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

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JULY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

July 4 Independence Day – Church Closed

July 11-13 Evening VBS Adult/Youth

July 18 Yearly Calendar Planning Meeting & Council

From father to Father

I love this verse from Ephesians 6:4, Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians especially focuses on the relational aspect between a husband and wife, a parent and a child-family with family. But Paul doesn't just talk about moms and dads for the sake of an orderly house. He fixes a family, no matter what your role is, around the Lord. Fathers especially are charged with the divine task in being loyal advocates and stubborn intercessors between their children and God. A father being a dad is important – but a father being a faithful dad is significantly influential.

Here are some shocking statistics on the role of a father when it comes to "the instruction of the Lord," (provided by data given from Promise Keepers and Baptist Press). If a father does not go to church, even if his wife does, only 1 child in 50 will become a regular worshiper. If a father does go regularly, regardless of what the mother does, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their children will attend church as adults. If a father attends church irregularly, between half and two-thirds of their kids will attend church with some regularity as adults. If a mother does not go to church, but a father does, a minimum of two-thirds of their children will end up attending church. In contrast, if a father does not go to church, but the mother does, on average two-thirds of their children will not attend church.

Another survey found that if a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a 3.5% probability everyone else in the household will follow. If the mother is the first to become a Christian, there is a 17% probability everyone else in the household will follow. However, when the father is first, there is a 93% probability everyone else in the household will follow.

Jesus says so little about parenting- makes no comment on spanking, breast-feeding, sibling rivalry, or schooling. Yet his actions speak volumes about the invitation to come to Him. Fathers (and mothers!), what are you to do? "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven," (Mt. 19:14).

Even more so, when you send them off for the day, do so with a blessing. When you tell them goodnight, cover them in prayer. As they grow, so should your prayers for them. Your children should already know that you, as parents in this world, have so much love for them here. Make sure they know the immeasurable love they have in the next world too.



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SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP-

What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: "A person can-

not receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed's First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

"(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

JULY Collection for 'Operation Christmas Child' We will be collecting a different item each month needed for the shoebox Christmas gifts distributed to children around the world through the organization, Samaritan Purse. Small Toys for the month of July 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.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS



We are excited to announce that the Walk for Life will be meeting at the Detroit Zoo again this year to help raise funds for CareNet of Berkley/Detroit on Saturday, August 6 at 8:00 a.m. 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 families 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! Help raise awareness and funds to help moms and dads. To register to walk or donate, please go online and visit www.carenetberkley detroit.org/events or contact Gay Eskew at, 314-368-5417.



Coming This Fall—Arts, Beats & Eats Planning early! We are looking for your help to volunteer with parking. Needed time slots to fill to park vehicles in our lots during this

weekend. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. Please consider volunteering for this outreach event. Sign up sheets will be in the lobby in August. The event takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-5. Thank you! Questions contact, Tony or Jeanne Valdes, 248-561-9188.



We are excited to announce the new format for our FAMILY VBS in the EVENING! It will run Monday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 13 from 6:00-7:30pm here at church. While the children enjoy music, a Bible story, crafts and games, their parents

will join Pastor and others for connection and discussion topics. Check out more information and registration at our website: stpaulroyaloak.org/vbs/. Any questions? Call Chris Schultz (248) 302-7104.

Our House His Throne

PRAISE GOD!

Through prayer, faith and the support of many committed members and friends of St. Paul Church and School our capital campaign, *Our House His Throne*, had a very successful start. After an exciting and inspiring Commitment Sunday Worship and Celebration we have already received over \$511,000 in pledges toward this 3-year campaign. Our initial goal was \$600,000 so we are confident we will achieve that goal and even reach toward our stretch goals.

This commitment to support the campaign will allow St. Paul to address the projects needed for:

- 1. Building repairs to ensure our facilities are safe
- 2. Renovations so we can operate more effectively
- 3. Improvements to upgrade our building functionality

Provide support to other ministries and missions for outreach beyond our walls, (10% of funds raised)

If you made a pledge, you may now begin to submit your donations for this campaign using whatever method is most convenient for you. There are *Our House His Throne* envelopes in the offering envelopes mailed to you, or in the pews at church, or you may donate electronically using the link at www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving/.

If you were not able to pledge yet, please consider supporting this campaign so that we may accomplish all the significant maintenance projects and building enhancements to enable the ministry of St. Paul to positively impact our members, community, and others for generations.

Based on the initial level of pledges received, we have begun talking with engineering firms to get deeper into the planning of some of the construction projects of the campaign. As we get more details and plans, we will determine the timing for these projects based on available funding. The plans and timing will be communicated to St. Paul members as it progresses.

Please continue to pray for the *Our House, His Throne* campaign, and the ministry of St. Paul.

In Christ, The Our House, His Throne Executive Committee

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LLL Men's Camp Arcadia Retreat

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. This years Guest Speaker: Rev. Gabe Kasper & Rev. Dr. Robert Kasper This YEAR'S THEME:

Moving from Dissatisfaction to Holy Discontent
We're all aware the world is changing rapidly. Once
shared cultural values seem to have evaporated.
Churches are shrinking and dying. Young people
are walking away from the faith at alarming rates.
No one is happy about this. We're dissatisfied. But,
what if we changed that dissatisfaction with "the way
things are" to a holy discontent for what God could
do? During our time together we'll explore practical
ways we can move from a posture of dissatisfaction
to a heart on fire with holy discontent.

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 to camp-arcadia.com or watch the news & notes and upcoming mastheads for further information. Date of weekend retreat: September 8—11, 2022.

Further info at: https://camp-arcadia.com/2022-schedule/. Scroll down to LLL Men's Retreat.

Festival



Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus. The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, TX. The theme for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is "In All Things" and is centered around Colossians 1:15-20. For more information contact Colleen Olsen or Tony Valdes. Please keep all these Adults and Youth in you prayers. Thank You.

LUTHERAN ADULT GATHERING YOU are invited to be renewed, encouraged, and equipped at the **LUTHERAN** ADULT GATHERING on Mackinac Island, October 14-16, 2022, at the beautiful Grand Hotel. Since 1981, the Lutheran Adult Gathering has brought together believers in this spectacular setting to be spiritually strengthened for service to Christ in this world. The theme for the 2022 Lutheran Adult Gathering is "In His Presence: Throughout All Generations," based on Psalm 90:1: "Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Each generation is loved by God and called by God to love Him and love others. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel. Registration is now open online at michigandistrict. org/lag22. Deadline to register August 15, 2022



Date

Monthly Bible Readings

LCMS Series C

First Reading

Psalm



July 3 (Prop. 9)	Fourth S. a. Pentecost	ls. 66:10–14	Psalm 66:1–7	Gal. 6:1–10, 14–18	Luke 10:1–20
July 10 (Prop. 10)	Fifth S. a. Pentecost	Lev. (18:1–5) 19:9–18	Psalm 41	Col. 1:1–14	Luke 10:25–37
July 17 (Prop. 11)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 18:1–10a (10b–14)	Psalm 27:(1–6) 7–14	Col. 1:21–29	Luke 10:38–42
July 24 (Prop. 12)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 18:(17–19) 20–33	Psalm 138	Col. 2:6–15 (16–19)	Luke 11:1–13
July 31 (Prop. 13)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Eccl. 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26	Psalm 100	Col. 3:1–11	Luke 12:13–21

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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.

School Notes

SUMMER VACATION: Can you believe it is already here? We know that you and your children will enjoy this break from the busy school year so you can enjoy a Michigan summer. Please know that the school office is still open much of the time. Mrs. Trepanier will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (except for vacation times or an extremely hot day). Please feel free to contact her by phone, email, or come by and visit.

"What are we going to do for fun this summer?" This was a legitimate question from the 11-year-old boy at the dinner table. The oldest of three

children who, along with his siblings, had experienced many restrictions over the past two summers. It was a question that was first, trying to elicit hope, and second, in search of some possible details. Hope that there might actually be a somewhat normal summer and interest in what kind of activities might possibly occur.

"I'm not sure yet," replied his father in a matter-of-fact sort of tone. Uncertainty.

It has plagued us for some time now. It is hard for children who need routine and patterns of predictability to figure out what's coming next. It is a challenge for parents who, while trying to keep informed about how to live safely, don't always have answers – no matter how much they search, plan and even pray – so the response is still, "We just don't know."

This coming summer, we sure hope our kids get to play on their sports teams, go to a friend's house, go to the movies, enjoy parks and other public spaces. We want a real family vacation! We want to see extended family and travel without worries. We just want things to get back to normal. We have grown weary, have gotten angry and just feel sad about the effects of this pandemic.

Whatever happens this summer, the one thing we do know is that Jesus will be with us. He will be there to comfort us if we are still sad. He will console us if we are still angry about things. He will be there to lift us from our weariness. Christ, who suffered and died for us, knows the pains of the world, and He won't leave us by ourselves. No doubt, the world is a tough place a lot of the time – especially over the past 25 months. As the people of God, we know that Jesus comes alongside us through His Spirit, to bring us comfort and hope, to guide us and direct us in every step of our life journey.

Due to the carefree nature of summer we often refer to it as "a little bit of heaven." It certainly can be a delightful season as we enjoy beautiful settings and less-scheduled days, and as it is guided and blessed by Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

May God bless you and your family this summer – in all things!

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Rita McClatchey, 2021-22 Co-Principal



Eric Pittman, 2021-22 Co-Principal

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

We would both like to thank all of our parents for the support you have given us this past school year. We appreciated your participation in the many events that required volunteer time like our PTL activities and our Auction.

Your time was greatly appreciated.
We have enjoyed spending time with your children and your entire family. We wish you a safe, enjoyable summer.
In the Fall, welcome your new principal, Mr. Chris Francik with open arms as you did for us. Blessings!

BUDDY BENCHES DONATED to the school playground from Kathy & Dave Hemming in memory of two teachers & friends of St. Paul: Jane Butala 1957-58 & 1967-1977 and in memory of Eric Heins 2017-2018. Stop by the playground and check them out!

In All Things This Summer JESUS







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Church NOTES

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PRAYERS

Church Boards

Technology

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 &

Prayers for our Homebound

Bill Fortner
Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Margaret Kuhlmann
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat
Irma Pope
Charlette/Ralph Schroeder
Jeanette Till
Kathleen Ulrich
Don Whitbeck

Prayer for our Missionary

Rev. Gary & Stephanie Schulte

Prayers for Military

Eric Banker
Mark Bowdich
Paul Bowdich
Sam Eskew
Ryan Espinoza
Trevor Guilmette
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.

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or Visit our website www.stpaulroyaloak.org

GIFTS GIVEN

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Marilyn Guettler* by The Peludat Family, M/M Robert Adams, M/M Daniel Lawrence In memory of *Barb Snell* by M/M Bob Rutledge, Beverly Limbaugh, M/M David Hemming, M/M Alan Dunker, M/M Eric Pittman, Pam Rodway, Mila Jackson, Marilyn Tripp, Thomas Gatthell, M/M Jim Charnawskas

In memory of Eyla Russ by M/M Bob Rutledge, Beverly Limbaugh, Carol Semon, Mila Jackson, Fay Brown, Sheri Floyd, M/M Eric Pittman In memory of Mary Lichtenberg by Rodney Pope In memory of Will Lichtenberg by M/M Daniel Lawrence

In memory of *Eldon Rasmussen* by Fay Brown

In honor of Fay Brown's *Mother*'s Birthday by Fay Brown

In honor of *Mila Jackson*'s 90th Birthday by

In honor of *Mila Jackson's* 90th Birthday by M/M Bob Rutledge

St. Paul School

In memory of *Eyla Russ* by M/M Jim Charnawskas, Clara Lichtenberg, Pam Rodway, Carolyn Dober In memory of *Barb Snell* by M/M Stan Kualzpuski

St. Paul Capital Campaign

In memory o *Barb Snell* by Clara Lichtenberg In memory of *Eldon Rasmussen* by Clara Lichtenberg

Trustee Fund

In memory of *Eyla Russ* by M/M Richard Baker In memory of *Barb Snell* by M/M Richard Baker

Mission Africa

In memory of *Eyla Russ* by Dorothy Ainsworth

Tuition Assist. Fund

In memory of Eyla Russ by M/M David Hemming

WEDDINGS
Karl & Jessica Schlicker

<u>Date</u> 06/11/2022

Place

St. Paul Lutheran



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