



MINISTRY

**Advent Season**—The 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 in the church lobby with the holiday worship schedule on the inside cover.



**Christmas Card Tree** is located in the lobby for you to place your Christmas cards on that you would normally send to your fellow friends of St. Paul. Why not save a buck by hanging your card on the tree.



**MUSIC Ministry** **Christmas Family Choir**—If you and your family have a desire to sing as a group this Christmas, why not join other families of St. Paul to lead in the Family Choir Service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. This involves a simple 2 part and 4 part with a part for children. Rehearsals are the two Sundays before December 24, following late service. Join the fun. See Greg Paul for further info.

**Be a Christmas Card Evangelist**—Send Christmas cards that proclaim the joy of God's plan of salvation. Most people leave their Christmas cards out for several weeks, so they will have a daily reminder of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas.

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**Woman of the Year Voting**—Each year, the Council of Lutheran Women honors women throughout the greater Detroit area who have been selected as their church or organizations 'Woman of the Year'. These women exemplify service to our Lord in His church and in the community. Voting is open to all women of the congregation. The woman you select for this honor should be a volunteer who cheerfully and willingly serves her Lord. Voting ballots for the Woman of the Year is located at the Welcome Center. A special luncheon and recognition off campus will be given in honor for her in March along with other area Women of the Year. Watch in News & Notes for tickets to go on sale to attend the luncheon or contact Colleen Olsen at (248) 288-0769 for questions.

SCHOOL

**PTL Family Book & Movie Nite 6:00 p.m. December 15.** *Polar Express* based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Concession's available. School families, church families, and their friends and family are all invited to attend this family event. We look forward to seeing you there! Join in the fun!

**NOTE:** Please place **Little Caesar Pizza Bar Codes** in white container marked labels located in coatroom just around the wall in lobby where the school picks them up. Do not bring in any more Box Tops for Education labels as they no longer collect these. **Do not place labels on bulletin board or shelves!**

**Help Needed-Teacher for 3 Year Old Preschoolers.** Please contact Christie Sipila for info, csipila@stpaulroyaloak.org or at school, 248-546-6555.

CHURCH NOTES

**Lutheran Witness Magazine** is the official periodical of The LCMS and is published 11

times a year. Orders must be in to the office and paid for by **Monday, December 11.** NO late orders accepted. Cost is \$19.00. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Subscriptions begin in March, 2024.

**Book Nook**—You can choose beautiful cards with Scripture for your friends & family for only 50 cents each for all occasions. DYI 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. Thank you. We now have **Advent Items/Cards & Christmas Cards** available. Come check us out! Looking for help! Need someone to keep Book Nook updated, organized, keep cards filled etc. For questions call the church office, 248-541-0613.

**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.

**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, 1) enroll at our website at [www.stpaulroyaloak.org](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org). or 2) you can complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the church lobby on the shelf) and return to the church office. For questions, please contact LeeAnne Millinger, 248-584-3128 or Ken Milz, 248-541-0613.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**St Paul PIZZA Night at Shields of Troy Dec 21** on 15 Mile Rd. Dine in or Carry out 11am-9pm Shields will donate 20% of your check (excluding tax & tip) to benefit the school. You may come to meet & eat with families at 6pm for a sit down dinner at the restaurant and to fellowship. Pick-up flyer at Welcome Center and present it at time of payment to get 20% for the school.

**Meal Train**-The time is almost here, baby A is on his way! A meal train is in the works. Stay tuned for details and signup information to come in the church bulletins and the church Facebook page.



**Pick up your free 2024 calendar in lobby**

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE		
Advent Mid-week Services	Dec 6, 13 & 20	7:00 p.m.
School Santa Shoppe	Dec 8	8:15 a.m.-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)	

## MEMBERS

### Current Health Needs

Craig Maloney (cancer)  
Margie Topous (health concerns)

### 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, (hip surgery recovery), great niece of Jim Charnawskas  
Colin Desmond, (tumors), Historic Trinity member  
Sue Doepner, (cancer), sister of Chris Steiber  
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  
Kerry Hill, (ovarian cancer), niece of Patricia Brown  
Patti Jackson, (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz  
Aaron King (serious health concerns)  
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, (continued care) grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge



**2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?”** All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

## FINANCE

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

Weekly Budget Needed	\$11,848.00
Weekly Contribution Rcv'd	21,166.50
12-03-2023	

*Generous Father, You gave me all that I am and all that I have. Help me give always to Your glory and the good of others. In Jesus's name. Amen.*

# Weekly News & Events

A Weekly News Edition for the week of

**December 10, 2023**

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



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DEC 10

8:15 AM WORSHIP  
9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS  
11:00 AM WORSHIP C

### MONDAY, DEC 11

9:00 AM TRUSTEES  
WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS  
7:00 PM ALL BOARDS MTG

### TUESDAY, DEC 12

7:15 PM YOUNG ADULTS-ATWATER

### WEDNESDAY, DEC 13

8:30 AM CHAPEL  
10:00 AM BIBLE CLASS  
7:00 PM MIDWEEK ADVENT 2 - PK-K PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, DEC 14

8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST-THE AVENUE  
7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE  
8:30 PM BELLS PRACTICE

### FRIDAY, DEC 15

6:00 PM PTL BOOK/MOVIE NITE-POLAR EXPRESS

### SATURDAY, DEC 16

7:30 AM MEM'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST, LOUNGE

### SUNDAY, DEC 16

8:15 AM WORSHIP C  
9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS  
11:00 AM WORSHIP

## DIRECTORY

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Submit your news, story, recap, event, or photo and it'll be considered for publication)

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