

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church! It's nice to have you with us today. We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you are worshiping with us. We know that God will come to us through His Word this day to bring us new life in Christ.

SPECIAL MINISTRY

Voter's Meeting TODAY—As announced, we will hold a Voters Meeting TODAY, at 9:30AM to discuss and vote on the potential sale of the parsonage and vicarage. This is an important decision for our congregation, and we encourage you to read the attached Voters Meeting Considerations to reflect and pray in preparation. Your voice matters, and we hope to see you there!

MINISTRY



Collecting Easter Egg Candy It's that time of year again! We need small candy (individually wrapped, no larger than 1 3/4" to fit in eggs) for the Community

Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at Grant Park. These can be placed in the marked boxes in the lobby. No hard candy or eggs please.

Lent Schedule—Mid Week Wednesday services March 5—April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center for meals at 6:00 pm so the groups know how much to make.

Mom Small Group—We welcome everymom to join us on March 25th at 8 PM in the church lounge, where we will discuss topics from Part 4 of *Keeping Your Kids on God's*

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



Softball Interest Sign-Up—Spring is right around the corner and church softball this summer is on the horizon. Games are played Tuesday, Wednes-

day 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 <u>interested</u> 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.

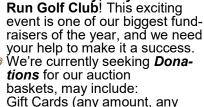
20/30's Group (aka: Young Adults)—a group of post-college age to 30-somethings who gather for Bible studies and events. We would like to reach out to new church attendees who don't know we have a group to join us. The basic information is that we have a group chat for communication of events that are happening, and we do trivia on most Wednesdays at the Side Bar in Royal Oak. Questions? Email Kyria Gowman at k19gow@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

Children's Sunday School—Come join us as we journey through the Bible. We'll engage in fun activities, crafts and meaningful discussions focused on developing your child's relationship with Jesus. Help us strengthen your children's faith to prepare them for their walkthrough life's challenges. Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am, School Gym. Questions call Liz Lopez (618) 698 3020, or email stpaulyouth-ministries@gmail.com

SCHOOL NOTES

Spring Auction on Friday, May 16th at Red



place!)

Merchandise, Food & Drink Experiences

Art & Collectibles Sports Memorabilia

Services

Tickets to Concerts & Events

Incentive Donation Discounts:

2 Donations: 10% off up to 2 tickets 3 Donations: 15% off up to 2 tickets

4 Donations: 20% off up to 2 tickets

5+ Donations: 20% off up to 6 tickets

Important Discount Details:

Each donation must be valued at \$50 or more to qualify.

Each donation counts toward one discount only.

Donations must be submitted, and tickets purchased by April 1st, 2025, to qualify for the discount.

Act Fast—Discount Offer Ends April 1st, 2025! If you or someone you know can contribute, we'd love your support. Every donation helps us continue providing exceptional opportunities for our students. Stay tuned for

opportunities for our students. Stay tuned for more details. Tickets for event will be on sale soon! Thank you for being part of our St. Paul family!

Open House Signs Please return the Open House signs and metal stands to either the church or school as soon as possible. Thank you for helping to advertise the school's Open House event.

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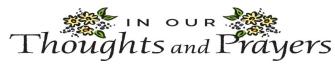
The Vestry is seeking one or two volunteers to join the Finance Committee, overseeing the financial affairs of the congregation. Responsibilities include: assisting in the preparation of the annual budget; monitoring the congregation's financial status; authorizing budgeted expenditures; supervising the collection, counting, and reporting of money received; and managing other related financial activities. If you are detail-oriented and have an interest in ensuring the fiscal health of our congregation, we would love to hear from you! If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Brian Hermann at brihermann@comcast.net

for you to order and to help adorn our
Altar for Easter. Deadline to order April
6. Flowers may be picked up after late
service, Easter Sunday. We have lilies,
hyacinths, daffodils, tulips. Leave payment & form in church office. Checks payable:

St. Paul Lutheran.

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

Need a Reader for 11:00AM service for the year. If interested in reading Old Testament and Epistle on Sundays, about every 2 months, please call the church office. Pastor will teach you. 248-541-0613.



MEMBERS

Long-term Health Needs

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

Prayers for our Homebound

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

All Military Family & Friends

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

FLOWERS on the Altar



*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 \$25 per bouquet or \$10 for eternal light.. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Leave in office. Thank you.

NON-MEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS

Priscilla Bennett (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz Sharon Charnawskas, (health concerns), sister-in-law of Jim Charnawskas

Palmer Charnawskas, great niece of Jim Charnawskas Anne Gabriel, (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan Grant Haley, (continued care), former student of Al Manteuffel Brian Kitz, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen Stephanie Klausmeier (health concerns), previous member/student Matt Mackinder. (MS) Marshall's brother David I. (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel Bill Merte, (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen Roberto Munoz (cancer), son-in-law of the late Evla Russ Janie Nelson, (health concerns) Tim Woodward's mother Tom Noonan, (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz Michele Polito, (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz Jeff Rinkus, (brain tumor), father of Craig Rinkus Roe. (health concerns) mother-in-law of Chad Heins. Dawn's son Ted Stephens, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen Daniel Tharpe, (continued care) grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge

> If prayers need to be removed or added, please contact the church office, 248-541-0613.



Matthew 15:27 - "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' ta-

ble." Faith receives what God gives, because faith knows that God only gives good things. Indeed, God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.



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CALENDAR

Sunday, Mar 16

8:15 am 9:45 am Worship c Bible Class/SS 11:00 am Worship

Monday, Mar 17

9:00 am

Woman's Bible Class, lounge

12:00 pm School Dismissed

Tuesday, Mar 18-20 School Accreditation Meeting, school

Wednesday, Mar 19 Lent 3

8:30 am Chapel Bible Class 10:00 am

Lent Dinner-20/30s Group 6:00 pm

7:00 pm MW Worship

Thursday, Mar 20

8:00 am Men's Breakfast (The Avenue)

7:00 pm **Choir Practice** 8:30 pm **Bells Practice**

Friday, Mar 21 6:00 pm School Book/Movie Nite-Stuart Little

Sunday, Mar 23 8:15 am Worship 9:45 am Bible Class/SS 11:00 am Worship c

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Website: www.stpaulroyaloak.org

Community Food Pantry Monthly:

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

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



Voters Meeting Considerations

As announced the last two weeks, there will be a Voters Meeting at 9:30AM TODAY, to discuss and vote on the potential sale of the parsonage and vicarage. The Vestry wants to provide some background information to give you time to reflect and pray.

Since 2020, Pastor and his family have lived in the parsonage and, while they are deeply grateful for that provision, they have spent most of that time contending with the noise and disruption brought on by the Hazelton construction just south of the church. With the impending demolition of the building next door to the parsonage and the construction of a 4-story complex in its place, Pastor and the Vestry discussed seeking a home that better suits their short and long-term needs of quiet and privacy. At the same time, the managing partner for the new construction expressed interest in purchasing the parsonage and vicarage at a premium package price.

These circumstances, combined with the fact that the Voters have previously discussed stepping away from residential property management as we have neither the personnel nor the financial capabilities to properly maintain these properties, led the Vestry to explore the sale of these houses. If the congregation votes to proceed with the sale, we will also vote on granting the Vestry's Sale Committee the authority to negotiate the best possible price with the guidance of real estate professionals.

We hope that you are able to attend this important Voters Meeting.