

The Masthead

Monthly Newsletter

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



Church Office: 248-541-0613 & School Office: 248-546-6555

June 2023

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Front Page.....	1
Stewardship News	2
Ministry	2-4
School News	5
Notes & Directory	6
Birthdays	7
Calendar.....	8



REV. JAKOB ANDRZEJEWSKI

JUNE SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Pre-School Graduation
School All Day Picnic
School Summer Vacation Begins
Father's Day
Voter's Meeting



"Oh Sing to the Lord a New Song"

- Psalm 96:1a

Sometimes I feel there's nothing new in music, it's all old. I joke with the Chancel Choir about little snippets of melody found in music we're working on that seem to come from other songs. It becomes a game for us to figure out where we've heard that melodic phrase before. Somehow though, composers still find ways of putting those phrases together in new and refreshing combinations. Some of those creations can move us in a powerful way. During my ministry I've enjoyed learning and leading "new songs" whether from our *Lutheran Service Book*. or more contemporary songs . Two of my new favorites of this past year were LSB 699 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and LSB 473 "Our Paschal Lamb, that Sets Us Free." From the contemporary genre, I particularly have enjoyed "Blessed Be Your Name," and "Build Your Kingdom Here."



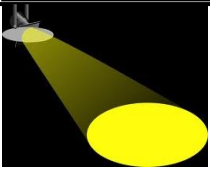
MR. GREGORY PAUL
MUSIC MINISTER/TEACHER

I'd like you to take a look at the concept of a "new song" not so much as a text set to music to be sung in worship, but rather a dynamic, ever fresh response to God in response to his grace and favor for us. A search of scripture for the words "new song" lists nine occurrences of that pair of words together. Six are found in the Psalms (Chapters 33, 40, 96, 98, 144, and 149), one in Isaiah (42:10) and two in Revelation (5:9 and 14:3). All the commands to "sing a new song" are in response to great things God has done. In one case (Psalm 40:3) God puts the "new song" of praise into the Psalmist's mouth . What makes the song new? It seems to me that the "new song" is a personal response to God's love and mercy. It is ever new because it is never the same, a spontaneous expression of prayer and praise to our God set to song. Five of the nine occurrences were commands to "sing a new song".

The last occurrence of "new song" is a unique one and really intrigues me. God set the physics of music into the fabric of creation, but music, like everything else of creation is cursed because of the fall into sin. What must untainted music or song sound like? It's beyond our comprehension. Revelation 14:3 speaks of a "new song" that only those around the throne can learn. It points us to a time when we in heaven join in that song that is so wonderful and powerful that we cannot on this side bear to experience it. WOW! The phrase from our liturgy comes to mind: "Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying..." In anticipation and preparation for that great day, sing your new song today and every day! Perhaps that's what Paul is writing about when he states, "making melody with your heart to the Lord," Ephesians 5:19-20. As you dwell on God's grace for you, let that move you to a prayerful "new song" in your heart to God.

Gregory Paul

MINISTRY



Stewardship Spotlight

When church members hear “stewardship,” their minds tend to leap to tithing. In honor of Mother’s and Father’s Days, however, we can consider the stewardship of parents and children:

The Fourth Commandment, “Honor your father and your mother,” is most often seen as a command for obedience, but it’s also a directive to care for and help (according the Small Catechism - honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem) your parents as they age, to the best of your abilities. This may involve checking in on them, taking them to appointments, helping with projects around the house, or hiring capable assistance.

On the other side, parents are instructed to provide for their children, not just by supporting physical needs, but spiritual needs, as well. Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Instruct them in the home through Bible reading and devotions, send them to Sunday School, and - where available - send them to a Lutheran School. The more consistently our children hear God’s word, the more likely they are to stay in it when they go off on their own and, in-turn, raise their own children in The Word.

Attention High School & College Grads!!

STILL TIME to get your pic in..

We are preparing to create a display board for all our youth who are graduating this year and hoping to get pictures of our graduates with name, school name and degree (if college) and your name, school name, graduation date (if high school) and if planned college, school name you will be attending. Please turn these into the church office or email them A.S.A.P. to prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org. Photos will be returned per your request. Thank you.



NOTES & SUCH

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, enroll at our website www.stpaulroyaloak.org. or you can complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the church lobby) and return to the church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger, 248-584-3128 or Ken Milz, 248-541-0613.



FLOWERS Did you know you can order flowers for the Altar for any given

Sunday. You may sign up in the lobby on the flower chart, located on the bulletin board. Flowers may be in honor or memory of someone, for birthdays, anniversaries or just because. All bouquets (up to 3 per Sunday) may be ordered for \$20 each. Just fill in the line on the chart for and by whom, make a check out to St. Paul and in the memo line put for *Flowers*. We then advertise in our weekly news and notes.

RED ETERNAL LIGHT (candle) that you see on the Altar that burns all year is also under the same concept as the flowers. The cost for this is \$10 and the chart is located next to the flower chart in the lobby. Call the office for further information about this if you have questions.

MORE MINISTRY

MEN’S SATURDAY BREAKFAST All men of all ages of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to the Men’s Breakfast on **Saturdays** for some great fellowship, devotions and Bible study. We meet in the church lounge at 7:30 a.m. Have a nice summer, see you September 16. Come Join Us!

MEN’S THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST— Attention all men of the congregation! Come and join us for breakfast and devotions at The Avenue Restaurant on Woodward north of 13 Mile Road. We are meeting at 7:30 a.m. If you are retired or on your way to work this is a great way to start your day. Great group of men to fellowship with. We hope to see you there!

MINISTRY



June 26, 7:00 P.M., Lounge

Extending Grace

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

For the past ten days, I have been contemplating God's grace to us and how we, in turn, can extend grace to others.

We naturally do just the opposite. We see and tell people how they should change and improve rather than encourage them in what they are doing right. We are impatient with a clerk who is slow in serving us, and we point out faults in our spouse and children. We slander our co-workers and pastors. How can we become gracious — more like Jesus is with us?

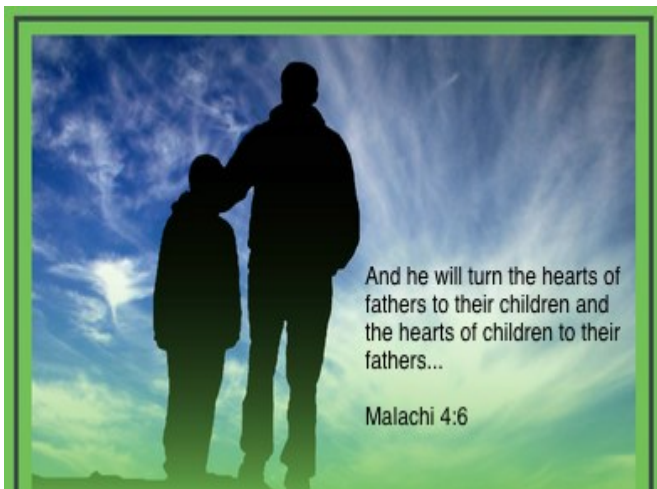
In his book *Putting a Face on Grace*, Richard Blackaby has some tips for us:

- Speak words intended to build up, not to bring down.
- Focus on the needs of others, rather than your own.
- Freely forgive.
- Swallow your pride and say, "I'm sorry," and "I was wrong."
- Live your life with a goal of "no regrets."
- Don't keep score of what is fair.
- Don't condemn or give up on people.
- Emphasize mercy, not justice.
- Read 1 Corinthians 13 regularly.

And always keep in mind that it is God's Spirit within us who will change us into becoming people who extend grace to others.

Father, you continually show grace to your children no matter how many times we mess up. Thank you so much. We don't deserve your love. Enable us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to become people of grace. Amen.

Happy Father's Day
June 18, 2023



BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am (July-Aug 8:30 am)

Sunday Class w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)

Sunday School (Sept-May) Youth and Adult, various teachers

Weekday Bible Classes

Mondays 9:00am Women's Bible Class (Sept-May) (lounge)

Wednesdays 10:00am Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge) (Sept-1st week in June)

Thursdays 8:00am Men's Breakfast at The Avenue Restaurant (Woodward, N of 13 mile)

3rd Saturday, 7:30am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, (Sept-May) (lounge)

YOUTH NOTES

Sunday, June 4th – 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. 9:30 am – all youth & confirmands welcome. **As always, bring a friend to any of HS events!** For additional information or questions, please text or email Carrie Smith at smithcarrie5@yahoo.com – (248) 990-5414 or Sue Francik at suefrancik@gmail.com - (502) 381-3597).



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! Sign up your children for Summer Camp. Summer Overnight Christian Children's Camps (for grades 1-10) 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 Lutheran 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, cookouts 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 or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.

MINISTRY



CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS 2023

Photo Left to Right:
Vicar Zachary Staehr,
Natalie Baker, Lyra Bowdich,
Iris Louwers, James Ohngren,
Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski

How to Talk to God

by Tonja Taylor

Prayer is communicating with God. God doesn't need our prayers, but He *desires* our prayers. That's why He sent Jesus to die for us—for communication, for relationship with Him!

We need prayer! It is really for us. *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be*

called the children of God! I John 3:1

Even Jesus, although He was all God, needed to pray to His Father while He was on this earth. If JESUS needed to pray, how much more do we? Prayer is never wasted, and if we are truly saved by the blood of Jesus, the Lord is faithful to hear and answer our prayers and to cleanse us from all sin! (I John 1:9)

Remembering this simple acronym will help you pray, and you can teach it to others to help them!

P—Praise and Proclaim

Praise Him for Who He is!

Proclaim His wonderful promises!

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods." I Chronicles 16:23–25

R—Recite and Repent

Recite (confess) your sins to Him

Repent—turn from—wrong things

"Repent and believe the Good News!" Mark 1:15

A—Attitude of Gratitude

Thank Him aloud. List all blessings you can think of!

"Every good and perfect gift is from above."

James 1:17

Y—You Yearn

Otherwise called "Supplication"—to ask, to present your needs to Him.

"Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16:24



Monthly Bible Readings



SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
TRINITY	June 4	The Holy Trinity	Gen. 1:1–2:4a	Psalm 8	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	Matt. 28:16–20
	June 11 (Prop. 5)	Second S. a. Pentecost	Hos. 5:15–6:6	Psalm 119:65–72	Rom. 4:13–25	Matt. 9:9–13
	or	St. Barnabas, apostle	Isaiah 42:5–12	Psalm 112	Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3	Mark 6:7–13
	June 18 (Prop. 6)	Third S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 19:2–8	Psalm 100	Rom. 5:6–15	Matt. 9:35–10:8 (9–20)
	June 25 (Prop. 7)	Fourth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 20:7–13	Psalm 91:1–10 (11–16)	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 10:5a, 21–33

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.



Mr. Chris Francik, Principal

As the weather warms, thoughts of summer vacation fill the minds and hearts of students and staff in the school hallways. I reflect on my first year at St. Paul. God has richly blessed my first year here. Working with my thirteen math students, ministering with every member of the school staff, and partnering with Pastor Andrzejewski in providing a comprehensive education for each student in the school are three of a myriad blessing showered down upon me by our Triune God.

Opportunities abound at St. Paul. The entire community of St. Paul has the chance and responsibility given to us by Jesus to share the wonderful blessings of our school and church with our local sphere of influence. I will be praying that we each continue to follow Jesus' command and trust in his promise from Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

St. Paul is actively enrolling students in preschool through eighth 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 cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org.



2023-2024

SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION—

REGISTRATION FEE (*Paid in the office and are not refundable*) (*Kindergarten - 8th Grade*) (*Per Child*) thru June 9 is \$350; June 10 or After is \$400

TECHNOLOGY FEE: \$100 per student

PRESCHOOL TUITION FEE *Preschool Registration Fee is \$150 per child (Registration Fees are Non-Refundable)*

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND- The Board of Education wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that this fund exists to help families who need some assistance in paying their tuition bill next school year. Thank you for supporting the school.

New Administrative Assistant -

Upon the retirement of Mrs. Trepanier as the school's administrative assistant at the end of the school year, Mrs. Blyth Mackinder will be our new administrative assistant. Mrs. Mackinder has many connections to St. Paul as a church member, an alumnus of the school, and recent preschool teacher. Mrs. Mackinder brings a wealth of varied work experiences within the St. Paul community and the larger Detroit Metro area. Please welcome Mrs. Mackinder to her new role beginning Monday, June 19.



Sunday, June 4 – Preschool (PK) Graduation at 11:00 am Worship

School Calendar-June

Thursday, June 1 — PK Book Bag pick-up

Sunday, June 4 – Preschool (PK) Graduation (11:00 am)

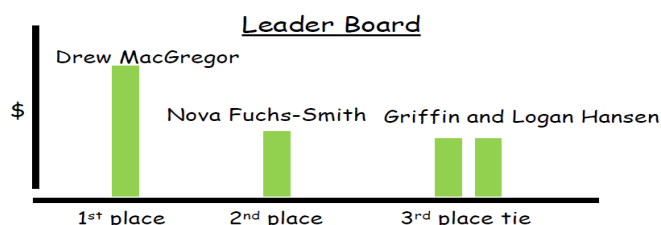
Monday/Tuesday, June 5-6—K-6 Book Bag setup/pickup

Wednesday, June 7 – All School Picnic

Thursday, June 8 – Records Day
(School Dismissed at Noon)

Friday, June 9 – Last Day of School (summer break)
(School Dismissed at Noon)

School Fun Run Day of May 12 Stats- Congratulations!



Church NOTES

Directory

For Pastoral Services

Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
(cell) 734-644-0059
revjski@stpaulroyaloak.org

Church Office
248-541-0613

School Office
248-546-6555

Church Fax
248-541-6965

School Fax
248-546-8096

Church E-Mail:
prodway@
stpaulroyaloak.org

School E-Mail:
slutheranscho113880@
comcast.net

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/
stpaulroyaloak

Web: www.stpaulroyaloak.org

Prayers

Prayers for 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
Irma Pope
Charlette Schroeder
Ralph Schroeder
Jeanette Till
Kathleen Ulrich

Prayers for our Missionaries

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.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Youth Members In by Confirmation 05/14/23

NATALIE BAKER
LYRA BOWDICH
IRIS LOUWERS
JAMES OHNGREN

Address Changes

NICOLE TAYLOR
44685 BAYVIEW AVE APT 20216
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI
48038

DAN AND REBECCA DONNELLON
1423 FAIRWAY CT
DEARBORN, MI
48124

CLARA LICHTENBERG
3442 DEVON RD #326
ROYAL OAK MI
48073

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Fidelis Ruszkowski* by Clara Lichtenberg, Beverly Limbaugh, M/M Jim Charnawskas

In memory of *Ruth Wright* by Suzan Barbe

In memory of *Marianne Simanis* by M/M Bob Rutledge, M/M Ken Ruszkowski, Clara Lichtenberg

St. Paul School

In memory of *Marianne Simanis* by Beverly Limbaugh, M/M Jim Charnawskas

In memory of *Fidelis Ruszkowski* by M/M Denny McClatchey

St. Paul Youth Group

In memory of *Will Lichtenberg* by the Zeile Family

Women's Guild

In memory of *Herbert Huff* by Dorothy Huff

St. Paul Choir

In memory of *Marion Havrilla* by the Zeile Family

June Birthdays

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



01 Gabriel Ohngren

19 Mila Jackson
Libby Walker

02 Jakob Andrzejewski

20 Will Schley

03 Sage Smith

21 Laura Zeile

04 Gary Maloney
Carol Messer

22 Rachel Harris
Connie Moulis

06 John Beyerlein

23 Violet Shooltz

07 Robert Moelich

24 Jeremiah Roche
Opal Zenk

12 Fay Brown
Karen Charnawskas

25 Elizabeth Kienman
Lily Paul

15 Elsey Lefere
Isabella Martin

27 Julie Smyth

16 Ayden Hertz
Crew Valdes

28 Noah Martin

17 Joy Keller

29 Brenden Sharp

18 Susan Mickhail

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
<div> <div> May 2023 <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div> Jul 2023 <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> </div>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						1 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 10:00 AM Book Bag Distribution-Pk, lounge	2 Last Day of PK	3
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
	1	2	3	4	5	6																																																																																											
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																																																																																											
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																																																																																											
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																											
28	29	30	31																																																																																														
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
						1																																																																																											
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																											
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																											
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																											
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																											
30	31																																																																																																
4 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Class 9:45 AM Sr. High Bible Class & Breakfast w/New Confirmants 11:00 AM Worship PK Graduation	5 9:00 AM Trustees 7:00 PM Elders Mtg School Book Bag Setup-K-6, lounge	6 3:00 PM MLT Mtg School Book Bag Distribution-K-6, lounge	7 10:00 AM Bible Cl w/Potluck 6:00 PM Garden Club All Day School Picnic	8 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 12:00 PM School Dismissed	9 12:00 PM School Dismissed- Summer Break begins	10																																																																																											
11 8:15 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship c	12 9:00 AM Trustees 7:00 PM All Boards Bd of Ed Dinner	13 7:15 PM YA (Atwater)	14 6:00 PM Garden Club	15 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 1:00 PM Finance Mtg	16	17																																																																																											
18 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship Father's Day	19 9:00 AM Trustees 7:00 PM Council Mtg	20	21 6:00 PM Garden Club	22 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue	23	24																																																																																											
25 8:15 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship c 12:00 PM Lounge-T. Jackson 150th-Rev Jeremy Schultz Door Collection- Africa Missionary	26 9:00 AM Trustees 7:00 PM Voter's Meeting	27 7:15 PM YA (Atwater)	28 6:00 PM Garden Club	29 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue	30																																																																																												