

# The Masthead

Monthly Newsletter

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

APRIL 2023



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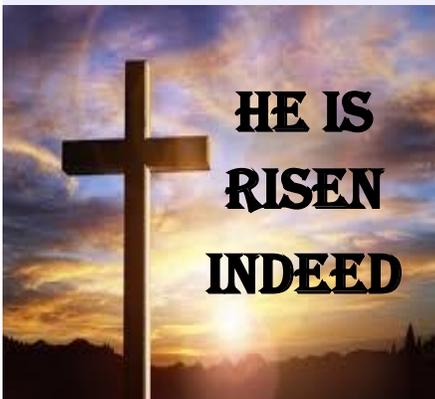


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## APRIL SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Holy Week Schedule
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Breakfast
- Weekly Bible Readings



## THIS OLD LITTLE PRAYER

“Pray like this...” Jesus said in Matthew 6:9. Prayer can be intimidating. I’ll be the first one to admit that. Allow me to be a little bolder- I tried to avoid being “the guy” who lead a public prayer for as long as I could before entering the seminary. Why? Because it’s intimidating. Whether it be in a small group, with individuals, or in front of a church congregation, I just did not want to do it. Why the intimidation? They’re just words, right? Well, yes and no. It’s true: it’s just words. But those words carry weight. Words have the intangible skillset that can change the world... for better or for worse. It can make someone’s day or it can ruin it. And when praying to the Lord (especially on behalf of someone else who is listening to your words in- tently), then fear sets in. Because you’re not just talking to a person... you’re talking to the Creator. The God of gods. The beginning and the end. The Alpha and the Omega. And just the like the saints of old in the pres- ence of God, we freeze in awe and may even begin to babble like Peter did on the mount of transfiguration.

So Jesus makes it as easy as possible for you. Don’t know what to pray for? “Pray like this.” Don’t know what words to use? “Pray like this.” Don’t know how to pray? “Pray like this... Our Father who art in heaven...”. Here’s the thing about prayer: the Lord doesn’t care if you can pray like a mega pastor. He doesn’t care how many three syllable words you can fan- cy up in a sentence to make yourself sound smart. He doesn’t care if your prayer lasts one second or one hour. All he cares about is that you come to him and talk. Let your requests be made known to God (Phil. 4:6). Afraid to do so? Then take comfort in knowing that your God already knows the petitions of your heart before you even speak them out loud. Matthew 6:8, “for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

Prayer can be intimidating – and that’s okay. Because the truth still re- mains: you are speaking to God Almighty. But never let your intimidation cut you off from talking to your Father in heaven, because he wants to talk to you every day. John 24 says “Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” The God of our fathers wants nothing but to give you joy... we just have to ask.

Take comfort in the God who desires you. And join me in praying this old little prayer-

*Lord, sprinkle into my heart the dew of Your grace. Lord of heaven and earth remember me, Your sinful servant, shameful and unclean, in Your Kingdom. Amen.*

Happy Easter!

# MINISTRY

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**4/02 - PALM SUNDAY 8:15 A.M. COM & 11:00 A.M. COM**

**4/06 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. COM**

**4/07 - GOOD FRIDAY TRE ORE 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. & TENEBRAE 7:00 P.M.**

1. *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do* (12:00-12:25pm)

Rev. Dr. Charles Schulz, Concordia University Ann Arbor

2. *Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.* (12:25-12:50pm).

Rev. Peter Nickel, Historic Trinity

3. *Woman, behold, your son! Then he said to the disciple, Behold, your mother!* (12:50-1:15pm)

Vicar Zachary Staehr, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit & St. Paul, Royal Oak

4. *My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?* (1:15-1:40pm)

Rev. Ronald Farah, Emeritus

5. *I thirst.* (1:40-2:05pm)

Rev. Donald Neuendorf, Emeritus

6. *It is finished.* (2:05-2:30pm)

Rev. Ronald Guettler Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit

7. *Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!* (2:30-3:00pm)

Rev. Edward Steeh, Emeritus

**4/07 - GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE 7:00 P.M.**

**4/09 - EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 A.M., 8:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. COMMUNION ALL SERVICES**  
**EASTER BREAKFAST 7:30AM-10:30AM**



## Monthly Bible Readings

<b>HOLY WEEK</b>	Apr. 2	Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16	Phil. 2:5-11	John 12:12-19 (Procession) Matt. 26:1-27:66 or Matt. 27:11-66 or John 12:20-43
	Apr. 6	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Ex. 12:1-14 or Ex. 24:3-11	Psalm 116:12-19	Heb. 9:11-22 or 1 Cor. 11:23-32	John 13:1-17, 31b-35 or Matt. 26:17-30
	Apr. 7	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13- 53:12	Psalm 22 or Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30
<b>EASTER</b>	Apr. 9	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunrise)	Ex. 14:10-15:1	Psalm 118:15-29 or The Song of Moses and Israel	1 Cor. 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
	Apr. 9	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)	Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6	Psalm 16	Col. 3:1-4	Matt. 28:1-10
	Apr. 16	Second S. of Easter	Acts 5:29-42	Psalm 148	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
	Apr. 23	Third S. of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-14	1 Peter 1:17-25	Luke 24:13-35
	Apr. 30	Fourth S. of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10



**Community Food Pantry will be open Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, (Maundy Thursday) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome!**

**Softball Sign-Up**—Spring is right around the corner and church softball this summer is on the horizon. Games are played Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday typically one night a week. Occasionally there could be a week that we play two nights a week. Game nights are at Our Shepherd in Birmingham. The season begins in late May running through early August. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center, if you are interested in playing please sign up soon so we can determine the amount of interest. Please contact Chuck Brewer 586-822-8619 or brewerchuck10@gmail.com with questions.

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION



On Palm Sunday, April 2 we will be receiving several new members into our church at the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the service, come and welcome our newest church family members, held in the lounge. Refreshments served.

### SPRO Youth Events April 2023-June 2023

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Youth breakfast and Bible study – 9:30am in the middle school classroom – all youth who are not in confirmation welcome

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Please join us at Grant Park around 9am to help with the annual Easter egg hunt – grades 6-12 – look for Tony Valdes or Colleen Olsen for direction when you arrive.

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch and bowling after late service – join us at Bowlero Lanes (4209 Coolidge Hwy) for lunch and two games of bowling – grades 6-12 – no money needed for lunch or bowling. RSVP to Carrie (info below) by 4/30/23. 12:30-2:30pm - please arrange for transportation.

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Let's welcome the new confirmands to senior high youth Bible study! We'll have breakfast and meet in the confirmation room for games and Bible study. 9:30am – all youth welcome.

**As always, bring a friend to any of these events!**

For additional information or questions, please text or email Carrie Smith ([smithcarrie5@yahoo.com](mailto:smithcarrie5@yahoo.com)) – (248) 990-5414 or Sue Francik ([suefrancik@gmail.com](mailto:suefrancik@gmail.com)) – (502)381-3597.

### Camp Concordia!

Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Camp nurtures faith inside of kids! Not too early to think about Summer Camp. Summer Overnight Christian Children's Camps (for grades 1-10) and family camp are important for the development of faith, values and life skills. Camp Concordia, in Gowen, MI north of Grand Rapids, is the overnight children's camp in the Michigan District available to everyone's kids. Some kids come to find new friends and others bring friends. Either way, in the midst of the canoeing, swimming, archery, cook-outs and campfire devotions, kids get to relate to the faith journey's of young adults who serve on the Camp Concordia summer ministry staff. This is an opportunity for your kids, or for you to reach out to the children in your neighborhood or community. To find out more on camping registration and to read what parents have to say, please visit the camp's website at [www.campconcordia.org](http://www.campconcordia.org) or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

(BETWEEN 7:30 AM—10:30 AM IN THE LOUNGE)

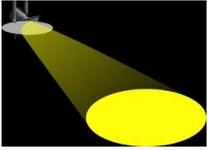


HAPPY  
Easter

### **CANDY 'Still' NEEDED!**

**Easter Egg Hunt — April 8 at Grant Park**, We still need lots of **small candy** (individually wrapped, no larger than an 1 3/4" to fit in eggs) for the Easter Egg Hunt. These can be placed in the marked boxes in the lobby. **No hard candy please.** Thank you!





## Stewardship Spotlight

The following article was written for St. Paul's Masthead in November of 1973 by Stewardship Chairman, Larry Bauermeister. Even though we're 50 years apart, much of what is said in this article is still relevant for our congregation today with the 150th anniversary, Our House His Throne Capital Campaign and the current economic situation in today's society.

### STEWARDSHIP IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

In its regularly scheduled September meeting, your Stewardship Committee developed an estimate of our total financial needs for 1973. If we are to meet these needs, our total receipts for 1973 must exceed \$315,000.

In the year 1900, our total receipts amounted to \$311.50; now we need more than a thousand times that much. We all realize that costs have gone up due to inflation, and our current needs have been further increased by our building program. If you have been buying groceries and reading these newsletters lately, you know all about that, so we're going to give you something else to think about.

How much time and effort do you suppose have gone into the first one hundred years of St. Paul's existence? Can you imagine what sacrifice goes into almost a century of growth such as we are concluding? Have you stopped to wonder why so many people have labored so long in support of a common cause?

If you ponder these questions, you will come to realize that many people believed and lived the words "Build to His Glory." With God's help, they have built a church to His glory - not just a building, but a church, a collection of many blessings He has given our congregation.

Do you know who benefits from their efforts? We all do; we share in all of the blessings God has showered on St. Paul - Word and Sacrament, opportunities for service and fellowship, and material blessings greater than most congregations ever hope to be able to use in the work of His Kingdom.

When you think about that - how He has blessed the work of so many over the years, you might want to thank somebody for what we have as members of St. Paul. Fortunately, you can thank Him and those who have gone by before us at the same time, by rededicating yourself to His Glory. You can continue what others have begun and help complete the first one hundred years at St. Paul on schedule. We have seen in the past that when we all work together, He blesses our efforts and we reach goals much greater than \$315,000.

You can help make that happen again by giving of your time, talents, and treasure in a measure that reflects what He has given you. That's called Stewardship, and that's what this was all about.

### *At the Foot of the Cross*

*At the foot of the cross, I lay it all down  
Everything in my life, that's hidden deep  
inside  
I give it away, for my Savior to heal  
These fears that I have, that I've buried for  
years  
At the feet of Jesus, my heart pours out tears  
As I kneel and pray, my thoughts become  
clear  
And I finally see what's so very dear  
At the foot of the cross, I cry out in pain  
Anguishing thoughts pour out like rain  
But, amidst these tears, I find a peace so calm  
As Jesus scurries in, the darkness fades away  
My heart is freed, my mind once again sane  
And the past torments I've had are forever  
washed away*

*My life burns brighter, like the dawning of a  
new day  
At the foot of the cross, I'm loved and not lost  
Where the Holy drops of blood, have paid off  
sin's costs  
And the Savior was taken, now risen once  
more  
Through the grace of God, the veil was torn  
And the world was cast a new rope of hope  
Dangling freely from Heaven, climbable by  
faith alone  
To an eternal place, where sin and death are  
dead  
At the foot of the cross, life can be found  
On your knees draped in blood, on Calvary's  
sacred ground.*

# SCHOOL MINISTRY



## St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

### Our Mission

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

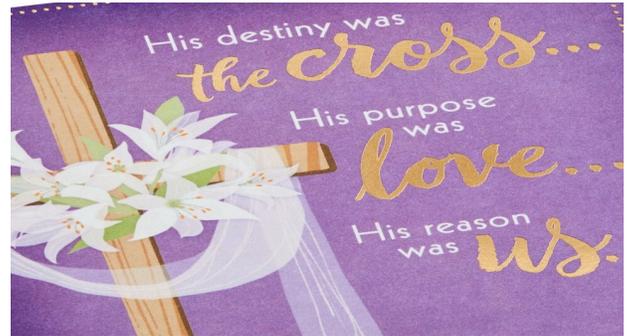


### Statement of Purpose

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.



by Mr. Chris Francik -Principal



## Jesus' Sacrifice for All

Holy Week and Easter are aspects of the Gospel message that deeply impact the students, their families, and the staff. These well-known stories of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, His betrayal and arrest, His trials, beatings, and crucifixion, His death and burial and finally His resurrection paint a stunning picture of Jesus' purpose during His earthly life. Teaching and representing these truths to the students at St. Paul is the teaching staff's highest honor and greatest responsibility.

### 2023-2024 School Enrollment

St. Paul is actively enrolling students in pre-school through seventh grade. If you know children and their families who would benefit from the teaching of this timeless Gospel message for our salvation as well as receiving an excellent academic education, please have them contact

me at 248-546-6555 or [cfranik@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:cfranik@stpaulroyaloak.org).

### FUNDRAISERS

**Pizza Pizza**—Thank you for your previous support of collecting Little Caesars proof of purchase seals. We are going to continue to collect these proofs of purchase seals towards pizza parties at school. Please leave in the bag, on the bulletin board in the lobby. Thank you again.

### **Kroger Community Rewards**—

Go online to [kroger.com/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/communityrewards) to create an account. Kroger Community Rewards makes fundraising easy... all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! A very convenient way to support St. Paul. Our organization # is HG674.

### Calendar-April

April 1	Pastor's Discovery Series part 2 (new member class)
April 2-7	Holy Week (Palm Sunday– New Member Reception, Good Friday, school dismissed Noon on Apr 2)
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt, Grant Park, 10am-Noon
April 9	Easter Sunday (Breakfast & Worship)
April 10-14	Easter Break (No School)



# Church NOTES

## Directory

### For Pastoral Services

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## PRAYERS

### **Church Boards**

Board of Education  
Board of Elders  
Board of Evangelism  
Board of Stewardship  
Board of Trustees  
Board of Youth  
Communications  
& Technology

Fund Operating  
Music Ministry  
Women's Guild

### **Prayers for our Homebound**

Bill Fortner  
Margaret Kuhlmann  
Irma Pope  
Charlette/  
Ralph Schroeder  
Jeanette Till  
Kathleen Ulrich

### **Prayer for our Missionary**

Rev. & Mrs. Gary  
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

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



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

### **St. Paul Church**

In memory of *William Carpenter* by M/M James Charnawskas, Gay Eskew, Bruce Brandenburg, M/M Bob Rutledge

### **St. Paul School**

In memory of *William Carpenter* by Fay Brown, Clara Lichtenberg, M/M Dennis McClatchey

In memory of *Eyla Russ* by Gay Eskew

### **Garden Club**

In memory of *William Carpenter* by Beverly Limbaugh, Mila Jackson, Clara Lichtenberg, Jeanette Till, Rachel & Bryan Harris, Pam Rodway, M/M David Hemming, Edna Lentner, M/M Mike Rasmussen, M/M Glenn Pollard, Virgil & Leane Curren

### **BOE Book Project**

In memory of *William Carpenter* by M/M Richard Baker

### **Tuition Assistance Fund**

In memory of *Carolyn Dober* by Jeanette Till

GIFTS—Donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using the card located 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. Contact the church office, 248-541-0613 for any questions regarding these.

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Sunday Class	w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)
Sunday School	Youth and Adult , various teachers

### Weekday Bible Classes

Mondays 9:00am	Women's Bible Class (lounge)
Wednesdays 10:00am	w/Pastor Andrzejewski
Thursdays 8:00am	Men's Breakfast at the Avenue Restaurant (Woodward, N of 13 mile)
3rd Saturday, 7:30am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, (lounge)

NOTE: If you have a Name, Address, Email, Phone Number change of any sort, please contact the church office either by phone or email. Thank You!

## Member Changes

Addresses: Clara Lichtenberg, 3442 Devon Rd. #326, Royal Oak, MI 48073

Mail Returned: Natalie Garcia, Bill Fortner, Leslie Jones

Remove per request: Alice Jackson, Norma White, Cheryl Vickers

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



1	LOGAN HANSEN DARREN SIPILA JULIE THOMAS	20	CHEYL DIRKSE LILIANA SZERDI
2	PARKER BOWLDS ANGELA HARRIS	21	SYDNEY HARRIS
3	RICHARD BAKER	22	JAMES HERMANN KINSLEY KIEKBUSCH
6	MATTHEW CANFIELD BRENDAN SHAW	23	SUSAN BEYERLEIN
8	TOM ANDERSON	24	IRIS LOUWERS
11	PAXTON WIGGINS	25	TYLER MOREY
12	CHIP EISING	26	SUSANNA SCHNEIDER STOCKTON WIGGINS
14	DARREL MARTIN RICH OHNGREN	27	MAYLA MOELICH
15	PAMELA STASKO	28	GABRIELLE KIENMAN CHRISTIE SIPILA KATHLEEN THOMAS
18	OLIVIA SCHLEY-PIERCE	29	LENA BROWN

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