

# The Masthead

A Monthly News Edition

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

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## OCTOBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

12	Fire Dept. Open House
18	School Color Run Fundraiser
19	Quiz Nite
20	Trunk or Treat
25	School PTL Book & Movie Nite
27	Reformation Sunday with One Worship & Rally Day
31	Happy Halloween



## "FAQS and Facts"

Welcome back to this month's edition of FAQs and Facts! If you missed our previous episode (August edition), we discussed questions like Bible translations, tithing, and tattoos. What's next, see below:

### FAQ 1: Do pets/animals go to heaven?

I, for one, will advocate on the positive side of it... and here's why. One of the things that God created before the fall into sin (thus declaring "good") was the animal kingdom. Why bother creating the first heaven (Eden) with animals but not allow it in the final Kingdom (heaven)? Romans 8:21 says that "*creation* itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." Animals will be freed from sin's corruption! And finally, when in doubt, ask Luther... who is quoted "Be thou comforted, little dog, Thou too in Resurrection shall have a little golden tail." I side with Luther on this one.

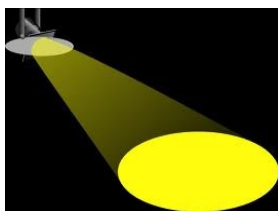
### FAQ 2: Do Christians believe in the existence of dinosaurs?

This one is interesting. The Bible never actually uses the word "dinosaur" but there are indications that there may have been such beasts of the earth in the likeness of dinosaurs. The Old Testament is littered with the Hebrew word תנין (tannin) which means serpent, dragon, monster) both found on land and water. The word Leviathon (לִיָּאָתָן) is used also (monster/dragon) that indicates that it is a strong, unstoppable creature against which weapons do nothing. We believe these monstrous animals existed... but Hollywood's version of dinosaurs are to be contended with.

### FAQ 3: Do Christians believe in ghosts?

Happy October, everyone. Here's our position on ghosts: we believe in spirits, not ghosts. Ghosts implies a continued state of existence on earth after death – some kind of limbo between heaven and hell. Do you think Jesus allows the soul of a deceased person to haunt other people after they die? Hebrews 9:27 argues otherwise: "Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." There is an immediacy of time after death. Spirits, however, are very real. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against... spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). Sadly, more and more people are inclined to believe in ghosts rather than the omnipotence of Jesus- of whom "disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."

That's our time for today! Thanks for joining us and we'll see you next time.



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP— “The Singing Church”

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.” Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

- Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace
- For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
- For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
- that shows Your message ever new and near.

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren’t actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!

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## The Vestry Wants Your Input

The newly formed Vestry, which replaced the Church Council, would like your input as we work to develop policies that will help direct the activities of our church.

Do you have ideas you think would make St. Paul better? Is there something you’ve been thinking we should have at St. Paul? Are there things you feel we should do differently? We’d like to hear them!

Periodically throughout the year members of the Vestry will be available in the narthex between services to get your input. These aren’t presentations or anything formal, just a chance for you to share your ideas or concerns for the Vestry to consider.

The first of these input sessions will be Sunday, October 6 between services. Watch for announcements on future sessions. Of course, if you have ideas or feedback you want to share before the next input session just speak to one of the Vestry members.



**Coming Soon-Discovery Series Class (Adult Information Class)** - Pastor Andrzejewski will lead this two part class. Class One: November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Class Two: November 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. While this class is used for anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran by adult confirmation, you are under no obligation to join if you just want to learn about our Lutheran church. Members are welcome to come as well for a refresher course. Please contact the church office at 248-541-0613 for further information or sign up at the Welcome Center.

# MINISTRY



## Getting an Early Start! School Christmas Shoppe

On December 13, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping and buy handmade gifts for \$1-5. This is an affordable and fun way for the students to get quality gifts for everyone on their list. Crafts are fun. If you are interested in making a dozen or more items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe, please contact Julie Hansen at 248-778-7246. We will need help in the planning of this event too and will need help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts. So crafters, start preparing now. Please let Julie know if you are interested in being a part of the planning or working the event. Thank you!

## REFORMATION DAY

**October 27, 2024**

**Sunday Bible Class 8:30am**



## RALLY FOLLOWS

**Special Festivities** are planned for this day of celebration beginning with One Worship at 9:30 a.m. and following afterwards with fun and fellowship outside in the streets. Bring the whole family and your friends. Music and merriment is abundant.



October is the month we set aside to show our appreciation for our Pastor. It might be a simple note of encouragement, a prayer, a small treat of something he and his wife will enjoy or a just a verbal acknowledgment of your thanks and appreciation.

While we acknowledge clergy appreciation month, it needs to continue well beyond this month. Just as we expect pastors to be available for us, we need to show our love, support and appreciation on a daily basis. May God continue to bless you Pastor!



## Mark Your Calendars for Royal Oak Spooktacular & St. Paul Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 20 from 1:00—3:00 P.M.

Needed volunteers who are willing and able to decorate their trunks and pass out candy for this popular community outreach program. Lots of donations of wrapped candy is needed (we serve a couple thousand kids!) You may leave candy in the white boxes located in the lobby. Trunk sign-up is also in the church lobby at the welcome center. All decorated vehicles need to be in the Main Street parking lot by 12:30 p.m. the day of event. This event is in conjunction with Royal Oak's Spooktacular event.

## Lutheran Woman's Missionary League Sunday Blessing Box



The first Sunday in October is when LCMS congregations recognize the annual LWML Sunday. This year, October 6th is when we will celebrate. To kick things off for the 2024 LWML year we are going to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to a Blessing Box. The idea for the Blessing Box is for you to bring coins or bills for every year you have been blessed in your life. This could be for how many years you've been married, how many years you've been alive or the years you have had with your children. It's your choice to choose your blessing. So plan to be a part of this on October 6. Funds given are distributed for various missions of the LWML. Please continue on the 1st Sunday of the month to fill and bring your coin boxes back to aid LWML throughout the year.



## Royal Oak Fire Department OPEN HOUSE

Come hang out with the firefighters of Royal Oak on **Saturday, October 12th** at the Royal Oak Fire Department, next to the church, for an open house. There will be Fire Trucks to sit in and on display, Smoke House, Stove Fire and the Jaws of Life demonstration. Free Cider, Donuts, and Ice Cream and much much more!! Come enjoy a day of fun with your child(ren). The excitement begins at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Events may include CPR demonstration, using a real fire hose, learn about fire safety, watching an extrication demonstration, Bounce House and more. Your child(ren) will have a blast. You won't want to miss this. Bring the whole family.



## KIDS KORNER



### THE CREATION

Genesis 1-2

**Across**

3. God made man in his own \_\_\_\_.
6. God named the first man \_\_\_\_.
7. Adam's wife's name was \_\_\_\_.
8. On the seventh day God \_\_\_\_.

**Down**

1. On the \_\_\_\_ day God declared his creation to be good.
2. God made the first man out of \_\_\_\_.
4. God made \_\_\_\_ of every kind.
5. Adam and Eve only had to follow one rule: not to \_\_\_\_ from the tree.
7. The Garden was called \_\_\_\_.
8. God took a \_\_\_\_ out of Adam to make a woman.

**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 welcomed to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email [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. Prayer requests will be sent to prayer warriors via email. ***"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people"*** (Ephesians 6:18).



## Monthly Bible Readings

### LCMS 3 Year Series C



Date	Festival	Old Testament	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Oct. 6 (Prop. 22)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 2:18-25	Psalms 128	Heb. 2:1-13 (14-18)	Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 13 (Prop. 23)	Twenty-first S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalms 90:12-17	Heb. 3:12-19	Mark 10:17-22
Oct. 20 (Prop. 24)	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Eccl. 5:10-20	Psalms 119:9-16	Heb. 4:1-13 (14-16)	Mark 10:23-31
Oct. 27 (observed)	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19
or (Proper 25)	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 31:7-9	Psalms 126	Heb. 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

# SCHOOL MINISTRY



## St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

### Our Mission

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

### Our 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.



Chris Francik, Principal

Did you know that in the Bible, there are over 100 names which mean gift from God? Jesus says to His disciples in Matthew 19 "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

It is an absolute blessing from God to be a part of the preschool program here at St. Paul. I often find myself feeling humbled and in disbelief to be the director. We are in a year of change and growth in preschool. It ironically matches the changes the children will go through during their time here in preschool. This year we have new members on our staff. They are all members of our congregation or another LCMS church. In the 3's classroom we have Jaclyn Moelich as the lead teacher, as well as Char Fuchs and Meredith Sanislo as the teacher's assistants.

In the preschool 4's room I am the lead teacher, and I have two incredible assistance Sara Jarvey and Carole Brower. Our program may not be as large as others in the area, but we are equally matched in what we offer. As a staff, we decided to call this year, "The year of quality over quantity!" The staff is dedicated to our current children and their families.

In August we attended the Michigan District LCMS Early Childhood conference in Frankenmuth. At this conference we had the opportunity to listen to various speakers in the field. We all attended different lectures at the event, diversifying what we collectively bring to the table.

To start the school year off, we spent some time connecting as sisters in Christ. We have grown into a balance of respect and harmony together. This time has allowed us to shift our focus to the children. We offer the children a learn-

ing experience in a Christ centered classroom. They will develop much more than the knowledge of ABC's & 123's. They will learn about Jesus and begin to grow a relationship with Him, which will be everlasting. The preschool 3's class and new friends to St. Paul will receive a children's Bible from Concordia Publishing House. It is the same Bible we ready from in class. The returning friends will receive their first hymnal book to accompany the Bible they received in the previous year.

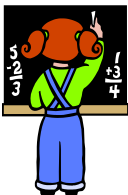
We have many fun activities on our preschool calendar in the upcoming months including a trip to the fire station, a field trip with the school to Blake's big apple orchard and the family fun night next week. I am prayerfully confident this year will continue to bring growth and opportunities for the school and preschool here at St. Paul.

If you'd like to volunteer as a guest reader to the preschool students, we'd gladly welcome a visit from you.

Take Care and we will see you around church!  
Blyth Mackinder, Preschool Director



Preschool Staff: (from the left) Jaclyn Moelich, Char Fuchs, Blyth Mackinder, Sara Jarvey, Carole Brower, Meredith Sanislo



**Viking News** Every Friday, we send home our school newspaper – *The Viking*. We send it home with the children and also by email. If you would like to receive the Viking by email, please make sure the school office has your email address. You may send it to [school@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:school@stpaulroyaloak.org)

### YEARLY FUNDRAISERS:

**Little Caesars Pizza Bar Codes-** We continue to collect these bar codes found on the pizza boxes. Please bring these in to the church or school. The school collects enough, they can have a pizza party on special days.

**Box Tops-** Find and clip Box Tops from various food packages for St. Paul School! They are each worth 10¢! Our assigned coordinator, will send them in and our school gets a check! Leave them at the school in the box near the office or in the church coatroom box marked box tops at the church. Thank you.

### CALENDAR

October

18	School Color Run Fundraiser
25	PTL Book & Movie Nite (6pm)
	No Preschool

# Church NOTES

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## PRAYERS

### Prayers for our Homebound

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

### Prayers for Military

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



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### Sunday Bible Classes

Sundays, 9:45 am w/Pastor (lounge)

### Weekday Bible Classes

Mondays, 9:00 am Women's Bible Class w/LeeAnne Millinger (lounge)  
Wednesdays, 10:00 am Various Biblical Topics w/Pastor (lounge)  
Thursdays, 8:15 am Men's Breakfast at (The Avenue Restaurant @ Woodward, N 13)  
3rd Saturday, 7:30 am Men's Breakfast



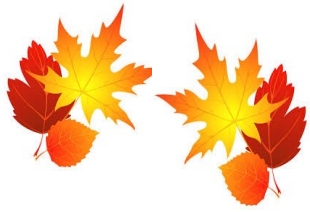
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C=Communion, YCC=Youth Confirmation Class, WBC=Women's Bible Class, YA=Young Adults, SS=Sunday School, Bible C=Adult Sr. High, PS or PK/K=preschool/Kindergarten, P/T/C or L=parent/teacher conference



# ctober



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

1 Kelly Burch

2 Jeanne Valdes

3 Henry Miller

4 Steven Baker  
Terri Brockmiller

6 Timothy Ulrich

8 Kevin Calhoun

9 Rachel Andrzejewski  
Esther Bowdich  
Nancy Pyykkonen

10 Darlene Baker

11 Molly Newell  
Viktor Sagan  
Anthony Valdes

12 Brett Hansen

13 Gerald Thiem  
Otto Zenk

15 Ben Francik  
Craig Rinkus  
Kristin Sharp

17 David Newton  
Alice Schley  
Peter Walsh

19 Cheryl Beyerlein

20 Blyth Mackinder

21 Albert Harris  
Kenneth Ruszkowski

22 Andrew Keeble

24 Gayle Carpenter  
Anne Sagan

25 Mark Costakes  
Jennifer Louwers  
Jeremy Newell  
Eleanor Ohngren

26 Sarah Hillenbrand  
Rachel Mitchell

28 Chase Burgess

30 Rick Kilbourn

31 Deborah Hill  
Jaxtyn Jarvey  
Dennis Walker

