



December 2, 2022

CALENDAR

Friday, December 2

Spirit Day
Bagels - \$1

7:00 p.m. - Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 4

8:15 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Classes
11:00 a.m. - Worship
12:30 p.m. - Voters' Meeting

Monday, December 5

Aysa Lunch - If you pre-ordered
School Store Open

Tuesday, December 6

Permission Slips Due for Skate World and Caroling

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Service
7:00 p.m. - Midweek Advent 2 Worship

Friday, December 9

Bagels - \$1
Christmas Shoppe

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: IN-PERSON CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR MEMBERS TO QUALIFY FOR THE MEMBER EDUCATION RATE. When you are attending church, we have two kiosks in the narthex to record your attendance! Simply type your phone number and check your name(s)! See an usher for assistance. **NOTE:** If your number does not work, please submit an attendance card with your updated information to the church office. **A minimum of 50% in-person attendance is required each quarter for church members to qualify for the member education rate.**

SKATE WORLD FIELD TRIP: Kindergarten through 6th grade will be going on a field trip to Skate World of Troy December 16th. They will leave school at 12:30 and return at 3:20. Permission slips went home last Tuesday and are due back on **Tuesday, December 6.** Thank you to our PTL for covering the costs associated with this trip.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Our 5th and 6th grade students will be Caroling at the homes of our church members who are homebound, on December 16th. They will leave school at around 10:00 a.m. Please turn in your permission slip by **December 6.**

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. All of our ladies are invited. This is a special night for all women of the congregation to come together and share in the love of our Lord during this Christmas season. A special program and the announcement of the Women of the Year is on the agenda. The sign up board is in the church lobby.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPE: On December 9, the students 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. **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 annesagan@yahoo.com.** We also need help in planning this event, and we will need help the day of the sale with wrapping gifts. Thank you for your support.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP: Everyone is welcome to worship with us during our Midweek Advent Services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Our Preschool will be helping with the service on December 14

Dear Parents,

The Advent season is here. It is a time of preparation in the church year when we anticipate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. During the holiday season, many of us give gifts to our loved ones, reflecting the love God showed us by sending us the gift of His Son. During this time, many families also wish to express appreciation to the school staff for all they do throughout the year. Because of this, the PTL is once again sponsoring a "Staff Appreciation Gift". This gift is funded by your contributions. All monies received will be equally divided among all teachers and staff with gift certificates. If you would like to participate, please place your contribution in an envelope labeled "Staff Christmas Gift" and drop it off at the school office. Please be sure to include your family name on the envelope. Each staff member will receive a card with the names of the families that have participated, wishing them a blessed Christmas. Please have your contribution in **NO LATER than **DECEMBER 16.** If your child wishes to present his/her own gift to the teacher or staff member in addition, or instead of this gift, you are certainly welcome to do so. Thank you for your support. May your family have a wonderful Christmas season!**



THE PTL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Families of St. Paul:

Moms, dads, did you sing in choirs, high school or college, would you like to sing as a family in the 5:00 Christmas Eve service? We've had a family choir for years at this service where the choir sings selections that involve school age kids along with their parents in music that is suited for all.

We do three selections. This year we will again sing "Where is He?" (you can hear this one with our Jr. Chancel Choir and Lutheran High Northwest Chamber Choir at Lessons and Carols, Nov 30, 7:00 at St. Paul). "Where is He?" has the kids singing a question and the adults responding with a simple SATB answer and then everyone sings together at the end.

We will do Natalie Sleeth's "Jazz Gloria" Which is a fun selection with a rhythmic bass and conga accompaniment. The the choir sings four repeating phrases in different voices, kids singing with the Sopranos. It's a easy one to learn and fun to sing.

The last one is a two part arrangement of "Hodie Christus Natus Est" (Christ is Born Today) Kids again singing with the women.

I will have rehearsal MP3's to send out to those interested and we will rehearse Sunday, December 11, and December 18, following the 11:00 worship (about noon) and also meet at 4:00 Christmas Eve ahead of the worship.

In the past this has become a tradition for many families. Even after their kids grow up and move away some continue to sing every year.

If you're interested contact Greg Paul at gpaul@stpaulroyaloak.org or call/text me at 248-765-0316.

SHUT-INS: Each year, our school children share their giving spirit with shut-ins from our church. All the children contribute by bringing in money so that gifts can be purchased. Some of the younger children get involved in buying the gifts, and our older students do the visitations, singing to the shut-ins and presenting the gifts. We hope that all students will participate. We suggest \$5 per family. Please send your contribution in an envelope marked "Shut-in Gift Money." Have your child bring it in to his/her teacher by Friday, December 9th. Our simple gesture means so much to the people we visit.



Extended Care Sign-up Form

December 6 - 9

Please select (circle) the days and times you will be using Extended Care.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	AM	AM	AM
PM	PM	PM	PM

Family Name: _____

Number of Children Attending: _____



Please Note - We will no longer have Extended Care on Mondays.