St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



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

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MAY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Ascension Worship Memorial Weekend Mother's Day National Day of Prayer Youth Confirmation Sunday



With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation! Isaiah 12:3

"Demonology"

Recently, I've been involved in various conversations and cases of demon possession. While the topic is of great interest to me personally and professionally, I must pastorally advise to the reader: *handle this topic with great care*. The temptation is to dwell too deeply into things we are not careful to poach. Spiritual Warfare can be easy to dwell deeply in. We must first equip ourselves the full armor of God before running headfirst into the battle between the Lord's people and fallen angels. For the purpose of this article, I will briefly touch on the most frequently asked questions (in my experience and in the experience of other pastors) with the intent of equipping you with the saving power of God's redemptive plan. But first... pray with me:

Dear Jesus, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you are with me. Your rod and staff comfort me. Guard me from the evil one and protect me by your mighty power. Amen.

Question 1: When did the devil and his angels fall from grace? We know that <u>all</u> angels must have been created within the hexaemeron (6 days of God's creation). But the devil (that is, the fallen angel) also existed before the fall of Adam and Eve. So, at some point after God created the earth but before Adam and Eve fell into sin, the devil rebelled and a third of heaven was brought down with him.

Question 2: Are there different types of demons? Mark 5:9, "My name is Legion, for we are many." The better question is this: are there different types of angels? There are two types of angels: unfallen and fallen. Within the "fallen" category, there are freed fallen angels (Lk 8:30; 1 Tm 4:1) and bound fallen angels (1 Cor. 6:3; 2 Pt 2:4). Within the "unfallen" category, there are the elect (1 Tm 5:1), Cherubim (Gen 3:24), seraphim (Is. 6:2). Question 3: Why did Satan fall from heaven? Luke 10:18, Jesus says "I saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven." Go ahead and read Ezekiel 28:12-18 and also Isaiah 14:12-14. There's a commonality: pride. Question 4: Can a Christian become possessed? This is a loaded question. The answer depends entirely on the characteristics, practices, and habits of each individual. While various theologians disagree on the answer, my position is this: the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world (1 Jn 4:4). Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to dwell within you (Jn 17) and that through your faith, he will be with you (Ps 23). I do not believe Jesus shares room within the heart of the believer with the one who seeks to overthrow the Lord.

Christ has conquered over the devil. He has promised his presence. He was, is, and forever will be your Good Shepherd who does not flee when the wolf comes (Jn 10). Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

MINISTRY



Now's the time! Don't let vour children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Camp nurtures faith inside of kids! Sign up your children for Summer Camp. Sum-

mer Overnight Christian Children's Camps (for grades 1-10) 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 Lutheran 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, cookouts 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.



Adult Softball Sign-Up—Church softball this summer is on the horizon. Games are played Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday typically one night a week. Occasionally there could be a week that we play two nights a week. Game nights are at Our Shepherd in Bir-

mingham. The season begins in late May running through early August. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby, if you are interested in playing please sign up soon so we can determine the amount of interest. Please contact Chuck Brewer 586-822-8619 or brewerchuck10@ gmail.com with questions. We hope members com out to cheer us on, a schedule will be out soon.

Operation Layette's Coming May 16 @ 7:00 P.M.

What is Operation Layettes?

Many layettes (baby) packages are assembled by the members of St. Paul, Royal Oak, and they are given to various organizations such as; Image of God Pregnancy

Center of Detroit, a pro-life advocacy program that helps women in crisis with spiritual and physical needs, as well as Compassion Pregnancy, Peace in Detroit, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. Approximately 50 packages. It depends on donations given.

You may donate baby items throughout the year. Types of donations accepted are: Onesies and sleepers (3-6 months); receiving blankets; cloth diapers; socks and booties; sweater sets (knit or fleece); baby lotion; bottles; infant toys.

Everyone is invited to attend Operation Layette's assembly evening. We begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Need a new organizer! Stop by for a few minutes, a couple of hours, or just pop in to find out what it's all about. Questions, please call Pam Stasko at 248-544-8390.

Happy Mothers Day May 12, 2024

You Know You're a Mom When...

You know you're a mom when you're up each night until 10PM vacuuming, dusting, wiping, washing, drying, loading, unloading, shopping, cooking, driving, flushing, ironing, sweeping, picking up, changing sheets, changing diapers, bathing, helping with homework, paying bills, budgeting, clipping coupons. folding clothes, putting to bed, dragging out of bed, brushing, chasing, buckling, feeding (them, Not you), PLUS swinging, playing baseball, bike riding, pushing trucks, cuddling dolls, rollerblading, basketball, football, catch, bubbles, sprinklers, slides, nature walks, coloring, crafts, jumping rope, PLUS raking, trimming, planting, edging, mowing, gardening, painting, and walking the dog. You get up at 5:30 AM and you have no time to eat, sleep, drink or go to the bathroom, and yet ... you still managed to gain 10 pounds.



Mom Small Group—We invite all moms to join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and a little "me time". Our goal is to provide a nurturing space of Godly encouragement and support as we navigate the mission of raising children. We plan to meet the 4th Tuesday of every month with our next gathering on May 28 at 8:00pm in the church lounge. Please text/call Amanda Brandt (313-319-4341) or Krista Zenk (989-245-2052) for any questions. We hope to see you there!

Saturday Men's Breakfast—All men of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to join and fellowship with other men of St. Paul on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Devotions, breakfast and a Bible study is always on the agenda. We meet in the church lounge at 7:30 a.m. Hope you will come and join us!

Attention High School & College Grads!!

We are preparing to create a display board



for all our youth who are graduating this year and hoping to get pictures of our grad-uates; (if college) your name, school name and degree and (if high school) your name, school name, graduation date and if planned, college name you will be attending. Please turn these into the church office or amail them to predway@ctnoulroyalook.org or email them to prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org. Photos will be returned per your request. Thank you.



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MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION MAY 12

On Sunday, May 12 we will be confirming Esther Bowdich in the 8:15 a.m. worship service. She will make her vow and take the Lord's life-giving body and blood through First Holy Communion. Please join us in welcoming our newest confirmed member!

Our 2024 Confirmand

ESTHER BOWDICH

RO Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 27th @ 9:00 a.m.

The parade begins at Main Street and Lincoln and will proceed north. The parade has been held on Memorial Day for several decades as a respectful tribute to our veterans – past and present. For more information, visit us at <u>romi.gov/parade</u>





Monthly Bible Readings

LCMS Series B



SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
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	May 5	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 10:34-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-8	John 15:9–17
	May 9	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Eph. 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
	May 12	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-15	John 17:11b-19
PENTE- COST	May 19	The Day of Pentecost	Ezek. 37:1-14	Psalm 139:1–12 (13–16)	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
TRINITY	May 26	The Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Acts 2:14a, 22- 36	John 3:1-17

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In 2007, St. Paul Church and School began observing the National Day of Prayer with a noontime prayer service. In keeping this tradition, we invite you to join the staff, students, church members and friends as we lift up our Nation in prayer on Thursday, May 2nd at 12:00 Noon in the church sanctuary. The National Day of Prayer theme is based on 2 Samuel 22:29-31, "Lift Up The Word - Light Up The World." The prayer guide inserted in the bulletin is a great resource to use in your daily prayers. Extras available at the Welcome Center.

Ascension Worship

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on <u>Easter</u>, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on <u>Good Friday</u>. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. On Thursday, May 9 worship with us at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion for the Ascension of Our Lord. Following the service is an Ice Cream Social presented by St. Paul School Staff.





Stewardship Spotlight

We are excited to share that coming in May, St. Paul will provide a 2-week Bible study on Stewardship Basics! It is an eye-opening study on what God designed us for and how He desires for us to live our lives with complete trust in Him. For long-time members,

brand-new ones, or for guests, this study offers a deeper understanding of faithfulness in all aspects of our lives. We pray you consider joining this thought-provoking study.

Here is a summary of the Bible Study:

Stewardship. It's a topic that rarely provokes a neutral reaction. It either brings disdain because it makes those who hear the message uncomfortable, or it promotes a legalism that is not true to the Scriptures. Neither reaction is godly. To arrive at the desired destination, one needs to begin at the proper place.

"Stewardship Basics" endeavors to do this. It starts with the Creator, not the steward, to show that stewardship is a journey that begins with identity. From creation, human beings were tasked with the stewardship of all that the Lord God made. But this stewardship was not left to the will and whim of man. Instead, being created in the image of God, the steward is to reflect the owner's will in every aspect of his or her stewardship.

Stewards can be good. But because of the first stewardship crisis of Genesis 3, all stewardship is flawed. Usurping the role of the Creator, sinful stewards claimed ownership of what was not theirs. The result was judgment. This judgment did not excuse the steward from his or her created purpose; it only made stewardship an unpleasant labor. But in the blessing of the Gospel, the steward is redeemed and set free to reflect the image of the Creator and Redeemer.

Stewardship that begins in the right place can, by the leading of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, produce an understanding of stewardship that is liberating. The desired result is faithfulness.

Hopefully, those using it will find that it can be very helpful in starting a discussion of whole-life stewardship



The Bible study is being split into two sessions, 90 minutes each (only about 1.5% your

awake time each week). Refreshments will be provided and childcare will be arranged based on feedback. If you are interested, please scan the QR code or sign-up at the welcome center. It would be awesome to have congregation-wide participation!

SCHOOL MINISTRY



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.

By Mr. Chris Francik, Principal



Blessed to Minister



The shock and amazement of that first Easter morning floods my mind and heart with a variety of thoughts and feelings. I ponder how the first witnesses of the empty tomb. several women, Peter, and John, felt when they saw the open grave. What had happened? Where was Jesus? What does this mean? The staff of St. Paul Lutheran School and I have the blessing to answer these questions for our students and their families. Teaching and modeling

the truth and joy of Jesus' resurrection is one of the many benefits of ministering at St. Paul. I am thankful that I am part of a ministry team who shares God's love, mercy, and forgiveness throughout each day.

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 cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org.

New Preschool Lead Teacher—School leadership is Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes—We continue thankful Mrs. Jaclvn Moelich, a congregation member, will be joining the school staff as the three-yearold classroom lead teacher in the fall. Mrs. Moelich brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as an educator. The school staff looks forward to welcoming her to the school community as a fellow minister of God's Word.

Tuition Assistance Fund—The Board of Education wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that this fund exists to help families who need some assistance in helping pay towards their tuition bill next school year. Donations are always accepted. Make check out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you.

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.

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.

Returnables for Learning—Learning opportunities, such as field trips and overnight trips, provide a valuable opportunity for St. Paul students to experience learning and life in a different way from a classroom setting. One easy way for you to support this learning is by dropping off your returnable items in the church lobby bin. The funds raised from these items will help support St. Paul students take trips to Michigan Christian Youth Camp for outdoor education and Washington D.C. Please consider turning in cans and bottles of carbonated liquids and DON'T crush the containers so the bar codes can be easily read. Thank you for your support.

Calendar-May

May 2	National Day of Prayer
-	School Tie Dye Fun
May 9	Ascension Day Worship (7:00 p.m.) Ice Cream Social (following service)
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May 20-23 Outdoor Education (Grade 5/6) May 24 Field Day (School Dismissed at Noon) Memorial Day (No School) May 27 May 30 Spring School Concert (7:00 p.m.)

Directory & Church NOTES

Directory

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(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

Community Food Pantry Monthly: 1st Thursday (drive thru) 11am-1pm and 2nd & 4th Mondays (walk-in) 9am-12pm

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 **Donna Brewer** Margaret Kuhlmann Irma Pope **Charlette Schroeder** Ralph Schroeder

Don Storck Jeanette Till

Prayers for Military

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

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



OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms Date: Lechner, Micah David 03/28/2024 Parents: Pat & Adriel (Ewert) Lechner

04/07/2024 Keck, Nanci Grace Parents: Stephani (Gloomis) & Benjamin Keck

Membership

Members to be Confirmed on May 12 Parents: Heidi & Mark Esther Bowdich

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

St. Paul School in memory of Craig Maloney by M/M Jim Charnawskas

BIBLE CLASSES

(lounge)

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Sunday Class

w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)

Weekday Bible Classes

Monday 9:00am 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm 4th Tuesday 8:00pm Thursday 8:00am

Women's Bible Class (lounge), Young Adults (Faith Formation) Mom Small Group (lounge) Wednesday 10:00am w/Pastor Andrzejewski, (lounge) Men's Breakfast at the Avenue Restaurant (Woodward, N of 13 mi) 3rd Saturday, 7:30am Men's Monthly Breakfast Study, **NOTE BITS**

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 your 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 <u>christinemsteiber@gmail.com</u>. All prayer requests will be kept confidential. For public prayer in worship, please contact the church office.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Gay Eskew's 75th Birthday Party on Sunday, June 23, 2024 in Augusta, MO! If you CANNOT make it, but would still like to send a card, the instructions are also in the invitation. Go to invite below ...

https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/mLkk53LFJpDWgbT 52mb6m

Please reach out with any questions! We're looking forward to seeing or hearing from you! Info in invitation. All the best,

Tirzah and the rest of the Eskew kids.

May Bírthdays If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613 ୦ ୭ ୦ ලා HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ୦ ๏ Lisa McNeal 14 Baylie Cloud 1 **Addison Squire Desmond Shaw** 2 Colleen Olsen 15 Kelsey Milz 3 16 Dan Donnellon Jeanette Till ୦ Nanci Keck 17 Jackson Dowhan **Jeremy Fuchs** 4 Mason Burch **Carole Grayson** ଚ Corissa McClatchev Miranda Mueller 5 Brody Cunningham **18 Faith Frederick** Jennifer Rabideau **David Markev** 6 Nathan Blackwell Leah Mitchell Geraldine Bush **Dawn Taylor Monica Mills** Jennifer Werner Dennis Hertz 7 **19 Jennifer Mace** Lee Woelmer 20 Emily Geraci Camdyn Young Evan Szerdi 8 June Donnellon 22 Gabriel Adler Lucy Donnellon Lillian Blackwell Amanda Hammond Braydon Drew (VerWeibe) Georgia Martini **Ralph Schroeder** Brian Hermann 9 **Carrie Smith** Stephani Johnson 23 Kristine Dowhan Ronald Loretitsch **Raelynn Wesley Brooklyn Mickhail** 25 Kaylin Bachert 10 Miranda Lorence Emma Rosenzweig Samantha Rasmussen **Bob Rutledge** 11 Hannah Bamford 26 John Grob Charese Eason Emma Peck **Cathryn Greener** 27 Carly Geraci Roger Pierce 6 Otto Smith Hayden Sharp **Donna Snell** Jimmy Sidick Melia Woelmer 12 Daniel Carpenter 29 Theodore Eising Steven Carpenter **Dennis McClatchey Daniel Lawrence** 30 Marley Baker Maegen Lienard Elizabeth Rummel Jeremiah 'Chay' Smith Luke Simpson Barb Strick Arthur Steiber Jr Carol Zimnie 31 Steven Ebmever 13 Alyssa Crossley **Devin Mitchell** Irma Pope Harold Sharp **(**)

May 2024								
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Memorial	Memorial Weekend							
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=preschoolkindergarten, P/T Conf=parent/teacher conference								