St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



A Monthly News Edition

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

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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Aug 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Weekend Arts, Beats and Eats
- Sep 1 ONE WORSHIP
- Sep 5-8 Men's Arcadia Retreat
- Sep 9 Women's Monday Bible Class Begins
- Sep 10 PTL Back to School Nite
- Sep 15 Cracklewood Golf Outing-School Fundraiser
- Sep 21 Men's Saturday Breakfast
- Sep 27 PTL Family Fun Nite

Are You Ready For Music?

The start of the school year kicks off many ministries here at St. Paul, some of which fall under the realm of music. Perhaps you've heard this quote before: **"Bach gave us God's word. Mozart gave us God's laughter. Beethoven gave us God's fire. God gave us Music that we might pray without words."** It's supposedly from an opera house in Frankfurt, Ger-



MR. GREGORY PAUL MUSIC MINISTER/TEACHER

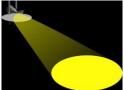
many. Music really allows us to serve God in a unique way. Many of you are all about that every week in our worship services. I enjoy hearing you sing and feeling your energy as I lead from the organ. Some of you, however, might enjoy serving your Lord and the church by joining one of our more formal music groups. The Chancel Choir is open to all who can carry a tune and are willing to work at learning and perfecting choral anthems that bring passion and beauty to the proclamation of the Word of God. We also help the congregation learn new hymns and lead in the general singing. The group is a lot of fun, and meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The choir sings roughly 3x per month sometimes in the 8:15 service, sometimes in the 11:00 service. (about $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$). A published schedule is provided. We are anticipating several new singers this fall. It would be a great time to start. Rehearsals start Thursday, September 5th. Let Greg Paul know if you're interested.

Another of our groups is a bit more specialized. The Bell Choir requires some music reading ability, especially helpful if one is familiar with reading piano music. This group rehearses on Thursday evenings following the Chancel Choir rehearsal. It meets from 8:30 to 9:30 in the evening. We ring three octaves which requires 11 ringers. The Bell Choir rings roughly once a month, whenever we can get the whole group together on a Sunday. This group also begins on September 5th. Again, let Greg Paul know so he can best organize the music.

There is always a need for individuals who play flute, or clarinet for accompanying choral anthems or just doing an accompanied solo on a hymn or other sacred music. Whatever you might play, let me know and we'll see if we can provide an outlet for your talent. Music does indeed "help us pray without words."

On another "note" you might have played and instrument once upon a time and have it sitting around. Consider donating it to the school so a student could use it in our band program.

Gregory Paul



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—

Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do any-thing to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. "Garbage in, Garbage out." In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that.

They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (*LSB* 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,

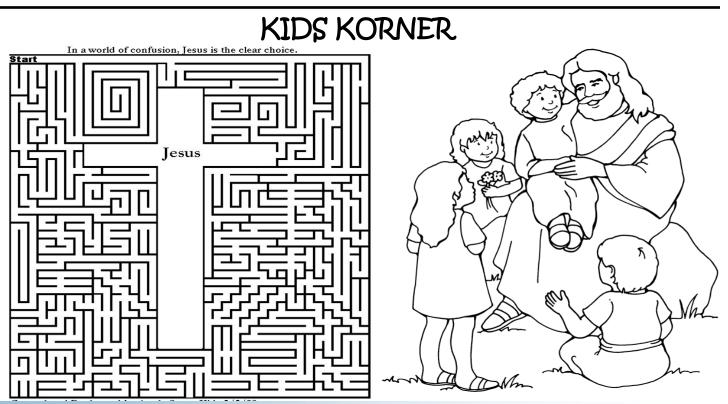
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,

For songs of praise for food and harvest press,

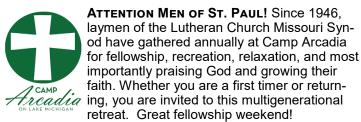
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.



MINISTRY



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, is English District Bishop/President, the chief ecclesiastical supervisor of the district and the president of the district corporation. And author of *Pastoral Leadership: Shepherding and Caring for God's People*

THIS YEARS THEME: Praise Him, Praise Him! Jesus, Our Blessed Redeemer

Activities begin at check-in Thursday night with a Welcome reception and continue through the weekend including a golf game on Friday and the annual Softball game on Saturday. For more information on the weekend contact Camp Arcadia @ 231-889-4361 or go online to camparcadia.com or watch the news & notes and upcoming mastheads for further information. Date of weekend retreat: September 5—8, 2024. Further info at: https://camparcadia.com/register. Scroll down to LLL Men's Retreat.

Pray for our fellow men of St. Paul and other churches up in Arcadia For a blessed weekend and safe travels.



Join in on Bible Studies throughout the year at St. Paul. Something for everyone. Check out the schedule to the right for all age groups. Call the church office for info.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Class will resume at 9 a.m. September 9. We will be doing something different this season! We will be reading and discussing the classic C.S. Lewis book "The Screwtape Letters." Participants should have their own copy of the book. Please read the first 3 chapters (they are short!) before the first class. All ladies are welcome! Questions, please contact LeeAnne Millinger at 248-417-9526.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sign-up! Still Time!

We are still in need of your help to volunteer with this year's Arts, Beats & Eats. Some recycling, work beverage booth, and parking attendants are needed. We appreciate everyone's help in the past and look forward to working with you this year.

Help us on **August 30 through September 2nd.** Signup in the lobby. This is a great fund-raiser for our church and many people are needed to help with this program. Please consider helping a few hours.

Please contact Tony or Jeanne Valdes at 248-435-8095 for event help or questions.

Arts, Beats and Eats Hours

Fri Aug 30 11a - 11p Sat Aug 31 11a - 11p Sun Sept 1 11a - 11p Mon Sept 2 11a - 9p

> ONE WORSHIP 9:30 AM September 1 Offices/School Closed Aug 30 & Sept 2

| FALL | BIBLE CLASSES |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beg | ins in September |
| Sunday Bible Classes | |
| Sundays, 9:45 am | w/Pastor (lounge) |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School, various teachers |
| 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, (lounge) |
| 3rd Saturday, 10am-1pn | n Youth Confirmation Class, |
| | public school |
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Wednesday Morning Bible Class Begins on Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. Join us in the lounge with Pastor Andrzejewski for this weekly, mid-week, study on various topics from the Bible throughout the year. For questions contact the church office.



Youth Confirmation Classes are available for all **6th-8th** grade students. Public school confirmation classes is the third Saturdays of each month from 10am-1:00pm. Day school confirmation classes are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday during schools first class period.

Men's Saturday Breakfast– All men and their friends and neighbors are invited for food and fellowship on the third Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Come one come all! Includes devotions and Bible study topics. Next gathering: September 21 in the church lounge.

MINISTRY



LWML Mite Collections - The first weekend of every month you will notice at the welcome center a big purple and white box with little boxes in front of it. Next time this is out, please pick up a little box, fill it with loose change and return it to the big box. Funds collected through the year helps many people and missions throughout the

world. If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, please go to www.lwml.org Thank you to all those who doňate.

Electronic Giving—Just as you rely upon re-

Electronic Giving—Just as you rely upon re-ceiving income on a regular basis, St. Paul Lutheran Church & School relies on your regular contribu-tions. St. Paul offers a convenient elec-tronic giving option to help you keep up with your intended offerings. There are three ways to get started: Scan this code, the easiest and fastest way is to enroll at our website, <u>www.stpaulroyal</u> <u>oak.org</u> or you may complete an Elec-tronic Giving Authorization form (available in the lobby) and return to the church office. church office.



School Christmas Shoppe Getting an early start! On December 13th, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shop-ping and buy handmade gifts for \$1-5. This is an affordable and fun way for the students to get quality gifts for support students to get quality gifts for everyone on their list. Crafts are fun! If you are in-

on their list. Crafts are fun! If you are in-terested in making a dozen or more items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe, please contact the school for further information(248) 546-6555 or if you can help in any capacity. We will need help in the plan-ning of this event and will need help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts for the kids. Thank you!

Mom Small Group—All women and their friends are invited to join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. for a night of fun, fellow-ship, and a little "me time". Our goal is to provide a nurturing space of Godly encouragement and sup-port as we navigate the mission of raising children. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 24th. Questions, please text/call Amanda Brandt (313) 319-4341 or Krista Zenk (307) 840-2263. Thank you. We hope to see you there!

HE IS!

When you are the *neediest*, He is the most sufficient.

When you are *completely helpless*. He is most able.

When you feel totally dependent, He is absolutely dependable.

When you are the *weakest*. He is the most able.

When you are the *most alone*. He is intimately present.

When you feel you are the least, He is the greatest!

When you feel the *most useless*, He is

preparing you.

When it is *darkest*, He is the **only Light** you need. When you feel the *least secure*. He is your **Rock and Fortress.**

When you are the *most humble*, He is most gracious.

When you say that you cannot, remember that He can!

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School Royal Oak 2ndAnnual Golf Scramble September 15 at Cracklewood course in Macomb, 2:00pm. 18 holes w/ cart. Not only can you golf but this is a great fundraiser for the school. We will need donations for this to help make this a successful fundraiser. This can be items received by local establishments you may frequent or something special you may want to donate for us to use as raffle item or anything you may have of interest. Drop off in coatroom and label for 'Golf Scramble'. These items will be raffled off at the golf outing. Putting Contest, lunch food. Post-Round Dinner at 7:00 PM Scan code to register. Contact Ryan Kiekbusch, at ryan kiekbusch14@gmail.com, for guestions.





Monthly Bible Readings



LCMS 3 Year Series C

| Date | Festival | Old Testament | Psalm | Epistle | Gospel |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Aug. 4 (Prop. 13) | Eleventh S. a. Pentecost | Ex. 16:2-15 | Psalm 145:10- 21 | Eph. 4:1-16 | John 6:22-35 |
| Aug. 11 (Prop. 14) | Twelfth S. a. Pentecost | 1 Kings 19:1-8 | Psalm 34:1-8 | Eph. 4:17–5:2 | John 6:35-51 |
| Aug. 18 (Prop. 15) | Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost | Prov. 9:1-10 or Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18 | Psalm 34:12-22 | Eph. 5:6–21 | John 6:51–69 |
| Aug. 25 (Prop. 16) | Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost | Is. 29:11-19 | Psalm 14 | Eph. 5:22-33 | Mark 7:1-13 |

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.



From Chris Francik, Principal

WELCOME BACK!

As you read this article, St. Paul Lutheran School is in session. I am excited to begin another school year full of opportunities to model Jesus' love, compassion, forgiveness, and guidance to the students, families, staff, and congregation stakeholders of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School along with providing an excellent academic education. God's blessings to

each child of God who is part of the St. Paul Royal Oak family!

The 2024-2025 St. Paul Lutheran School staff is thrilled about the start of another school year. This year's staff members include:

Blyth Mackinder – Preschool Director and Four-Year Old Classroom Teacher Jaclyn Moelich – Preschool Three-Year Old Classroom Teacher Carole Brower - Preschool Aide Sara Jarvey - Preschool Aide Meredith Sanislo – Preschool Aide Char Fuchs - Preschool Aide Alice Sieloff - Extended Care Provider Courtney Woodward - Extended Care Provider Faith Frederick – Extended Care Provider Miranda Lorence – Kindergarten Teacher Tina Eising – First Grade and Second Grade Teacher and Resource Room Teacher Dawn Heins - Third Grade Teacher Kurt Schmidt – Fourth and Fifth Grade Teacher Julie Thomas – Middle School Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher Greg Paul – All School Music and Fourth through Eighth Grade Science Teacher Julie Hansen – Administrative Assistant and Admissions Counselor Rob Edwards – Janitor Chris Francik – Principal and Middle School Math and Spanish Teacher

This school year we will be pondering God's Word from Hebrews 12:1-3. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." May we cling to Jesus throughout this year since Jesus is the foundation of our faith in God's salvation plan!

Parent Teacher League 'Back to School Nite' Parents come meet the PTL board and visit your child's classrooms and see and talk with the teachers. Plan to attend **Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30pm**.

<u>Viking News</u> 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 <u>school@stpaulroyaloak.org</u> <u>PTL Fun Night</u> - September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Come for a fun, social night with food and games. Come and meet other families! Please do NOT drop off your children. This is a family event. All should participate.

<u>Calendar</u>

| Aug 30-Sept 2 Labor Day Weekend-No School- | | | | |
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| Arts, | Beats & Eats | | | |
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| Sept 27 Family | Fun Nite | | | |

Church NOTES

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PRAYERS

Prayers for our Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann Donna McMinn Irma Pope CharletteSchroeder 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



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



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Home of the Vikings

GIFTS GIVEN ST. PAUL CHURCH

In memory of Ralph Schroeder by Dick & Sandy Garfield

MEMBER CHANGES

<u>Address Changes</u> David Rossi, 4010 Edgar Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073

<u>Transferred Out</u> Timothy, Angela, Levi, Noah Hillenbrand to St. John Fraser

<u>Transferred In</u> Rob & Lisa Kokko, 14542 Joansie, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

<u>Baptisms</u> Lee Robert Hawkey <u>Date</u> 08/11/2024 <u>Parents</u> David & Kelly

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

- 1 Julia Paul
- 2 Janet Ruszkowski
- 5 Ola Martin Ethel Storck
- 8 Grace Hammond
- 9 Lauren Brewer
- 11 David Chutorash
- 12 Kenneth Milz Deanna Petri
- 13 Kathy EifertMichael HammonLee Anne MillingerJaclyn Moelich
- 14 David Hemming
- 15 Sharon Maloney
- 17 Lisa Kokko
- 18 Adam Kilbourn
- 19 Kathy Kast Amie Szerdi
- 20 Amanda Brandt Kelly Kneisel Maverick Long Avery Manifold Anthony Smith

- 22 Richard Thomas
- 23 Patricia Brown
- Connor Burgess
- 24 Chuck Brewer
- 25 Ryan Milz
- 26 Kyle Harris
- 28 Griffin Schley-Pierce Penny Sidick Kendal Smith
- 30 Brett Haney Meghan Harris



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| ? 9:30 AM One Worship c | 2 Labor Day School/Offices Closed | 3 3:00 PM MLT (staff mtg) School Resumes | 4 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Garden Club | 5 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 11:00 AM -1:00 PM Drive-thru Community Food Pantry | 6 | 7 |
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| LLL Men's Arcadia | 16 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 21 |
| 15 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Cl 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM 2nd Annual Golf Fundraiser -Cracklewood Course | 16 8:20 AM Day School YCC 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC 6:00 PM Finance Mtg | 17 8:20 AM Day School YCC | 18 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Garden Club | 19 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 8:20 AM Day School YCC 7:00 PM Choir 8:30 PM Bells | 20 | 21 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast, lounge 10:00 AM -1:00 PM Public School YCC |
| 22 8:15 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Cl 11:00 AM Worship c | 23 8:20 AM Day School YCC 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC | 24 8:20 AM Day School YCC 7:15 PM YA (Atwater) 8:00 PM Mom Small Group | 25 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Garden Club | 26 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-The Avenue 8:20 AM Day School YCC 7:00 PM Choir 8:30 PM Bells | 27 12:00 PM School Dismissed 6:00 PM Family Fun Nite Lounge setup-Mendez | 28 1:00 PM -5:00 PM Lounge-Maddy Mendez |
| 29 8:15 AM Worship c 9:45 AM Bible Cl 11:00 AM Worship c | 30 8:20 AM Day School YCC 9:00 AM Trustees 9:00 AM WBC | | Aug 202 S M T W T 4 5 6 7 11 12 13 14 1 18 19 20 21 2 25 26 27 28 2 | F F S S M 1 2 3 3 6 7 5 16 17 13 14 12 23 24 20 21 | Oct 2024 T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 29 30 31 | <u> </u> |