Council's website at www.clwmichigan.com. Look for the "Council of Lutheran Women's Fall Meeting/Mission Focus Event" on the main webpage. Please come and be informed and inspired!

MINISTRY

Operation Layette's October 7 @ 7:00 P.M.



Mark you calendars!

What is Operation Layettes?

The Council of Lutheran Women

Collects and packages up layette (infant) items to give to various organizations in the Detroit area, such as: Compassion Pregnancy, Peace in Detroit, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. which all assist pregnant women those in need and their families. Item donations for layette packages may be donated throughout the year. Types accepted are: Onesies and sleepers (3-6 months); receiving blankets; cloth diapers; socks and booties; sweater sets (knit or fleece); baby lotions; bottles; infant toys. Everyone is invited to attend and help package. 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. If you have any questions, please call Pam Stasko at 248-544-8390.

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 all those who donate items.

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 may complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the lobby) and return to the church office.

Missionary News – As you know we had been supporting missionary, Rachel Meyer for the last four years in Uganda. We've recently were informed that Rachel has completed her service from this program as missionary and is now living back in the states. She was very appreciative of our donations in helping her provide for this mission and the experiences were undeniably wonderful in leading and teaching children in education and mainly about Christ. At this time council has approved to support a new missionary and his wife over in Africa, Rev. Gary & Mrs. Stephanie Schulte thru LCMS. Our commitment to help support them will be for one year. Rev. & Mrs. Schulte have made this their life career ministry in Africa since 1987, him a pastor and his wife a nurse, both in training other pastors and nurses. You may read more about our new missionaries on the bulletin board located in the church lobby.

VOTER'S MEETING
September 26, 2021
Following the late service
12:30 P.M. Church Lounge



Monthly Bible Readings LCMS 3 Year Series B



			First Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
	Sept. 5 (Prop. 18)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 35:4–7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1–10, 14–18	Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37
	Sept. 12 (Prop. 19)	Sixteenth S. a. Pente- cost	Is. 50:4–10	Psalm 116:1–9	James 3:1–12	Mark 9:14–29
	Sept. 19 (Prop. 20)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 11:18–20	Psalm 54	James 3:13–4:10	Mark 9:30–37
	Sept. 26 (Prop. 21)	Eighteenth S. a. Pen- tecost	Num. 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29	Psalm 104: 27–35	James 5:(1–12) 13–20	Mark 9:38–50

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.



From Rita McClatchey, Co-Principal

"Do Not Be Anxious"

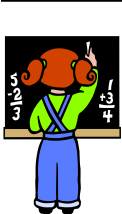
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

The most precious thing to parents is their children. We understand that here, at St. Paul School and Church. Our congregation supports our school because of that belief and understands how absolutely important it is to bring children to Christ. At school, we, of course, also support that belief, and we have the added responsibility of being with the children. We are responsible for their academic, social, and spiritual selves. We have also always been responsible for the safety of the children while they are in our care.

This year, as well as in the recent past, the safety of our children is even more pronounced. Our parents are entrusting their "most precious thing" to us. The teachers and staff here at St. Paul work hard to fulfill that trust. We are all doing our best to take care of the children in every possible way. We know that God has given us his "littlest sheep" to care for.

Please, always keep our children, teachers and staff in your prayers. We thank you for all your prayers and support.

"... And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



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 14 at 6:30pm.**

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

PTL Fun Night - September 24 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Come for a fun, social night with food and games. Come and meet other families! Please do **NOT** drop off your children. This is a family event.

Box Tops Find and clip **Box Tops** from various food packages for St. Paul School! 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 coatroom box marked box tops at the church. Thank you.

Yearly 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.

CALENDAR

Sept 3-6 Labor Day Weekend-No School
Sept 14 PTL Back to School Nite

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

Homebound

Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat
Charlette Schroeder
Kathleen Ulrich
Don Whitbeck

Military

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



In Need

For all men going to the Arcadia
Retreat Weekend

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

Church & School News

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GIFTS GIVEN

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Henry Pittman* by M/M Bob Rutledge

St. Paul School

In memory of *Henry Pittman* by Clara Lichtenberg,
Gay Eskew, Eyla Russ

BAPTISMS

Charlotte Rae Canfield
Marley Louise Baker
Benjamin Scott Bamford

DATE

8-21-2021
8-21-2021
8-29-2021

PARENTS

Matthew & Katie (Allen) Canfield
Jeremy Baker & Katie Canfield
Jeremy & Megan (Spader) Bamford

GIFTS—You may donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using a card located on the shelf in the lobby. This is a two part card, one to go with the gift to the church and the other to be mailed to the family. Both are marked. Contact the church office, 248-541-0613 for any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Julia Paul | 18 Adam Kilbourn |
| 02 Janet Ruszkowski | 19 Amie Szerdi |
| 05 Ola Martin
Ethel Storck
Katherine Zeile | 20 Amanda Brandt
Kelly Kneisel
Maverick Long
Avery Manifold
Lewis Petersen
Anthony Smith |
| 06 Craig Ciccone | 22 Olivia Rummel
Richard Thomas |
| 08 Jason Bock
Carolyn Dober
Grace Hammond | 23 Patricia Brown
Connor Burgess
Barb Snell |
| 09 Lauren Brewer
Caroline Kienman | 24 Chuck Brewer |
| 12 David Cunningham
Kenneth Milz
Deanna Petri
Owen Werner | 25 Ryan Milz |
| 13 Kathy Eifert
Michael Hammon
Josiah Kelley
Craig Maloney
Lee Anne Millinger
Jaclyn Moelich | 26 Kyle Harris |
| 14 David Hemming | 28 Griffin Pierce
Penny Sidick
Kendal Smith |
| 15 Sharon Maloney | 30 Meghan Harris
Sandy Limbaugh |

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

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