



# St. Paul Church & School News

## A Weekly News Edition for the week of May 5, 2024

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

### MINISTRY

#### **Softball Interest Sign-Up —**

Church softball begins soon for this summer. 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 usually at Our Shepherd in Birmingham. The season begins in late May running through early August. There is a sign up sheet on the lobby bulletin board. If you are interested in playing, please sign up soon. Please contact Chuck Brewer 586-822-8619 or brewerchuck10@gmail.com with questions.



**Operation Layette - May 16** - Please join us in the lounge, beginning at 7:00pm to assemble layettes (baby packages), which we donate to various organizations in need. We are still looking for someone to take this over. This would be a great way to come and see how this program works. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Stasko at [pam.stasko@gmail.com](mailto:pam.stasko@gmail.com) or 313-418-1152.

**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 28th at 8pm in the church lounge. Please text / call Amanda Brandt (313-319-

#### **2 Week Bible Study Coming—**

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, with two sessions in May. Session 1: May 8 from 7-8:30 p.m., May 11 from 10–11:30 a.m. and Session 2: May 15 from 7-8:30 p.m., May 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information see article in May Masthead. Scan code or sign up at Welcome Center. Refreshments served.



#### **Ascension Worship**



The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. 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.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Teacher Search Update**—The St. Paul teacher call committee made over twenty inquiries for teachers interested in teaching students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. Due to a variety of factors, the call committee was not able to bring forward any candidates for a call through the usual protocol. If you know of anyone who is a firm and practicing believer in Jesus as well as qualified and interested in teaching third, fourth, or fifth grades, please contact Chris Francik, SPRO principal, at [cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org) or 248-546-6555.

**School Staff Open Positions**—Do you love children? Would you like to model Jesus’ love daily? If so, there are opportunities for you at St. Paul Lutheran School.

- Classroom Teacher in the third through fifth grades
- Latchkey Caregiver from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each school day
- Latchkey Caregiver from 3:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. two weekdays

If you are interested in learning more about the qualifications for these positions, applying for these positions, or know someone who may be interested in these positions, please contact Chris Francik, St. Paul principal, at 248-546-6555 or [cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org).

#### **VBS Leadership Needed**

Vacation Bible School at St. Paul will be held on Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 26 with regularly scheduled lessons and activities on Monday through Wednesday with a wrap up celebration on

Thursday evening at the Royal Oak splash pad a few blocks north of church. One or two volunteers are needed to coordinate the adult Bible class/lessons on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If you are interested in planning this part of VBS, please contact Chris Francik at [cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org) or 248-546-6555.



### CHURCH NOTES

**Book Nook**—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!

**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.

**\*Reminder: Baby Bottle Boomerang for Berkley/Detroit CareNet. Please return filled bottles today. Thank you.**

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

## MEMBERS

### Current Health Needs

Zandra Baker (health concerns)

### Long-term Health Needs

Jeff Lehman, (cancer)  
Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)  
Patricia Walker-Bill (health concerns)

### Prayers for our Homebound

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

### All Military Family & Friends

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

If prayers need to be removed or added,  
please contact the church office.



**Flowers on the Altar** are in memory of  
John & Jane Butala by Dave & Kathy  
Hemming

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. Just \$20 per bouquet or \$10 for eternal light.. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Leave in office. Thank you.

## 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, cards can be mailed to Sarah Eskew at 2500 Chaucer Ave, St.

Louis, MO 63114. The instructions are also in the invitation. Go to invite below...

<https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/mLk53LFJpDWgbT52mb6m>

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.

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Alicia, (breast cancer), cousin of Ryan Kiebusch  
Sharon Charnawskas, (health concerns), sister-in-law of Jim Charnawskas  
Palmer Charnawskas, (hip recovery), great niece of Jim Charnawskas  
Collin (cancer), grandson of Peggy Schwartz  
John 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  
Kerry Hill, (ovarian cancer), niece of Patricia Brown  
Brian Kitz, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen  
Matt Mackinder, (Diagnosis: MS) Marshall's brother  
David I. & Tracy M., (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel  
Sam Major, (cancer), family friend of the Carpenters  
Bill Merte, (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen  
Janie Nelson, (health concerns) Tim Woodward's mother  
Michele Polito, (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz  
Kelsey Ritscher (brain tumor), Lacey Lefere's mother  
Ted Stephens, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen  
Daniel Tharpe, (continued care) grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge



**1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”** God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

## FINANCE

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

Weekly Budget Needed	\$11,848.00
Weekly Contribution Rcv'd 04/28/2024	\$ 9,067.63

# Weekly News & Events

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



## CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 5**  
8:15 am Worship c  
9:45 am Bible Class  
11:00 am Worship  
Baby Bottle Boomerang Return Day

**Monday, May 6**  
9:00 am Trustees  
WBC  
7:00 pm Elders Meeting

**Wednesday, May 8**  
8:30 am Chapel  
10:00 am Bible Class  
7:00 pm Stewardship Basic Bible Class, lounge

**Thursday, May 9**  
8:00 am Men's Breakfast, The Avenue  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
8:30 pm Bells Practice  
7:00 pm Ascension Worship c with Ice Cream Social

**Friday, May 10**  
7:00 pm Youth Confirmation Statement

**Saturday, May 11**  
10:00 am Stewardship Basic Bible Class, lounge

**Sunday, May 12 Confirmation Sunday**  
8:15 am Worship c w/Confirmation  
9:45 am Bible Class  
11:00 am Worship c

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**\*SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED ARE THROUGH  
WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/LIVE  
FOR SIGNING ONLINE ATTENDANCE GO TO  
WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/ATTENDANCE**

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