St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

The Masthead

A Monthly News Edition

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

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OCTOBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Trick or Treat

Growing up, I always loved getting ready for Halloween. Every year, my siblings and I would go to the store with our parents and pick out what we wanted to dress up as for trick or treating. And every year, it was a different costume! I remember dressing up as a skeleton, a ghost, a zombie, a werewolf, a scarecrow, and even the Phantom of the Opera. Here I am in 2023 and being the responsible adult that I am, I go out every year and buy whatever candy I want to give myself! Halloween is great!

Here's a legitimate question though: what do Christians do with Halloween? Is it innocent fun? Or is it something to avoid? Well... it depends. Halloween is short for All Hallows Eve, that is, the evening before All Saints Day, a Christian holy day on which Christians honored the saints (the "hallowed" ones), the heroes and martyrs of the faith. For Lutherans, All Hallows Eve is also Reformation Day, the day Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses for debate on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. Historically speaking, people also believed that demons were especially active on Halloween. So, in order to guard themselves, they would parade in streets all dressed up in costumes and masks to confuse the demons and confound their schemes.

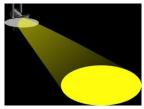
Since then, society has turned All Hallows Eve (Halloween) into a money-making fiesta. So, if your intention and practice is to simply participate in the parade of candy and costumes- great. We don't worship the holiday nor pray to it. But... as a Christian, we should guard ourselves from parading too far into the true dangers that lurk. We certainly don't make a joke out of spiritual warfare- the demons that indeed prowl around seeking someone to devour. Nor do we dabble with the instruments that can lead to spiritual interruption. So... what's the answer? What do we do?

Place God in the middle of all of it. I don't expect baptized believers to be circling around a big bonfire chanting pagan prayers and offering animal sacrifices in order to subdue the powers of darkness. And I don't expect baptized believers to shun the fun and family-friendly traditions of Halloween because there's a chance that the devil might "get ya." The simple truth of the matter is that he can't.

Jesus made a fool out of the biggest scary monster there might be. He conquered him by his blood. He defeated him by his death. He *scared* him by his resurrection. "He's judged, the deed is done" (A Mighty Fortress). Eat your candy. Apologize to your dentist. Go to church and declare the "marvelous deeds of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—

Ephesians 2:8-10 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

For 150 years, members and friends of St. Paul have volunteered their time and talent for the good of the congregation and church. When the original white chapel was built, members felled the trees and put the building together. Back in the 1970's, the big fundraiser was collecting newspapers for recycling. People from St. Paul would go all over Royal Oak collecting papers from neighbors and friends. St. Paul members supported the South Oakland Shelter for over two decades starting in the 90's, providing food, transportation, entertainment, and fellowship for the people that service was caring for. These are only a few examples of important time and talents shared by the St. Paul family over the years that brought a window of God's generosity and love to others.

St. Paul members and friends continue to serve today. Ever since Arts, Beats and Eats came to Royal Oak, St. Paul as been intertwined with this community event. It is annually our biggest fundraiser and opportunity to connect with the community. People from all over from every kind of background attend this festival. The St. Paul volunteers become the face of St. Paul as real-life examples of Christian faithfulness to people they are serving beverages to or helping to park. The witnessing through volunteering to the Art's, Beats and Eats audience is a true blessing.

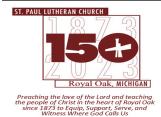
It was shared the Sunday after Labor Day that St. Paul was blessed with the most earnings for parking so far. It was also shared that there was what is estimated to be the lowest number of volunteers so far. Members and friends of St. Paul – there is a long and storied history of great service resulting in fellowship and benefit for the church, school, and community. God wants us to work together, to use this life and all the things He gives us, to do what is pleasing to Him.

Colossians 3:23-24 23 Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, for the Lord and not for men, 24 because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward

There are so many ways to volunteer and make a difference at St. Paul. In the News & Notes this week there are requests for help for a Clean the Church Day on October 14th. Operation Layette 'assembly' is scheduled on October 5th. A request for crafts to be made or provided for the school Christmas shop is shared. At the end of October is the Royal Oak Trunk or Treat which is another fun opportunity to engage with the community around us. Whether you've decorated a car or are helping pass out candy, by simply smiling, sharing God's blessings to the families coming through and may be having a short conversation about the love of Jesus, the Holy Spirit may just stir in someone.

Be encouraged! Make time to be active in the work of the church the school, all to God's glory!

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Celebrate 150 Years of St. Paul Lutheran Special Worship Service October 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Celebration Breakfast in the Lounge Between 8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.





Discovery Series Class (Adult Information Class) - Pastor Andrzejewski will lead this two part class. Class One: October 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Class Two: October 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. While this class is used for anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran by adult confirmation, you are under no obligation to join if you just want to learn about our Lutheran church. Members are welcome to come as well for a refresher course. Please contact the church office at 248-541-0613 for further

information or sign up at the Welcome Center.

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Getting an Early Start! School Christmas

Shoppe On December 8, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping and buy handmade gifts for \$1-5.

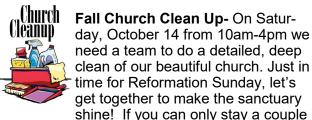


This is an affordable and fun way for the students to get quality gifts for everyone on their list. Crafts are fun. If you are interested in making a dozen or more items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe, please contact Anne Sagan at 248-546-5228 or email her at annesagan@yahoo.com or Julie Hansen at 248-778-7246. We will need help in the planning of this event too and will need help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts. So crafters, start preparing now. Please let Anne or Julie know if you are interested in being a part of the planning or working the event. Thank you! PTL Fundraiser Coordinator: Laura Guilmette, 248-376-5027, email trekay@yahoo.com

REFORMATION DAY

October 29, 2023 No Sunday Bible Class





hours or all day, we need you! All tasks, big and small, need to be done. Many hands will make light work! Please reach out to Anne Sagan annesagan@yahoo.com or text 248-224-0968) for details, with questions and to volunteer.

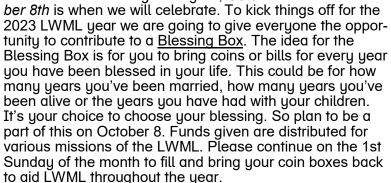


Mark Your Calendars for Royal Oak Spooktacular & St. Paul Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00—3:00 P.M.

Needed volunteers who are willing and able to decorate their <u>trunks</u> and pass out <u>candy</u> for this popular community outreach program. Lots of <u>donations of wrapped candy</u> is needed (we serve a couple thousand kids!) You may leave candy in the white boxes located in the lobby. Trunk signup is also in the church lobby. All decorated vehicles need to be in the Main Street parking lot by 12:30 p.m. the day of event. In conjunction with Royal Oak's Spooktacular event. Contact Colleen Olsen, 248-202-4176 for questions.

Lutheran Woman's Missionary League Sunday Blessing Box

The first Sunday in October is when LCMS congregations recognize the annual LWML Sunday. This year, *Octo-*





Royal Oak Fire Department OPEN HOUSE

Come hang out with the firefighters of Royal Oak on **Saturday**, **October 14th** at the Royal Oak Fire Department, next to the church, for an open house. There

will be Fire Trucks to sit in and on display, Smoke House, Stove Fire and the Jaws of Life demonstration. Free Cider, Donuts, and Ice Cream and much much more!! Come enjoy a day of fun with your child(ren). The excitement begins at 11:00 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m. Events may include CPR demonstration, using a real fire hose, learn about fire safety, watching an extrication demonstration, Bounce House and more. Your child(ren) will have a blast. You won't want to miss this. Bring the whole family.

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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.

Set Apart to Serve — Church Worker Appreciation

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

For all church workers with this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for **all** church workers. For teachers we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His Church. From pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

October has always been the month we set aside to show our appreciation for our Pastor and his family. It might be a simple note of encouragement, a prayer, a small treat of something he and his wife will enjoy or a just a verbal acknowledgment of your thanks and appreciation. While we acknowledge clergy appreciation month, it needs to continue well beyond this month. Just as we expect pastors to be available for us, we need to show our love, support and appreciation on a daily basis. May God continue to bless Pastor and Rachel and all church workers.

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 welcomed to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email 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. "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Ephesians 6:18).



Monthly Bible Readings



Date	Festival	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Oct. 1 (Prop. 21)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32	Psalm 25:1–10	Phil. 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18	Matt. 21:23–27 (28–32)
Oct. 8 (Prop. 22)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1–7	Psalm 80:7–19	Phil. 3:4b14	Matt. 21:33–46
Oct. 15 (Proper 23)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6–9	Psalm 23	Phil. 4:4–13	Matt. 22:1-14
Oct. 22 (Proper 24)	Twenty-first S. a. Pente- cost	Isaiah 45:1–7	Psalm 96:1–9 (10–13)	1 Thess. 1:1–10	Matt. 22:15–22
Oct. 29 (observed)	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 <i>or</i> Matt. 11:12–19

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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



Fall Blessings



School is back in session, and the preschool and school staff have welcomed 73 students from preschool through seventh grade at St. Paul this fall. Each one of these students and their families represents dozens of

opportunities each day for the preschool, elementary, and middle school staff to share and model Jesus' love and forgiveness. What a tremendous opportunity and blessing!

As you know, a school is a multi-faceted organization to lead. Along with the school staff, St. Paul students, parents, and staff are blessed with a group of enthusiastic, committed parents as leaders of the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTL). Without a strong group of parents in PTL leadership, our school culturé would be lacking. The PTL Executive Officers for this year are listed below.

> Laura Guilmette and Julie Hansen – Co Presidents Danielle Kiekbusch – Vice President Julie Hansen – Treasurer Ginny Falls and Rebekka Beacham – Communications Latoya Dye and Meredith Sanislo - Co-Secretaries Rose West, Chandra Charlton, and Adriel Lechner – Members at Large

I am thrilled that these nine individuals are excited and passionate about helping to create a positive, family friendly culture for the students and their families. I encourage the families of St. Paul to build connections with the parents of their children's classmates through the many events the PTL and school staff have planned for this school year.

Finally, I pray that the families of St. Paul can emulate the lifestyles of the early Christians in their connection to God's Word and fellow believers in Jesus. May the actions of the first believers in Jesus as found in Acts 2:42 be our guide. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teach and the fellowship, to the breaking of break and the prayers." God's richest blessings on your day!

St. Paul Lutheran School



Providing a Quality Christian Education for over 100 Years

> 1916—2023 Small Class Size





<u>Viking News</u> 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 school@stpaulroyaloak.org

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¢! 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.

CALENDAR

October 6 PTL Book & Movie Nite (6pm)

Special Persons Day (school dismissed 12pm) 17

18 Picture Day

Preschool Conferences (4-7 pm) 26

27 No Preschool

Records Day 1/2 Day End of Quarter

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Church NOTES

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PRAYERS

Prayers for our Homebound

Donna Brewer
Bill Fortner
Margaret Kuhlmann
Irma Pope
Charlette/Ralph Schroeder
Don Storck
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



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St. Paul Church

In memory of Jack Wendland by Beverly Limbaugh

In memory of Walt Roessler by M/M Donald Storck, Beverly Limbaugh

St. Paul School

In memory of Jack Wendland by Mila Jackson

St. Paul Trustees

In memory of Jack Wendland by M/M Richard Baker

St. Paul Garden Club

In memory of *Jack Wendland* by Gayle Carpenter, M/M Eric Pittman, M/M James Charnawskas, Fay Brown, Gay Eskew, Lura Lee Gehrman, M/M Terry Gehrman, M/M Jeremy Gehrman, Edna Lentner

MEMBER CHANGES

Address Changes:

Margaret Miller, Mail Returned Eric & Jodi Mueller, Mail Returned Kristine Perkins, Mail Returned Isaiah Tietz, Mail Returned



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Sunday Bible Classes

Sundays, 9:45 am w/Pastor (lounge)
(grades pk-6th) Youth Sunday School
(watch for start date)

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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8:00 AM -10:00 AM Celebration Breakfast 10:00 AM One Worship c 150th Final Celebration- Rev. Jakob Andrze jewski	8:20 AM Day School YCC 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC 7:00 PM Elders Mtg	3 8:20 AM Day School YCC 3:00 PM MLT	4 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class	5 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 8:20 AM Day School YCC 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Layettes, lounge 8:30 PM Bells	6:00 PM School PTL Book/Movie Nite - Wonder (gym)	9:00 AM -3:00 PM Discovery Series 1 (adult confirmation cl)
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If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613

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1	Kelly Burch Julie Link Mellissa Ulrich		Viktor Sagan Anthony Valdes	26	Sarah Hillenbrand Rachel Mitchell
2	Aaron Ferguson Doreen Fortney	12	Daniel Bock, Jr. Preston Hager Brett Hansen	27	Anthony Koch Zaphorah Shipp
	Stephanie Keck Brittany Roberts		LeAndre' Turner I	28	Chase Burgess Jim Shields
	Jeanné Valdes Dennis Wozniak	13	Gerald Thiem Otto Zenk	29	Shuwana Cloud Dawn Henderson
3	Daniel Hodgson Callan McClatchey	14	Colton Rice	30	Rick Kilbourn Kurt Kramer
	Henry Miller Teresa Tokar Kenneth Wiedbusch	15	Ben Francik Craig Rinkus Kristin Sharp		Garel Rice Stewart Sutherland
	Refilletif Wiedbasch		Mistili Shaip	31	Deborah Hill
4	Steven Baker Terri Brockmiller Zoei Keck	17	Eric Brown Emily Hill David Newton Alice Schley	01	Jaxtyn Jarvey Paul Taylor Mary Tokar Dennis Walker
5	Kimberly Bergman Robert Laight	40	Peter Walsh		
	Emmet Witmer	19	Cheryl Beyerlein		
6	Gary Bayer Hadleigh Pierce Timothy Ulrich	20	Ashton Adler Blyth Mackinder		and the
	•	21	Albert Harris		
7	Anthony Rossi Jana Yamarino		Kenneth Ruszkowski		
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8	Ellen Bachert				
	Kevin Calhoun	24	G <mark>ayle</mark> Carpenter Tamara Loy		
9	Rachel Andrzejewski Esther Bowdich William Lepola		Zoey Pardo Anne Sagan		
	Nancy Pyykkonen	25	Mark Costakes Jennifer Louwers		
10	Darlene Baker		Ellison Meagher Jeremy Newell		To Table
11	Laura Fiedrich		Eleanor Ohngren		Right

Garrett Sanislo Jacquelyn Wiggins



