



St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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Monthly Newsletter

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

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MARCH SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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A New Lenten Hymn to Consider

Last fall our Jr. Chancel Choir from the school participated in a Choral Clinic held at St. John in Fraser and led by Dr. Busarow of Fort Wayne, IN. He is the artistic director and head of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir and has deep Lutheran roots. One of the songs we worked on (~125 Lutheran grade school choir kids) was a new hymn for our hymnal, LSB 428, "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow."

It was an instant favorite with our kids. I chose it to use as a hymn in our weekly chapel service.

The text for the hymn is listed below:



Greg Paul,
Music Minister

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow Where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!	O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime! Very God Himself is bearing. All the sufferings of time!
Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be, Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.	Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

Stanza three has particularly intriguing words, language you would only here in a church. "O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!" Take some time to read through and think about this text.

William J. Sparrow Simpson, a Church of England Priest, is the author of this hymn. He lived from 1859 till 1952. His connection to church music was through texts he wrote for musician John Stainer. Stainer had written a passion oratorio similar in structure to Bach's Passions. The title was *The Crucifixion*, published in 1887. It is still performed to this day. Our hymn "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" (LSB 428) was a part of that oratorio. We will at some point learn this hymn that has long been a part of other Christian denomination's hymnals.

Here are the other stanzas from *The Crucifixion* that are not included in our hymnal.

Evermore for human failure By His Passion we can plead; God has borne all mortal anguish, Surely He will know our need.	Up in Heaven, sublimest glory Circled round Him from the first; But the earth finds none to serve Him, None to quench His raging thirst
This—all human thought surpassing--- This is earth's most awful hour, God has taken mortal weakness! God has laid aside His Power!	Who shall fathom that descending From the rainbow-circled throne, Down to earth's most base profaning Dying desolate alone.
Once the Lord of brilliant seraphs, Winged with Love to do His Will, Now the scorn of all His creatures, And the aim of every ill.	From the "Holy, Holy, Holy, We adore Thee, O most High," Down to earth's blaspheming voices And the shout of "Crucify."

If you want to listen to this hymn.... Here's a link for Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAsIP8N1z4Y>

MINISTRY

Lent Services and Holy Week Schedule

Feb 21—Mar 20	Lenten Mid-Week Dinners at 6:00 p.m. Services 7:00 PM
Mar 24	Palm Sunday 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM
Mar 28	Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
Mar 29 (1/2 day school)	Good Friday Worship Tre-Ore 12-3 PM and Tenebrae 7:00 PM
Mar 31	EASTER SUNDAY Worship 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 11:00 AM Easter Breakfast 7:30 AM-11:00 AM
April 1-5	No School-Easter Break



EASTER BREAKFAST

(BETWEEN 7:30 AM—11:00 AM
IN THE LOUNGE)

Help decorate the Chancel for Easter!

Flowers may be ordered using the form below. Flowers may be picked up after the late service Easter morning. You may place your flowers in memory or honor of someone you know.

A listing of givers will be in the Easter bulletins.

Make checks payable to *St. Paul Lutheran*. All flowers must be paid in advance.

Deadline to order is March 18.

Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name _____ Phone _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Cost x Quantity:

Lily _____ x \$10.00 Tulip _____ x \$8.00 Hyacinth _____ x \$8.00

Daffodil _____ x \$8.00 = Total \$ _____

All orders with payment **MUST** be in by **March 18**. Thank You!

Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church

MINISTRY



It's that time again!
Dust off your thinking caps and get your team of up to 8

together! Quiz Night 2024 will be on **Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm.**

At Quiz Night, teams compete in 10 rounds of 10 trivia questions on various topics. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks. Instead of a per player charge, we are accepting free will donations. (Feel free to contribute to the Fund even if you don't play.) All proceeds will benefit the Tuition Assistant Fund, which supports school families. A team signup will be available at the Welcome Center. Any questions? Call Jim or Chris Schultz at (248) 302-6435.

Mom Small Group - Whether you are an expecting, new or seasoned mom, we would love to invite you to join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and a little "me time". The goal of this group is to provide a nurturing space of Godly encouragement and support as we navigate the mission of raising children. We plan to meet on Tuesday, February 27 at 8:00pm in the church lounge with additional meet-ups planned throughout the year. Our regular meetup is the 4th Tuesday night of each month. Please text / call



Krista Zenk (989-245-2052) or Amanda Brandt (313-319-4341) for any questions. We hope to see you there!

Book Nook—Easter Cards Available! You can choose beautiful cards with Scripture for your friends & family for only 50 cents each for all occasions throughout the year. DIY sales: choose your items, pay cash or checks to *Women's Guild*, deposit payment into the cash box attached to the brick wall next to the card rack. Thank you. 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.

CANDY NEEDED!



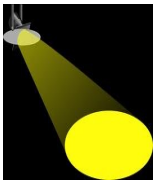
Easter Egg Hunt — March 30 at Grant Park, We need lots of **small candy**, individually wrapped, no larger than an 1 3/4" to fit in eggs) for the Easter Egg Hunt. These can be placed in the marked boxes in the lobby. No hard candy please. Thank you!



Monthly Bible Readings March 2024 Three-Year Series B



	DATE	FESTIVAL	OLD TESTAMENT	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
LENT	Mar. 3	Third S. in Lent	Ex. 20:1-17	Psalms 19	1 Cor. 1:18-31	John 2:13-22 (23-25)
	Mar. 10	Fourth S. in Lent	Num. 21:4-9	Psalms 107:1-9	Eph. 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
	Mar. 17	Fifth S. in Lent	Jer. 31:31-34	Psalms 119:9-16	Heb. 5:1-10	Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45
HOLY WEEK	Mar. 24	Palm Sunday /	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalms 118:19-29 or	Phil. 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark
		Sunday of the Passion		Ps. 31:9-16		15:1-47 or John 12:20-43
	Mar. 28	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Ex. 24:3-11	Psalms 116:12-19	1 Cor. 10:16-17	Mark 14:12-26
	Mar. 29	Good Friday	Is. 52:13-53:12	Psalms 22 or Psalms 31	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30
EASTER	Mar. 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunrise	Ex. 15:1-11	Psalms 118: 15-29	1 Cor. 5:6b-8	John 20:1-18
	Mar. 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day	Is. 25:6-9	Psalms 16	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8



SPOTLIGHT on STEWARDSHIP

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship and is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: It all belongs to God. Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity.

St Paul Lutheran Church

Woman of the Year 2023

Fay Brown

We will celebrate her at the 60th Annual Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 11:00 am at The Mirage in Clinton Township, Michigan.

Pam Stasko is ready to retire as the coordinator of **Operation Layette** after more than 26 years of service. She is wondering if someone else at St. Paul would be interested in taking over that role. Responsibilities include attendance at CLW Board of Directors meetings (couple times per year), CLW general meetings in the spring and fall (including set up display table for Operation Layette), Women of the Year luncheon (including set up display table for Operation Layette), prepare and present reports at Bd of Directors and general meetings, organize layette assembly (twice per year), contact recipient organizations. Maybe we could even have co-coordinators to share the responsibility. She would be happy to discuss in more detail with anyone who may be interested. I would be happy to coordinate with anyone interested -- olsencolleen@yahoo.com

Camp Concordia!



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! Not too early to think about Summer Camp. Summer Overnight Christian Children’s Camps

(for grades 1-10) and family camp 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 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, cook-outs 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.

SCHOOL MINISTRY



Mr. Chris Francik,
Principal

Light of the World

During the past month, God has blessed us with many sunny days, blue skies, and comfortable temperatures for late winter. These sunny, warm days remind us that spring is approaching.

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.

2024
CONNECTED
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. WHOEVER ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE IT IS THAT BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

JOHN 15:1-5 ESV

St. Paul Celebrates Lutheran Schools Week
March 4-8, 2024
School Open House March 10 1:00-3:00 PM

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year in preschool through eighth grade begins on Friday, March 1. Please spread the wonderful news about the academically excellent, Christ-focused education occurring at our school.

Each day the staff and families of St. Paul Lutheran School are living out Jesus' command from Matthew 28:18-20, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."*

Please pray for the school staff and each student's parents as they commit to making disciples of the children of St. Paul.

CHURCH MEMBER SCHOOL FAMILIES:

Reminder to please record your attendance at church services as 50% church attendance is the minimum to receive member tuition. **IN-PERSON** services: Please make it a point to fill out the regular attendance card or use the kiosk at church. With **ONLINE SERVICES**: Just listen, record the date, and fill out the form at <http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/> attendance. Questions can be emailed to boe@stpaulroyaloak.org.

FUNDRAISERS:

Kroger Community Rewards— Go online to Kroger.com/community-rewards to create an account. Kroger Community Rewards makes fundraising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe

your Plus Card! Another convenient way to support St. Paul. Our Organization # is HG674.

Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes—We continue to collect these bar codes found on the pizza boxes. Please bring them in to the church or school. The school gets cash towards school items we could use or so we can have an all-school pizza party.

MARCH CALENDAR:

4-10	Lutheran Schools Week
10	School Open House
11	School Dismissed at Noon
22	Family Book & Movie Nite
29	Good Friday-School Dismissed at Noon
31	Easter Sunday
Apr 1-8	Easter Break

DIRECTORY & Church NOTES

DIRECTORY

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Website:
www.stpaulroyaloak.org

(Please contact Steven Carpenter at scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org to request a communication, print publication or new web project for the website. Submit your news, story, recap, event, or photo and it'll be

NOTE BITS

Men's Saturday Breakfast All men of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to the Men's Breakfast on **March 16** for some great fellowship, devotions and Bible study. We meet in the church lounge at 7:30 a.m. 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, Thursday mornings. We are meeting at 8:00 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!

Need A Prayer! There is a group of individuals at St. Paul called Prayer Warriors, who are ready to pray for you! Please feel welcome 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. For public prayer in worship, please contact the church office.

DayLight Savings Time Change March 10
Spring forward 1 hour



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 Military

Eric Banker
Mark Bowdich
Paul Bowdich
Trevor Guilmette
Brandon Newton
Brendan Sharp
Hayden Sharp
Tirzah VanDamme
Jason Zuniga
Gabrielle Zuniga

To Add/Remove a prayer,
please email the office at
prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org.

Prayers for our Homebound

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



GIFTS GIVEN

Financial GIFTS—You may donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using the card located 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. Contact the church office, 248-541-0613 for any questions.

Address Changes

Ms. Winnie Walsh
2309 E. Lincoln Ave
Royal Oak, MI 48067



FEBRUARY 17, 2024


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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| 1 | Brynley Kiebusch
Rita McClatchey
Denise Rutledge
Christine Steiber | 18 | Balee Ann Eason
Alouis Prukner
Joe Say |
| 2 | Clara Lichtenberg
Trevor Morey
Lauren Osentoski | 20 | Judy Canfield
Kelsey Padgett |
| 3 | Christina Eising | 21 | Todd Meitzner |
| 4 | Christina Crossley (McClure)
Marshall Mackinder, Sr.
Rolaant McKenzie
Karl Schreiber | 22 | Eleanor Workman |
| 5 | Kerry Beyerlein
Sheila Bowlds
Teresa Fullerton-Hertz
Danielle McCall | 23 | Michael Canfield
Amelia Cavicchioli
Julie Hansen
Peggie Lawrence |
| 8 | Tianna Mills | 24 | Christopher Damico
Owen Louwers
Marshall Mackinder, Jr.
Katherine Wetzel |
| 10 | Elaina Damico
Tebeth Snell
Richard Wright | 25 | Chris Burch
Diane Geraci
Taylor Gutowski |
| 12 | Spencer Bachleda
Nathan Morey
Donald Whitbeck | 27 | Jacob Fortney
Sharese James
Leyah Thomas (Wilson) |
| 13 | Michael Poliski
Avery Werner | 28 | Thomas Blackwell
Elizabeth Drewek |
| 14 | Zoe Deprez
Torie Lynn
Daniel Milz | 29 | Dominic Fixler |
| 15 | Zachary Milz
Katina Muse
Kathleen Ulrich
Frank Witsil | 30 | Evan Johnson |
| 16 | Jen Shields
Sante Valdez | 31 | Nora Bergman
Colin Pierce |
| 17 | Michael Bachleda
Gincenta Brown-Falls
Isaak Sagan | | |



March 2024

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C=Communion, YCC=Youth Confirmation Class, WBC=Women's Bible Class, YA=Young Adults, SS=Sunday School, Bible Cl=Adult, Sr High, PS or PKK=preschool/Kindergarten, P/T Conf=parent/teacher conference