

The Masthead

Monthly Newsletter

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



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REV. JAKOB ANDRZEJEWSKI

MAY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Mother's Day
- National Day of Prayer
- Youth Confirmation Sunday
- Ascension Worship
- Memorial Weekend



With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation! Isaiah 12:3

"FAQS AND FACTS "

Welcome back of FAQs and Facts! If you missed our previous episode, we discussed Lent, fasting, and Ash Wednesday. Stay tuned to find out what questions we'll ask next!

FAQ 1: Where did the Easter bunny/eggs come from?

The legend of the Easter bunny bringing eggs appears to have been brought to the United States by settlers from Germany. The German tradition of the Easter bunny (or *Oschter Haws*) migrated to America in the 1700s, accompanying German immigrants, many of whom settled in Pennsylvania. Over the past 200 years, the Easter bunny has become the most commercially recognized symbol of Easter in the United States. Other countries use other animals as the symbol of Easter, such as the cuckoo (in Switzerland).

FAQ 2: Did Jesus go to hell between his death and resurrection?

The concept that Jesus went to hell after His death on the cross comes primarily from the Apostles' Creed, which states, "He descended into hell." From earliest times, Christians have believed that Jesus' descent into hell is most clearly taught in 1 Peter 3:18-19. Lutherans have understood the Bible to teach that Christ went to hell to declare His triumph as God's Messiah over death and the power of the devil. The Lutheran confessional writing, the Formula of Concord, states in summary: "We simply believe that the entire person [Jesus Christ], God and man, descended into hell after the burial, conquered the devil, destroyed hell's power, and took from the devil all his might" (Solid Declaration, Art. IX). Although Christ's descent into hell lies beyond our understanding, we can derive great comfort from this important teaching of Scripture, especially in times when our faith is being tested.

FAQ 3: What Holy Saturday?

Holy Saturday is the name given to the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Some Christians recognize Holy Saturday, the seventh day of Holy Week, as the day on which Jesus "rested" from His work of providing salvation. As Jesus died, He called out, "It is finished!" There was no further price to pay; sin had been atoned for.

Whatever you do, ask the questions. Imagine the scenes. Enjoy the narratives. May Him who can do "immeasurable things" (Eph. 3:20) work His mighty power in you.

MINISTRY



Now's the time! Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Camp nurtures faith inside of kids!

Sign up your children for Summer Camp. Summer Overnight Christian Children's Camps (for grades 1-10) are important for the development of faith, values and life skills. Camp Concordia, in Gowen, MI north of Grand Rapids, is the overnight children's Lutheran camp in the Michigan District available to everyone's kids. Some kids come to find new friends and others bring friends. Either way, in the midst of the canoeing, swimming, archery, cookouts and campfire devotions, kids get to relate to the faith journey's of young adults who serve on the Camp Concordia summer ministry staff. This is an opportunity for your kids, or for you to reach out to the children in your neighborhood or community. To find out more on camping registration and to read what parents have to say, please visit the camp's website at www.campconcordia.org or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.



Adult Softball Sign-Up—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 at Our Shepherd in Birmingham. The season begins in late May running through early August. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby, 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 brewerchuck10@gmail.com with questions. We hope members com out to cheer us on, a schedule will be out soon.



To Be A Mother Is The Most Beautiful Blessing.
Happy Mother's Day
To All The Amazing Mothers.

Chitrangada Sharan

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 28 at 8:00pm in the church lounge. Please text/call Amanda Brandt (313-319-4341) or Krista Zenk (989-245-2052) for any questions. We hope to see you there!

All Volunteers of SPRO-Wed. May 14 You are invited to attend a volunteer appreciation breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the church lounge. We hope you will join us for chapel that morning as well. Thank you for all your time and effort in making St. Paul a wonderful place to learn and worship God!

'Discovery Series' Membership Class



What is it?

The Discovery Series is simply a series of instruction designed to integrate new members into the life of the church with the central purpose of clarifying, answering, strengthening, and equipping discipleship.

When it is?

Here at St. Paul, Pastor Andrzejewski will offer a seminar-style class which will take only two Saturdays. **Class 1** will take place on May 3 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Class 2** will take place on May 17 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. Upon completion of these classes, you will be recognized and celebrated as a new member of St. Paul. Members may also take this as a refresher class. If you have any questions or would like to sign-up for this, please contact the church office at 248-541-0613. Or you may also sign-up at the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

**School & Church Closed
May 26
Memorial Day &
St Paul/Royal Oak Parade**

You Know You're a Mom When...

The day you become a mom, you automatically become a member of a very prestigious, extremely fun, sometimes a little crazy, but absolutely amazing, club – let's call it, *The Mom Club*. A club where thousands of women belong, have many different opinions and stories, can feel fifty different emotions in one day, and all come together with one purpose – survival. :)

*Happy Mothers Day
May 11, 2025*

MINISTRY



CONFIRMATION MAY 11

On Sunday, May 11 we will be confirming nine youth in the 11:00a.m. worship service. They will make their vows and take the Lord's life-giving body and blood through First Holy Communion. Please join us in welcoming our newest confirmed members!

Our 2025 Confirmands

CARTER BOCK, CALEB CHARLTON, ELLIE GUILMETTE, ANDREW KEEBLE, MOLLY NEWELL, CELESTE SANSILO, DESMOND SHAW, QUIYARAH SHOWERS, LILLIANA SZERDI

BE A PART OF THE PARADE!

RO Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 26th @ 9:00 a.m.

The parade begins at Main Street and Lincoln and will proceed north. The parade has been held on Memorial Day for several decades as a respectful tribute to our veterans – past and present. For more information, visit us at romi.gov/parade



Monthly Bible Readings

LCMS Series C



SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
Easter	May 4	Third S. of Easter	Acts 9:1-22	Psalm 30	Rev. 5:(1-7) 8-14	John 21:1-14 (15-19)
	May 11	Fourth S. of Easter	Acts 20:17-35	Psalm 23	Rev. 7:9-17	John 10:22-33
	May 18	Fifth S. of Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Rev. 21:1-7	John 16:12-22 or John 13:31-35
	May 25	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Rev. 21:9-14, 21-27	John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9
	May 29	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Eph. 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

MINISTRY



In 2007, St. Paul Church and School began observing the National Day of Prayer with a noontime prayer service. In keeping this tradition, we invite you to join the staff, students, church members and friends as we lift up our Nation in prayer on Thursday, May 1st at 12:00 Noon in the church sanctuary. The National Day of Prayer theme is "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled." based on Romans 15:13.

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 29 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.



2025 Spring Auction Friday

May 16th at Red Run Golf Club!

This exciting event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Tickets for Event available by going to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lights-camera-auction-a-red-carpet-event-at-red-run-tickets-1284724578799?aff=oddtcreator> or

scan code to the right:



Attention High School & College Grads!!

We are preparing to create a display board for all our youth who are graduating this year and hoping to get pictures of our graduates with name, school name and degree (if college) and your name, school name, graduation date (if high school) and if planned college, school name you will be attending. Please turn these into the church office or email them A.S.A.P. to prodway@stpaulroyaloak.org. Photos will be returned per your request. Thank you.



NOTES & SUCH

ELECTRONIC GIVING Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, St. Paul Lutheran Church & School relies on your regular contributions. St. Paul offers a convenient electronic giving option to help you keep up with your intended offerings. There are two ways to get started: The easiest and fastest way, enroll at our website www.stpaulroyaloak.org. or you can complete an Electronic Giving Authorization form (available in the church lobby) and

return to the church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger, 248-584-3128 or Kayla Kokko, 248-541-0613.

FLOWERS Did you know you can order flowers for the Altar for any given Sunday. You may sign up in the lobby on the flower chart, located on the bulletin board.



Flowers may be in honor or memory of someone, for birthdays, anniversaries or just because. All bouquets (up to 3 per Sunday) may be ordered for \$25 each. Just fill in

the line on the chart for and by whom, make a check out to St. Paul Lutheran and in the memo line put for *Flowers*. We then advertise in our weekly news and notes.

RED ETERNAL LIGHT (candle) that you see on the Altar that burns all year is also under the same concept as the flowers. The cost for this is \$10 and the chart is located next to the flower chart in the lobby. Call the office for further information about this if you have questions.

SCHOOL MINISTRY



St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

Our Mission

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

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.

By Mr. Chris Francik, Principal

Accreditation Update



St. Paul completed the final stages of the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process In March 2025, an important step ensuring the school staff and by extension the congregation is providing an excellent academic education and is continuously improving. Accreditation helps schools develop a structured improvement plan, guiding our mission and operations for long-term success. Over the past several months, our team of school staff, Pastor Andrzejewski, and a few congregation volunteers have conducted a self-study, carefully evaluating our strengths and opportunities for growth. In mid-March, we welcomed an on-site Validation Team of four Lutheran school teachers and a pastor who reviewed our findings, visited classrooms, and met with staff and stakeholders. St. Paul's accreditation team recognized five specific strengths.

- Love of Jesus permeates all the school staff members does.
- Experienced principal
- Pastor who desires a relationship with school

stakeholders.
Dedicated, sacrificial staff
Creative model of congregational governance in the new Vestry system

The entire congregation can celebrate the wonderful blessings evident in our school.

This team provided a report and recommended our accreditation status to both the Michigan District and National Accreditation Commissions. We have also finalized an action plan that will guide our school's strategic goals for the next five years. Annual reports will be submitted to ensure our continued progress.

Finally, I want to personally thank each St. Paul teacher who went well above and beyond their regular duties to complete this process. All the efforts the school staff puts forth were evident to the Validation Team. God's blessings to each person connected to our school!

School PTL Talent Show Come see our kids talents now on **May 2nd** at 6:00pm in the gym. Fun for everyone. Hope to see you there.

FUNDRAISERS:

Kroger Community Rewards—Go online to Kroger.com/community rewards to create an account. Kroger Community Rewards makes fundraising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Another convenient way to support St. Paul. Our Organization # is HG674.

Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes—We continue to collect these bar codes found on the pizza boxes. Please bring them in to the church or school. The school gets cash towards school items we could use or so we

can have an all-school pizza party.

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.

Calendar-May

May 1	National Day of Prayer
May 2	PTL School Talent Show
May 9	Confirmation Statements
May 11	Youth Confirmation
May 16	School Auction (Red Run Golf Club)
May 22	Spring School Music Concert

May 23	Field Day (School Dismissed at Noon)
May 24-26	Memorial Weekend
May 26	Memorial Day (No School)
May 26	School/Royal Oak Parade
May 29	Ascension Worship with Ice Cream Social

Directory & Church NOTES

Directory

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

PRAYERS

Prayers for our Homebound
Donna Brewer
Margaret Kuhlmann
Irma Pope
Charlette Schroeder
Don Storck
Jeanette Till

Prayers for Military

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

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

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Julie Hansen
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School Admin. Assist.

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Sunday Class w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)
Sunday School w/Mrs. Lopez (school gym)

Weekday Bible Classes

Mondays 9:00am Women's Bible Class
Wednesdays 7:00pm 20/30's Group
4th Tuesday 8:00pm Mom Small Group (lounge)
Wednesdays 10:00am Pastor Andrzejewski, (lounge)
Thursdays 8:00am Men's Breakfast at the Avenue
Restaurant (Woodward, N of 13 mi)
3rd Saturday, 7:30am Men's Monthly Breakfast Study,
(lounge)

MEMBER CHANGES

Nicole Taylor 359 Edgewood Pl. Ferndale, MI 48220
Ian Burgess 410 Spezia Dr. Oxford, MI 48371

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Eternal Light

In memory of *Jill* by Sheralyn Floyd

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism

Quiyarah Showers

Parents: Alfred & Quiantas Showers

Date

April 30, 2025

NOTE BITS


Men's Thursday Morning Breakfast— Attention all men of the congregation! Come and join us for breakfast and devotions at The Avenue Restaurant on Woodward north of 13 Mile Road, Thursday mornings. We are meeting at 8:00 a.m. If you are retired or on your way to work this is a great way to start your day. Great group of men to fellowship with. We hope to see you there!

Men's Saturday Breakfast All men of all ages of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to the Men's Breakfast on **May 17** for some great food, fellowship, devotions and Bible study. We meet in the church lounge at 7:30 a.m. Come and Join Us!

Needed Sunday School Assistants— help is in need to work with our children at Sunday School. Contact Liz Lopez at if interested at lopeza1@yahoo.com.

May Birthdays

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

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- 1 Addison Squire
 - 2 Colleen Olsen
 - 3 Nanci Keck
Jeanette Till
 - 4 Naomi Fickel-
Hutcheson
 - 5 Jennifer Rabideau
 - 6 Monica Mills
 - 7 Lee Woelmer
Camdyn Young
 - 8 Amanda Owens
 - 9 Brian Hermann
Ronald Loretitsch
Brooklyn Mickhail
 - 10 Miranda Lorence
 - 11 Cathryn Greener
Roger Pierce
Hayden Sharp
 - 12 Steven Carpenter
Daniel Lawrence
Maegen Lienard
Jeremiah Smith
Barb Strick
Carol Zinnie
 - 14 Desmond Shaw
 - 15 Kelsey Milz
 - 18 Faith Frederick
 - 20 Evan Szerdi
 - 22 Carrie Smith
 - 23 Kristine Pelc
Raelynn Wesley
 - 25 Bob Rutledge
 - 26 Randall Mickens, Jr.
 - 28 Otto Smith
Donna Snell
Melia Woelmer
 - 29 Theodore Eising
Dennis McClatchey
 - 30 Arthur Steiber Jr
 - 31 Steven Ebmeyer
Devin Mitchell
Harold Sharp

May 2025

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