St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



A Monthly News Edition

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

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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Sep 1-4 Labor Day Weekend Arts, Beats and Eats
- Sep 3 ONE WORSHIP
- Sep 7-10 Men's Arcadia Retreat
- Sep 11 Women's Monday Bible Class Begins
- Sep 12 PTL Back to School Nite
- Sep 16 Men's Saturday Breakfast
- Sep 17 Cracklewood Golf Outing-School Fundraiser
- Sep 22 PTL Family Fun Nite
- Sep 24 150th Service

Greetings!

Salutations, dear friends in Christ!

My name is Adam Hiles, but please free to call me Vicar Hiles, or just Vicar. I figure I can begin by telling you a little about myself:

ADAM HILES (VICAR)

I hail from Carlyle, Illinois, a small town of about 3,000 people in Southern Illinois, just an hour or so east of St. Louis, Missouri. It is a wonderful, simple place, home to so many lovely things: the best carbonated beverage that could ever grace your lips, incredibly kind people that make up one of the closest-knit communities that I've ever seen, some of the greatest rednecks you'll ever meet (their caring actions somehow speak louder than their trucks, which is no small feat), and the beautiful nature of Carlyle Lake. I am blessed to call myself so many things: a proud son to my mother – an amazing Lutheran preschool director – and my father – an equally amazing radiology technician; a very grateful step-son and stepbrother to my fantastic step-mother and step-sister; and the most blessed brother to my darling sister, who is without a shadow of a doubt, my favorite person in the whole world. As thankful as I am to be able to call myself all these things, I am equally thankful for the blessing of being able to call myself your Vicar for this next year.

When I was a young confirmand, I had no idea what I would choose for my confirmation verse. My pastor at the time, who is still one of the most reverent and faithful men I've ever known, chose for me: Psalm 119:105 – "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." At the time I didn't think much of it, but over the years it has become so woven into my heart and mind that I can't cease giving thanks to God that this is the verse that was chosen for me.

God's Word truly is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. It illuminates us, shows us the path before us, and guides our feet to walk in those ways everlasting. This is most clearly seen in Jesus, the Word made flesh, who Himself is the light of the world. And having been united to Him in Baptism, He gives us His light, that we ourselves get to be called the light of the world. I have been so blessed to see the light of Christ in so many of you since I arrived here, and I look forward to a wonderful year of sharing in the goodness of Christ's light with all of you. May He be the lamp which guides our feet and the light that leads our path, both this year and into eternity.

In His Mercy,

Adam Hiles Vicar

MINISTRY

MEN''S ARCADIA RETREAT Since 1946, laymen of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have gathered annually at Camp Arcadia for fellowship, recreation, relaxation, and most importantly praising God and growing their faith.

This years **Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer**, President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour

THEME: Yet to Come the Mystic Close

We live our lives in installments, and sooner or later we look back and...The years are gone... the world goes on without us... and we wonder with Peggy Lee, "Is that all there is?" The church, which we love, hasn't always done a good job of getting us enthused about the present and eager, "can't wait for it to happen," about the future. Let's learn more about Jesus, as Paul Harvey used to say, "the rest of the story."

Pray for our fellow men of St. Paul and other churches up in Arcadia For a blessed weekend and safe travels.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Still time to sign-up!

We are in need of your help to volunteer with this year's Arts, Beats & Eats. Some recycling, work, 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 1st through September 4th.

Sign-up in the lobby. This is a great fund-raiser 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@stpaul royaloak.org. for parking attendant questions.

Arts, Beats and Eats Hours

Fri Sept 1	11a - 11p	Sat Sept 2	11a - 11p
Sun Sept 3	11a - 11p	Mon Sept 4	11a - 9p

FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Begins in September

ONE WORSHIP 9:30 AM September 3 Offices/School Closed September 4



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 info.

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study — We will begin a new study called 'Miracles' from CPH Lifelight on September 11 from 9:00-10:30 am of individual and group discussions. If you have any questions or to purchase a workbook, \$12, contact LeeAnne Millinger at 248-417-9526 for questions.

I	Sunday Bible Classes	
	Sundays, 9:45 am	w/Pastor (lounge)
	(grades pk-6th)	Youth Sunday School (school)
	Weekday Bible Classes	
	Mondays, 9:00 am	Women's Bible Class w/LeeAnne
		Millinger (lounge)
	Wednesdays, 10:00 am	Various Biblical Topics w/Pastor
		(lounge)
	Thursdays, 8:15 am	Men's Breakfast at (The Avenue
		Restaurant @
		Woodward, N 13)
	3rd Saturday, 7:30 am	Men's Breakfast
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Wednesday Morning Bible Class Begins on Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. Join us in the lounge with Pastor Andrzejewski for this weekly, mid-week, study on various topics from the Bible throughout the year. For questions contact the church office.

Youth Sunday School, pk-6th—watch weekly news for start date.

Youth Confirmation Classes are available for all **6th-8th** grade students. Public school confirmation classes is the third Saturdays of each month from 9am-12:00pm. Day school confirmation classes are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday during schools first class period.

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 16, 2023 in the church lounge.

Operation Layette's Coming October 5 @ 7:00 P.M.

Mark you 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 Oct. 5. 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 248-715-4188.



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 through 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. **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 three ways to get started: Scan this code, the easiest and fast-

est way is to enroll at our website, <u>www.stpaulroyaloak.org</u> or you may complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the lobby) and return to the church office.





Getting an early start! School Christmas Shoppe



On December 8th, 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 the school for further information(248) 546-6555 or if you can help in any capacity. We will need help in the planning of this event and will need help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts for the kids. Thank you!

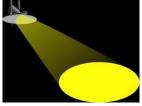


Monthly Bible Readings



LCMS 3 Year Series A

Date	Festival	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 3 (Prop. 17)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 15:15–21	Psalm 26	Rom. 12:9–21	Matt. 16:21–28
Sept. 10 (Prop. 18)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 33:7–9	Psalm 32:1–7	Rom. 13:1–10	Matt. 18:1–20
Sept. 17 (Prop. 19)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 50:15–21	Psalm 103:1–12	Rom. 14:1–12	Matt. 18:21–35
Sept. 24 (Prop. 20)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 55:6–9	Psalm 27:1–9	Phil. 1:12–14, 19–30	Matt. 20:1–16



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bi-

ble. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

> This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.



YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS

God gives each of us unique gifts and abilities to build the church. Serving is one of the best ways to discover and use the gifts God has given you.

As you serve, you'll meet other Christians who can help you see what makes you special. You'll also experience the joy of God working through you to make a difference in others' lives.

No matter what season of life you're in, St. Paul has serving opportunities for every personality, skill set, and schedule. Discover some of our ministries, and sign up to help or to get more information, call the church office at 248-541-0613.

Some areas of opportunities: Nursery/Child Care: scheduler, cleaners, sitter School: aides, coaching, drivers, work events Funeral Luncheons: set-up, clean-up, server, make dessert Reader: during services read Old Testament and Epistle Computer Operator: input services, operate service screens Wedding Rehearsal Coordinator Sunday School Teacher/Aide: for either Adult, Children/Jr & Sr High classes Altar Guild: prepare Altar-clean, set-up, communion/baptisms Garden Club: help maintain church and school grounds Greeter: welcome church goers, members and visitors alike Welcome Center: assist members and visitors alike with church/school information Event Programs: be a worker-Arts Beats & Eats, Easter Egg Hunt, Special reception events Usher: to assist in worship service by handing out bulletins or collect the offering, assist members/visitors Music: be in a choir (chancel, bells, men's chorus) or play an instrument

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

School Year Excitement

As you read this, the 2023-2024 school year has begun. This year's theme is "Abounding in Hope" from Romans 15:13, May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. I am excited about a variety of improvements and plans already installed throughout the school building and larger community.

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 <u>cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org</u>.

Please see the pictures below regarding two of our major improvements made on the school campus this summer.



Wood chips have replaced the old playground safety surface of shredded tires. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated towards the auction held in April 2022. Funds from that event helped to pay for this renovation.



Each classroom has been equipped with a BenQ Interactive flat panel display in each classroom. These flat panel displays were purchased through

COVID relief funds granted to nonpublic schools like St. Paul. These tools will provide multiple ways to enhance each child's learning.

School Royal Oak 1st Annual Golf Scramble Not only can you golf see flyer at welcome center) but this is a great fundraiser for the school. We will need donations for this to help make this a successful fundraiser. This can be items received by local establishments you may frequent or something special you may want to donate, eg: Local company in Romeo, Matt's Woodworking, will be creating a custom wood piece for us to use as raffle item or anything you may have of interest. Drop off in coatroom and label for 'Golf Scramble'. These items will be raffled off at the golf outing.



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Parent Teacher League 'Back to School Nite' Parents come meet the PTL board and visit your child's class-rooms and see and talk with the teachers. Plan to attend **Tuesday, September 12 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 <u>school@stpaulroyaloak.org</u>

<u>PTL Fun Night</u> - September 22 from 6:00 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.

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 $10 \notin$! 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 coatroom box marked box tops at the church. Thank you.

<u>Calendar</u>

Sept 1-4Labor Day Weekend-No School-Arts, Beats & EatsSept 12PTL Back to School NiteSept 17Golf FundraiserSept 22Family Fun NiteThe Masthead

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 Irma Pope Charlette/Ralph Schroeder Jeanette Till Kathleen Ulrich Don Whitbeck

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.



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NOTES...

Thank You to Christie and Darren Sipila for their genericity in renovating the Preschool Threes Classroom. Both Preschool rooms are now bright and welcome areas for young children to learn the love of God and gain new skills for grade school and beyond.

Office Help- Come October we will need a few individuals on a regular basis to fold, staple a possibly stuff our Sunday bulletins and once a month our Monthly newsletter. The Rutledges & Denny McClatchey have been doing this on Friday mornings for many years and are looking to retire from doing this. Thank you and bless you good and faithful servants. Please call Pam in the office if you are interested, 248-541-0613.

GIFTS GIVEN

St. Paul Church In memory of Jack Wendland by Scott Manteuffel

In memory of Walter Roessler by Clara Lichtenberg

MEMBER CHANGES

<u>Address Changes</u> Randall & Parthenia Mickens, 23412 Mary St., Taylor, MI 48180

<u>Transferred Out</u> Julie, Avery, Oliver Grider Thomas Paul

Our Shepherd, Birmingham, MI Zion, Columbus, OH

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

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J.		Janet Ruszkowski		Eric McClatchey
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	3	Tim Snell	19	Kathy Kast
-	5	Dennis Brewer		Russell Keller
		Ola Martin		Timothy Peck
		Elizabeth Stecker		Melissa Snell
Å		Ethel Storck		Amie Szerdi
		Katherine Zeile	20	Amanda Brandt
	6	Miles Carney		Lori Esslair
Å		Craig Ciccone		Kelly Kneisel
		Christine Say		Maverick Long
	8	Jason Bock		Avery Manifold
J.		Grace Hammond		Lewis Petersen
	9	Lauren Brewer		Anthony Smith
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		Ewa Lynn		Christopher Link
?	12	David Cunningham	22	Caleb Charlton
		Tanja Krupa-Grob		Olivia Rummel
		Kenneth Milz		Twana Smith
R		Deanna Petri		Richard Thomas
		Owen Werner	23	Patricia Brown
	13	Myra Cloud		Connor Burgess
		Kathy Eifert		Ruby Donnellon
		Michael Hammon		J. Mikel Ellcessor
		Diane Hodgson		Suzanne Johnson
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		Craig Maloney		Chris Lynn
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		David Hemming		Penny Sidick
		Charles Henry, III		Kendal Smith
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If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613

September 2023

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