



# St. Paul Church & School News

## A Weekly News Edition for the week of November 19, 2023

### MINISTRY

**LAST CHANCE Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donation** - National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is November 13-20 which means we have 8 days left to collect. We have met our goal, and surpassed our box count but we could still reach more children through your donations! \$25 can bring great joy and the Gospel message to a child this Christmas season. Follow the QR code provided or give cash or check to Rachel Andrzejewski and she will build a box for you. No physical donations needed. Text or call Rachel at 734-262-3501 with questions.



**Vote for your favorite Woman of the Year - Voting ballots** of nominated candidates are available the weekends of November 19th & 26th. Winner will be announced at the **Advent By Candlelight** program on Friday, December 1, 2023 (a sign up for this program is in lobby). Signup to host a table and let the women of the church sign up at your table. This is a special night for all women of the congregation to come together and share in the love of your Lord during this Christmas Advent season. Table hostesses will decorate their tables to the theme of the holiday and will provide special desserts for their guests.

**Give Thanks** on Thanksgiving Eve for all God has given you! **Worship is Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Remember to bring a bag of food to the Altar to help keep our pantry full, so that we may serve those in our community in need.



Pantry items suggested: 18oz peanut butter, 18oz jelly, canned foods: meats, soup, fruit, pork and beans, boxed foods: cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes, noodles (all types), (**NO canned pumpkin**). **Come help** put food away on Friday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Questions: Emma Eising, 248-840-8502. May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving!

### LAST WEEK-END for Poinsettia Orders

Help decorate the church Chancel this Christmas! Order your Christmas poinsettia plant to help adorn the chancel. These are 5-6 bloom plants. **The deadline** to order plants is this **Tuesday, November 21**. Order forms are in the lobby or use enclosed form. Plants ordered may be picked up Christmas morning after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Cost: \$10.50. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. For questions call the church office at 248-541-0613.



**Advent Season** is approaching fast! Lutheran Hour Ministries seasonal devotion booklets are available for you and your family to use during the Advent season, or give one to a neighbor or friend and invite them to worship with us this holiday season. The books are available for pick up Nov 26 in the church lobby with the holiday worship schedule on the inside cover. Advent season begins the first Sunday in December.



### Help Needed!! Family Church and Tree Decorating

—On Sunday, November 26, church and tree decorating following late service. Lots of help is needed. Lunch served. Help in kitchen cleanup also needed. Come one, come all! Questions, see Gayle Carpenter or call, 248-548-3199 or text 248-752-6442.



**Bell Choir of St. Paul & R.O. Holiday Magic Marketplace**—Come hear our Bell Choir ring in the holidays on November 30 at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy the Community Tree Lighting, many vendors and Santa, outside Farmers Market in Royal Oak.

### SCHOOL

**Still Time! Crafts are fun!** If you are interested in making or donating a dozen or more items to the school's Christmas Shoppe of Dec 8, or if you can help in any capacity, we need your help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts for the kids. You may contact the school for further information (248) 546-6555 or Anne Sagan at [annesagan@yahoo.com](mailto:annesagan@yahoo.com) Thank you!



**Save the Date**—On Sunday, December 3 at noon, the families and staff of the fifth through seventh grade students will be hosting a chili lunch fundraiser to help cover the costs of these students' trip to the Michigan Christian Youth Camp for outdoor education in May 2024. Chili, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase. The Detroit Lions game will also be streamed during the event. Contact Chris Francik, St. Paul principal, at 248-546-6555 or [cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org) if you have any questions or would like to donate items for this event.

**NOTE:** Please place **Little Caesar Pizza Bar Codes** in white container marked labels located in coatroom just around the wall. Do not bring in any more Box Tops for Educa-

tion labels as they no longer collect these. **CHURCH NOTES**

**Book Nook**—You can choose beautiful cards with Scripture for your friends & family for only 50 cents each for all occasions. DIY sales: choose your items, pay cash or check to (*Women's Guild*), deposit payment into the cash box attached to the brick wall next to the card rack. We have **Thanksgiving Cards and Napkins** available. Come check us out!

**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 welcome to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email her at [christinemsteiber@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Thanksgiving Family Craft** – Pick up a Thanksgiving doorhanger craft for children/grandchildren in your family at the Welcome Center. Plaque reads: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: His love endures forever Psalm 107:1*



### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

#### UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Tree Decorating	Nov 26	12:30 p.m.
Advent by Candlelight	Dec 1	7:00 p.m.
Advent Mid-week Services	Dec 6, 13 & 20	7:00 p.m.
School Santa Shoppe	Dec 8	8:15-3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	Dec 24	5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship	Dec 25	10:00 a.m.
*School Christmas Vacation Dec 22 (1/2 day-No PK) - Jan 5 (school resumes Jan 8)		
*Church offices closed Dec 25-Jan 1 (note offices will close Jan 2-5 at 1:00 p.m.)		



**MEMBERS**

**Current Health Needs**

Craig Maloney (cancer)

**Long-term Needs**

Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)  
 Denny McClatchey (health concerns)  
 Patricia Walker-Bill (health concerns)

**Prayers for our Homebound**

Donna Brewer	Don Storck
Margaret Kuhlmann	Jeanette Till
Irma Pope	Kathleen Ulrich
Charlette Schroeder	Don Whitbeck
Ralph Schroeder	

**All Military Family & Friends**

Eric Banker	Brandon Newton
Mark Bowdich	Brendan Sharp
Paul Bowdich	Hayden Sharp
Sam Eskew	Joe VanDamme
Ryan Espinoza	Tirzah VanDamme
Trevor Guilmette	Jason Zuniga
	Gabrielle Zuniga

**Flowers on the Altar —**

\*You may order flowers/eternal light for special occasions eg.. anniversaries, birthdays etc or in memory of someone by filling out the chart in lobby. \$20 per bouquet or \$10 for eternal light. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Leave in office, thank you.



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

**If prayers need to be removed or added, please contact the church office.**  
 Phone: 248-541-0613  
 Email: [prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org)

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Sharon Charnawskas, (health concerns), sister-in-law of Jim Charnawskas  
 Palmer Charnawskas, (upcoming hip surgery), great niece of Jim Charnawskas  
 Colin Desmond, (tumors), Historic Trinity member  
 Joy Flury, (health concerns), friend of Chris Woodward  
 Anne Gabriel, (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan  
 Grant Haley, (continued care), former student of Al Manteuffel  
 Darlene Holan, (health concerns), friend of Margie Topous  
 Sue Doepner, (cancer), sister of Chris Steiber  
 Kerry Hill, (ovarian cancer), niece of Patricia Brown  
 Patti Jackson, (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz.  
 Ashley King, (health concerns), friend of Jeff & Amie Szerdi  
 Matt Mackinder, (Diagnosis: MS) Marshall's brother  
 Rich Mahler (heart surgery recovery)  
 Janie Nelson, (health concerns) Tim Woodward's mother  
 Bruce & Barb Shaw, (hospitalized), Derek Shaw's parents  
 Michele Polito, (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz  
 Daniel Tharpe, (pneumonia recovery) grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge



**Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.”**  
 Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

**FINANCE**

Weekly contribution average needed based on approved 2023/24 budget:

<b>Weekly Budget Needed</b>	<b>\$11,848.00</b>
<b>Weekly Contribution Rcv'd</b>	<b>\$26,752.30</b>
	11-12-2023

**Weekly News & Events**

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**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, NOV 19**  
 8:15 AM WORSHIP C  
 9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS  
 11:00 AM WORSHIP  
 5:00 PM LOUNGE-CLOUD

**MONDAY, NOV 20**  
 9:00 AM TRUSTEES  
 WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS  
 OFF-CAMPUS STAFF CONFERENCES  
 NO SCHOOL

**TUESDAY, NOV 21**  
 OFF-CAMPUS STAFF CONFERENCES  
 NO SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 22**  
 7:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP C  
 FOOD INGATHERING  
 SCHOOL CLOSED

**THURSDAY, NOV 23**  
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
 SCHOOL/OFFICES CLOSED

**FRIDAY, NOV 24**  
 FOOD INGATHERING PUT-AWAY  
 SCHOOL/OFFICES CLOSED

**SUNDAY, NOV 26**  
 8:15 AM WORSHIP  
 9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS  
 11:00 AM WORSHIP C  
 12:30PM FAMILY CHURCH DECORATING W/LUNCH

**DIRECTORY**

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