



# St. Paul Church & School News

## A Weekly News Edition for the week of March 16, 2025

### 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 every-mom 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*

*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, 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 so we can determine the amount of interest. Please contact Chuck Brewer 586-822-8619 or brewer-chuck10@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](mailto: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 walk-through 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](mailto:stpaulyouth-ministries@gmail.com)

### SCHOOL NOTES

#### **Spring Auction on Friday, May 16th at Red Run Golf Club!**



This exciting event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we need your help to make it a success. We're currently seeking **Donations** for our auction baskets, may include: Gift Cards (any amount, any

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 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.

### NOTES

**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](mailto:brihermann@comcast.net)

#### **Easter Flower Forms** are at Welcome Center



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. DIY 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.

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

## 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 Eyla 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.**

### Scripture OF THE WEEK

**Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”** 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.

## Weekly News & Events

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### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, Mar 16

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

#### Monday, Mar 17

9:00 am Trustees  
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  
10:00 am Bible Class  
6:00 pm Lent Dinner-20/30s Group  
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](http://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](http://WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/LIVE)  
FOR SIGNING ONLINE ATTENDANCE GO TO  
[WWW.STPAULROYALOAK.ORG/ATTENDANCE](http://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.