

MINISTRY

Capital Campaign Support – St. Paul is in the early planning stages for a capital campaign as shared in the last two Voter's Meetings. A successful campaign will result from the coordinated and prayerful efforts of many people. If you are interested to learn about the varied opportunities there are to participate and support the campaign with your time and talent, please join us for a special information sharing meeting on Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm in the church lounge. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Darren Sipila at (313) 805-9439.



GIVING TREE Help us fill The Giving Tree in the Narthex with items such as socks, gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves. Donations will be given to Wellspring Lutheran Foundation.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE will be located in the lobby for you to place your Christmas cards on that you would normally send to fellow friends of St. Paul. Why not save a buck and wish them by placing your card on the tree.

Wellspring Lutheran Christmas Caring Program— Instead of buying gifts for a boy or girl as in years past, for this year they are accepting donations for Christmas Caring, they will purchase gifts for children. Please make checks payable to Wellspring Lutheran Services and put in memo line: Christmas Caring. Mail in envelopes are located at the Welcome Center. Thank you. For questions see Joline Bowdich.

St. Paul Church & School News A Weekly News Edition for the week December 5, 2021

Young Adults is a group of post-college age to 30 something who gather together to fellowship in Bible study and events. This past season we were meeting with Historic Trinity of Detroit group of Young Adults at the Atwater Brewery for our study and fellowship. Join us on Tuesday December 14 as we will meet at Joe Paladino's, at 7:00PM, 120 Seward #211, Detroit, MI, after that we will be on hiatus until January. Watch for further info as to start up date. For more information about the group or if you are interested in being part of this group, you may get in touch Craig Rinkus at craigrinkus@gmail.com.

ATTN: BIBLE VERSE JOURNALING **COMES TO ST PAUL!** You are most welcome to drop into the church meeting room each week beginning Wednesday, January 12 from 2-3. Each week we'll read a devotion for that day, look at the Scripture dwelt on in the devotion & then color the designed/ preprinted Bible verse with colored pencils or gel pens. Each person will receive a 365 day devotion. book to bring back each week. One time cost is \$5 for the beautiful book. Colored pencils will be provided. I've been doing this "drop in" each week with a group of ladies Up North & have thoroughly enjoyed the Scripture focus & the fun fellowship that happen as we gather.. Questions to Martha Smyth 248.284.3790 or smythfam4@ aol.com See you Wednesday, January 12 at 2 p.m. ***A special welcome to new members or those who'd like to get to know more people!!!***



Be a Christmas Card Evangelist — Easy inexpensive way to spread the good news of God's plan of salvation. Send your cards early, and the message of God's love will be proclaimed

from their mantle for weeks.

SCHOOL NEWS



The School PTL Spring Auction.
We have to begin now to get things ready by then. The auction will be held on April 30, 2022. This is one of the School's biggest fundraisers.

We are in need of donations for the auction. This can be items received by local establishments you may frequent or something special you may want to donate eg: signed sports pictures or jerseys or anything you may have of interest. Please contact one of our directors below. Help is always needed, anyone interested is welcome to join us. There is always a place for you to help. For more information, please contact: Danielle Workman at dworkman11@gmail.com or Laura Guilmette at trekay27@yahoo.com.



School Christmas Shoppe—

On December 10, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping for mom, dad, sister,

brother, grandma and grandpa and friends, to buy handmade 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 made items to donate to our Schools Christmas Shoppe, please bring these in by Wednesday or please contact Anne Sagan at 248-546-5228 or email her at annesagan @yahoo.com for any questions.

LUTHERAN WITNESS—A Lutheran Christian monthly subscription magazine which runs from March 2022 to February 2023. 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

15, after the 15th you are responsible to order your own at a cost of \$13.60 and you'll have to order online at the Michigan District website. Contact the church office to contin

website. 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.

CHURCH NOTES

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

The Book Nook—

Christmas cards have arrived! Only 50 cents each & Scripture on every card. Boxed & single Christmas cards! Book Nook DIY instructions: Take item out of glass case. Drop your payment into the cash box on the brick wall. Checks made out to Martha Smyth. Questions or special orders? Contact Martha at 248-284-3790.

A big "THANK YOU" to the crew that decorated the church for Christmas. It was great to see many new faces and faithful old timers too. A job well done! Gayle Carpenter

Attendance for Live-Streaming Services Online? You may key in your attendance from the form at www.stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance if you are livestreaming the service.



MEMBERS

Current Needs

Bill Fortner (hospitalized)

Long-term Needs

Bill Carpenter (continued care)
Chester Limbaugh, (health concerns)
Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)
Eric Pittman (health concerns)
Eyla Russ (health concerns)
Patricia Walker-Bill (heart health concerns)
Maureen Walsh (health concerns)

Prayers for our Homebound

Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Margaret Kuhlmann
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat

Ralph Schroeder
Charlette Schroeder
Jeanette Till
Kathleen Ulrich
Don Whitbeck

Prayer for our Missionaries

Rev. Gary & Stephanie Schulte, Africa

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



*You may order flowers for special occasions eg.. Wedding anniversaries, birthdays etc or in memory of someone by filling out the flower chart in lobby.

Still \$20 per bouquet. Checks payable St.
Paul Lutheran. Leave in office thank you.

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

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FAMILY & FRIENDS

Nancy Ackerman, (concerns) sister of Denny McClatchey Steven Beattie, (cancer) brother of Anne Sagan Chuck, (health concerns) nephew of Barb Snell Tom DeGrazia (surgery recovery), father-in-law of Scott Manteuffel Amer Fares' (Fa-ress) Family in Lebanon, extreme survival struggles, while he lives here in America and can't help them, friend of Margie Topous Brad Felsner (concerns), brother- in- law of Margie Topous Judy Fife, (health concerns), daughter of Margaret Miller Mike Gunn, (hospice), brother of Pam Rodway Grant Haley, (health concerns) former student of Al Manteuffel

Sarah Kubik (health concerns), sister -in- law of Scott Manteuffel Ashley Nance, (back surgery), St. Paul Boiler Inspector Janie Nelson, (upcoming surgeries), Tim Woodwards mother Anthony Russo, (paralyzed) friend of Will Lichtenberg Lisa Shields, (cancer treatments) friend of Laura Newell Daniel Tharpe (continued care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge

David Wendland (health concerns) son of Jack Wendland

ALL MILITARY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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



Luke 3:4 – "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' " God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

News & Events

A Weekly News Edition for the week of **December 5—11, 2021**

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





CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC 5 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:15 AM WORSHIP COM

9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH CONFIRM, CL.

11:00 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, DEC 6

:00 AM TRUSTEES

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

7:00 PM ELDERS MEETING

TUESDAY, DEC 7

7:00 PM CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DEC 8

10:00 AM BIBLE CLASS

7:00 PM MIDWEEK ADVENT 2 WORSHIP

THURSDAY, DEC 9

8:00 PM MEN'S BKFST-THE AVENUE

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE SET-UP

FRIDAY, DEC 10

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE (ALL DAY, LOUNGE)

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*SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED ARE THROUGH WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/LIVE