



# St. Paul Church & School News

## A Weekly News Edition for the week of December 4, 2022



you to Cheryl Dirkse who coordinated this program for over 20 years.

### MINISTRY

**Women's Monday Morning Bible Study**—This is a LifeLight Bible study open to all woman of the congregation. We meet Monday mornings at 9:00am in the lounge. A new study of *Confession* from the *Lutheran Difference* series. All women of the congregation are welcome! Please contact Janet Dunker 248-459-9156 for questions.

The **St. Paul Young Adults Group**, (20-30 something) will be meeting with the Atwater Small Group (Historic Trinity group) again this Fall! We will be meeting **Tuesday Dec 13 at 7:15pm** at the **Atwater Brewery in Detroit** and studying the Book of Romans. NO meeting on Dec 27 due to the Christmas holiday. Whether you're a regular, a newcomer, or just haven't been in a while, it would be great to see you there!

### SCHOOL NEWS

**High School Students**—There will be NO Bible Study held today; however, the group will be meeting for breakfast and a time of fellowship today Sunday, December 4, 9:30am at Leo's Coney Island, 110 South Main Street in Royal Oak.



**School Christmas Shoppe**—Will be held all day Friday, Dec. 9 in the school gym. If you have donated handmade gifts ready, please call or text Anne Sagan at 248-224-0968.

### School Yearly Fundraisers:

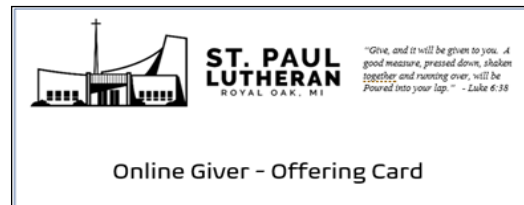
**Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes**—We continue to collect these bar codes found on the pizza boxes. Please bring them in to the

church or school. The school gets cash towards school items we could use or so we can have an all-school pizza party.

**Box Tops**—Find and clip **Box Tops** from various food packages for our school! They are each worth 10¢. Leave them at the school in the box near the office or in the pinned up plastic baggie on church bulletin board. Thanks for supporting the school.



**Advent Season** is here! Lutheran Hour Ministries seasonal devotion booklets are now available for you and your family to use during the Advent season, or give one to a neighbor or friend and invite them to worship with us this holiday season. The books are available for pick up in the church lobby with the holiday worship schedule on the inside cover.



**Online Giver Offering Cards** are now available. For members who give offering electronically, you can pick up an *Online Giver Offering Card* from the Welcome Center each week before entering worship. Giving our tithes and offerings reflects a grateful heart that wants to give back to God a portion of what He has given us; in reality, what is already His. This is our opportunity to show God that He is first in our lives. When we join for offering, simply place the card in the offering plate as an **intentional act of worship and thankfulness**. The cards are reusable and will be available for all services moving forward.



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

**CHRISTMAS CARD TREE** is located in the lobby for you to place your Christmas cards on that you would normally send to your fellow friends of St. Paul. Why not save a buck by hanging your card on the tree. Or... **Be a Christmas Card Evangelist.** Send Christmas cards that proclaim the joy of God's plan of salvation. Most people leave their Christmas cards out for several weeks, so they will have a daily reminder of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas.

### CHURCH NOTES

**Book Nook**—Advent, and Christmas cards are now available! You can also choose beautiful cards with Scripture for your friends & family for only 50 cents each. Check out the many Bibles, books, gifts & children's items. For DIY sales: choose your items, pay cash or check (to "Martha Smyth") by depositing payment into the cash box attached to the brick wall next to the card rack. Questions, special orders & imprinting requests go to Martha at 248-284-3790 or [smythfam4@aol.com](mailto:smythfam4@aol.com).

**Operation Christmas Child**—Each month a different item(s) will be listed in the monthly/weekly bulletins. You can place items in the wood box located in the lobby coatroom. Items needed will be posted beginning in January. Rachel Andrzejewski has volunteered to become our new coordinator. Thank you Rachel! You may contact her with questions at 734-262-3501. Thank you members for all your contributions throughout the year. There were 26 boxes packed. Watch the bulletin news for a new donation list. Also, thank

**Prayer Care**—If you are in need of a prayer spoken or meditated on by St. Paul's prayer warriors, there is a group of individuals who are ready to pray for you. At any time, please feel welcome to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email her at [christinemsteiber@gmail.com](mailto:christinemsteiber@gmail.com). All prayer requests will be kept confidential. Please note: for public prayer in worship services led by Pastor Andrzejewski on behalf of the church, you must contact the church office. Additionally, if you would like to serve as a prayer warrior who will pray for these specific prayer requests, contact Chris Steiber. Prayer requests will be sent to prayer warriors via email..

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

**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](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org) or you can complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the lobby) and return to the church office.



## MEMBERS

### Current Health Needs

Don Storck (recovery & rehab)

### Long-term Needs

Bill Carpenter (continued care)  
Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)  
Patricia Walker-Bill (health concerns)  
Maureen Walsh (health concerns)

### Prayers for our Homebound

Bill Fortner Charlette Schroeder  
Margaret Kuhlmann Jeanette Till  
Donna McMinn Kathleen Ulrich  
Ralph Schroeder

### Prayer for our Missionaries

Rev. Gary & Stephanie Schulte, Africa



**Flowers/Eternal Light** —\*You may order flowers/eternal light for special occasions, eg. anniversaries, birthdays etc. or in memory of someone by filling out the chart in lobby. \$20 per bouquet or \$10 for eternal light.. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Leave in office. Thank you.

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kate Baker, (health concerns), sister of Karen Charnawskas  
Steven Beattie, (cancer) brother of Anne Sagan  
Colin Desmond, (tumors), Historic Trinity member  
Grant Haley, (health concerns) former student of Al Manteuffel  
George Hoemke, (heart surgery & cancer), Jeanne Valdes' brother  
Sarah Kubik (health concerns), sister-in-law of Scott Manteuffel  
Matt Mackinder, (Diagnosis: MS) Marshall's brother  
Kris Morey, (cancer), sister-in-law of Cheryl and Bob's sister  
Janie Nelson (health concerns), Tim Woodward's mother  
Daniel Tharpe (continued care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge  
Robert Tharpe, (leukemia) son-in-law of Bob & Denise Rutledge  
David Wendland (health concerns) son of Jack Wendland

## ALL MILITARY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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



**Matthew 3:1-2 – "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"**  
John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

If prayers need to be removed or added, please contact the church office.  
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# Weekly News & Events

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



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DEC 4

**8:15 AM WORSHIP**  
9:30 AM SR. HIGH BC (LEO'S CONEY ISLAND)  
9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS (ADULT, YOUTH CONF CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

**11:00 AM WORSHIP C**  
**12:30 PM VOTERS MTG (NOVEMBER'S MTG)**

### MONDAY, DEC 5

9:00 AM TRUSTEES  
WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS  
7:00 PM ELDERS MTG.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC 7

8:30 AM SCHOOL CHAPEL  
10:00 AM BIBLE CLASS  
**7:00 PM WORSHIP ADVENT 2**

### THURSDAY, DEC 8

8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST (THE AVENUE)  
6:00 PM PRAISE PRACTICE  
7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE  
8:30 PM BELLS PRACTICE

### FRIDAY, DEC 9

**NO ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**  
School Christmas Shoppe (gym, all day)

## DIRECTORY

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(contact Steve Carpenter, [scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org) to request a communication, print publication or new web project for the website. Submit your news, story, recap, event, or photo and it'll be considered for publication)

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