

The Masthead

A Monthly News Edition

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

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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Sep 2-5	Labor Day Weekend Arts, Beats and Eats
Sep 4	ONE WORSHIP
Sep 12	Women's Monday Bible Class Begins
Sep 13	PTL Back to School Nite
Sep 15	Layettes Packaging Nite
Sep 17	Men's Saturday Breakfast
Sep 23	PTL Family Fun Nite
Sep 25	Voter's Meeting

A Kingdom Built

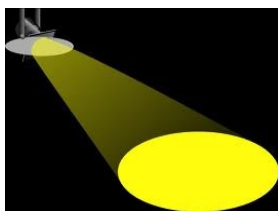
It's 9:24am on a cloudy, damp Monday morning. As I'm writing this article, I'm sitting in my office drinking my morning java as I do every morning here at St. Paul. I usually like to get to the office earlier than everyone else and enjoy the silence, the peace of this church that I get to share with the Lord before his saints come into work the harvest. It's nice. But I'm not alone this morning. I haven't been for a while, actually. As I peek outside of my office window, there they are again. Those busy bumblebees. With the bright orange vests (sometimes highlighter yellow depending on their mood). Construction workers building a Babel-like tower with no end of height in sight. They've been at it for months. Hours on end, day after day. We've come a long way from the tower of Babel – but our hands are just as busy. Our need to build and construct and prepare just as bad. There's never enough room in the world for everyone, is there? Not to mention the cost of an arm and a leg just to get a 1-bedroom apartment here in Royal Oak. But when it's done – it's certainly a sight to see.

Have you tried to imagine what the buildings of heaven might look like? Are there angels in orange or yellow vests working cranes and bulldozers? Is there a 3-year waiting period to get the finest apartment complex of the Kingdom – you know, the rooms that are “river-of-life” side? It's hard to imagine what heaven will look like. We've been given sneak peaks throughout Scripture, but that's all. You might prominently know St. John's description from Revelation 21 (holy city, radiance like a most rare jewel, gold, jasper, glass, emeralds, pearls, etc.) And while all that is glorious, how do we know there's enough room for you and me?

The night before Jesus was crucified, He told his disciples: *"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also"* (John 14:2-3). The Greek word for “house” is literally translated as “an abode” or “dwelling place.” Pair this promise of Jesus with his language of “taking you to myself” and you have... well, enough room for you and me. You see, Jesus is making a point here. It's not about how much room is left. It's not about the buildings, the jasper, the gold, or the gates. It's about “where I am”. ἐγὼ εἰμὶ, Jesus says. I am. That in each moment he exits, there you are with him. Any room” he is in, there you stand. Any mansion that he has prepared for you, there you will be with him. And the cost? Well, it wasn't an arm or a leg. It was his life for yours. His bloodshed. His humiliation. His scars.

There may never be enough room for everyone here in this world- but there's certainly more than enough there in heaven. And when Jesus “takes you to himself,” this I can assure you: it will be a sight to see.

MINISTRY



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—

It's an exciting time at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School with the installation of new staff -- Chris Francik as Principal, Emma Eising as Second Grade Teacher and Zachary Staehr as Vicar working jointly with Historic Trinity.

As we welcomed them to St. Paul in their installation service on August 21st, it's important as stewards of our church and school to not stop there. While the new staff gets acclimated to their new positions, church family and daily routines, our continued support throughout their ministry can further accelerate the new opportunities to grow our St. Paul community.

There are many ways to welcome and support the new staff and their families, including your time and talents. Introducing yourself is a great first step, if you haven't already! Raise your hand for initiatives or events to make them a success. Connect with school families who may not already be members at St. Paul and make them feel welcome. There are endless possibilities!

Filling out the time and talent survey also gives the staff and committees insight into what you might be interested in helping with at the church or school. You can fill out your interests by scanning the QR code.



Welcome to the St. Paul Family, Chris, Emma and Vicar Zach!



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 at 248-541-0613

Women's Monday Bible Class-This is a LifeLight Bible study open to all woman of the congregation. We meet Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge. Begins September 12th *The Letter to the Hebrews*. All women welcome! A small fee for materials. Please contact Janet Dunker 248-459-9156 for questions.

Sunday School Begins—first day will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 9:45 a.m. at the school. Stories, Songs & Crafts just part of the fun this year. For ages PK-6th grade welcome. Bring your friends. We hope to see you then!

Youth Confirmation Classes for all 7th and 8th grade students during the 2022-2023 academic year, with the first class starting Sunday, September 11 at 9:45 a.m. Contact Pastor Andrzejewski if interested, 248-541-0613.

Men's Saturday Breakfast— All men and their friends and neighbors are invited for food and fellowship on the third Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Come one come all! Includes devotions and Bible study topics. Next gathering: September 17, 2022 in the church lounge.

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Sunday Class	w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)
Youth Confirmation Cl	w/Pastor Andrzejewski & Mr. Craig Rinkus
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 w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)
Thursdays 8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at the Avenue Restaurant (Woodward, N of 13)
3rd Saturday, 7:30 am	Men's Bible Study, (lounge)

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.

ELDER ZONES—A new season, 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, D	Tony Valdes	248-505-0925
C, E, F, G	Chip Eising	248-765-0314
H-K	Kevin Calhoun	248-343-8643
L, M	Chuck Brewer	586-822-8619
N-P, Q, R	Mike Rasmussen	248-515-4605
S	Jim Schultz	248-302-6435
T-V, W-Z	Bryan Harris	586-480-4840

Getting an Early Start! School Christmas Shoppe

On December 9, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping and 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. Crafts are fun. If you are interested in making a dozen or more items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe, please contact Anne Sagan at 248-546-5228 or email her at annesagan@yahoo.com or Julie Hansen at 248-778-7246 or jnblue@gmail.com. We will need help in the planning of this event too and will need help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts. So crafters, start preparing now. Please let Anne or Julie know if you are interested in being a part of the planning or working the event. Thank you! PTL Fundraiser Coordinator: Laura Guilmette, 248-376-5027, email trekay@yahoo.com.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 2—September 5, 2022

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 2nd through September 5th**. Admission to the festival is \$5 before 3pm and \$10 after 3pm, **FREE** if you help work the event. Sign-up in the lobby. This is a great fundraiser 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 Steve Carpenter at scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org for parking attendant questions.

Arts, Eats and Beats

EVENT HOURS

Fri Sept 2 11a - 11p
Sat Sept 3 11a - 11p
Sun Sept 4 11a - 11p
Mon Sept 5 11a - 9:00p

ONE WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.
September 4, 2022
No Classes Held



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Follow us on FACEBOOK at:
facebook.com/stpaullytheranroyaloak

MINISTRY

Operation Layette's September 15 @ 7:00 P.M.



Mark your 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 in need and their families. Item donations for layette packages may be donated throughout the year. Items 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 layettes on Sept. 25th. 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.

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 – To help support our missionary and his wife over in Africa, Rev. Gary & Mrs. Stephanie Schulte thru LCMS. Our commitment to help support them is on going with door collections at quarterly services, and prayers. To learn more about Rev. Gary & Mrs. Schulte who have made missions their life career with their ministry in Africa, since 1987, him as a pastor and his wife as a nurse, both training other pastors and nurses in various areas of Africa. You may read more about these missionaries on the bulletin board located in the church lobby by the main doors or by going to <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/international-mission/missionaries>.

Thank you for all your support of these missionaries doing God's work on behalf of LCMS Missions.



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.

VOTER'S MEETING
September 25, 2021
Following the late service
12:30 P.M. Church Lounge



Monthly Bible Readings LCMS 3 Year Series C



Date	Festival	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 4	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 30:15–20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1–21	Luke 14:25–35
Sept. 11 (Prop. 19)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 34:11–24	Psalm 119:169–176	1 Tim. 1:(5–11) 12–17	Luke 15:1–10
Sept. 18	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 8:4–7	Psalm 113	1 Tim. 2:1–15	Luke 16:1–15
Sept. 25 (Prop. 21)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 6:1–7	Palm 146	1 Tim. 3:1–13 or 1 Tim. 6:6–19	Luke 16:19–31

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 Chris Francik, Principal

Welcome Back!

As you read this article, St. Paul Lutheran School is in session. I am excited to be part of the century long heritage of modeling Jesus' love, compassion, forgiveness, and guidance to the students, families, staff, and congregation stakeholders of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School along with providing an excellent academic education. God's blessings to each child of God who is part of the St. Paul Royal Oak family!

The 2022-2023 St. Paul Lutheran School staff is thrilled about the start of another school year. This year's staff members and volunteers include:

Christie Sipila – Preschool and Extended Care Director and Four-Year Old Classroom Teacher	Tina Eising – First Grade and Resource Room Teacher
Blyth Mackinder – Preschool Three-Year Old Classroom Teacher	Emma Eising – Second Grade Teacher
Sylvia Milz – Preschool Volunteer	Dawn Heins – Third and Fourth Grade Teacher
Carole Brower – Preschool Aide and Extended Care Provider	Julie Thomas – Fifth and Sixth Grade Teacher
Sara Jarvey – Preschool Aide	Greg Paul – All School Music and Fifth and Sixth Grade Science Teacher
Kathy Thomas – Extended Care Provider	Sue Trepanier – Administrative Assistant
Faith Frederick – Extended Care Provider	Kal Cochran – Janitor
Miranda Lorence – Kindergarten Teacher	Sandra Haywood – Librarian and Preschool Volunteer
	Chris Francik – Principal and Fifth and Sixth Grade Math Teacher

The start of a new school year brings excitement, joy, and maybe a little anxiety and tension for students, their parents, and the school staff. Excitement and joy fill the air as students greet their friends after a summer of being apart and teachers proclaim their pleasure in seeing former students again. Other emotions are present as well. Parents may feel uncertain as their child grows and matures while needing them a little less; students might wonder about their new teacher and the challenges of a higher grade.

All these thoughts and feelings are a part of life in this sinful, complicated world. Thankfully, Jesus' words in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Jesus' reassurance of His ability and willingness to bring peace to our troubled hearts and minds provides comfort to each of His children. My hope and prayer for each of us is that you know and trust Jesus' words more every day.



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 13 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

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 collects enough, they can have a pizza party on special days.

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 co-atrium box marked box tops at the church. Thank you.

PTL Fun Night - September 23 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.

CALENDAR

Sept 2-5	Labor Day Weekend-No School-Arts, Beats & Eats
Sept 13	PTL Back to School Nite
Sept 23	Family Fun 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

Prayers for our Homebound

Bill Fortner
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
(Africa)

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



In Need

For all men going to the Arcadia
Retreat Weekend of Sept. 8-11.

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

Church & School News

**"The Masthead" &
"The Viking"**

or Visit our website
www.stpaulroyaloak.org

GIFTS GIVEN

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Rev. Ray Scherbarth* by Gay Eskew

Garden Club

In memory of *Herbert Huff* by Dorothy Huff

St. Paul School

In memory of *Eyla Russ* by Darlene Schneider

BAPTISMS

Opal Zenk
Luciana Lafata

DATE

07/17/2022
08/21/2022

PARENTS

Tyler & Krista (Hillenbrand) Zenk
Francesco & Karla (Cook) Lafata

MEMBER CHANGES

Address Changes

Anita Quinn, Mail returned, no forward address
Art Peludat, 8959 Carriage Hill, Shelby Twp, MI 48317
Alice Jackson, 123 Blackstone, Kathleen, GA 31047

Transferred Out

Ian, Chase & Connor Burgess to Our Shepherd, Birmingham
Tom & Sandy Limbaugh to Our Shepherd, Birmingham

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Julia Paul

15 Sharon Maloney

02 Janet Ruszkowski

18 Adam Kilbourn

**05 Ola Martin
Ethel Storck
Katherine Zeile**

**19 Kathy Kast
Amie Szerdi**

06 Craig Ciccone

**20 Amanda Brandt
Kelly Kneisel
Maverick Long
Avery Manifold
Lewis Petersen
Anthony Smith**

**08 Jason Bock
Carolyn Dober
Grace Hammond**

**09 Lauren Brewer
Caroline Kienman
Kathleen Prukner**

**22 Olivia Rummel
Richard Thomas**

**12 David Cunningham
Kenneth Milz
Deanna Petri
Owen Werner**

23 Patricia Brown

24 Chuck Brewer

25 Ryan Milz

**13 Kathy Eifert
Michael Hammon
Craig Maloney
Lee Anne Millinger
Jaclyn Moelich**

26 Kyle Harris

**28 Griffin Pierce
Penny Sidick
Kendal Smith**

14 David Hemming

30 Meghan Harris

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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

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