

The Masthead

Monthly Newsletter

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



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REV. JAKOB ANDRZEJEWSKI



"Thanksgiving with a Side of Chaos"

(A Thanksgiving Devotion)

Every year, it happens. The turkey timer breaks, the mashed potatoes look like wallpaper paste, and Uncle Bob is once again explaining how he "almost made it" to the NFL if it weren't for that "mysterious knee injury." The dog sneaks a roll off the table, the kids are arguing over who gets the wishbone, and someone—no one knows who—brought a salad made entirely of Jell-O and fruit cocktail.

And yet, in the middle of the clatter and chaos, someone finally says it: "Let's pray." The room quiets. Forks stop clinking. Heads bow. For a moment, it's peaceful—holy, even. Because in that brief silence, we remember what this whole day is supposed to be about: gratitude to the Giver.

It's funny how often we forget that. We spend weeks planning, cooking, decorating, and stressing over the perfect Thanksgiving, only to miss the point. Our hearts, like our plates, get overfilled with the wrong things. But Scripture reminds us to pause. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Notice that God doesn't say, "Enter with perfection." He doesn't say, "Enter with everything under control." He says, "Enter with thanksgiving." In other words, come as you are—burnt rolls, messy kitchen, family drama and all—and give thanks anyway.

The Apostle Paul puts it this way: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). That's a hard verse to live out, isn't it? We're good at giving thanks when the gravy's smooth and the blessings are obvious. But "all circumstances" includes the hard stuff—the loss, the loneliness, the chairs that used to be filled with the loved ones who give thanks on the celestial level now.

And yet, it's precisely in those moments that God's grace shines brightest. Because Thanksgiving isn't really about the turkey or the table or even the people around it—it's about the cross. It's about a Savior who gave everything for you, so that your heart could overflow even when your hands are empty.

So if your Thanksgiving feels messy this year, rejoice. You're in good company. The disciples spilled more than gravy at the Last Supper, and Jesus still gave thanks. And when the day is done—when the dishes are piled high and someone's fallen asleep watching football—pause for one more quiet moment. Look around and say in your heart, "Thank You, Lord. You've given more than enough."

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1



Vestry Update

From our Vestry: November Voter's Meeting

Upcoming Voters' Meeting – Sunday, November 16

All members are encouraged to attend our next Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 16, immediately following the late service.

This meeting will include several important updates and discussions affecting our congregation:

- ◆ Vestry Elections – Members will vote to fill two open positions on the Vestry.
- ◆ Financial Update – A review of church finances, including a report on the Our House His Throne campaign.
- ◆ Property Sale Update – Information on the status of the sale of the parsonage and vicarage properties.
- ◆ Pastor Housing Discussion – An update on ongoing discussions regarding alternate housing options for Pastor.

Your participation and input are vital as we continue to plan faithfully for the future of our ministry together.



FINANCE

Weekly contribution needed based on approved 2025/26 budget: **\$13,700**

Weekly Contributions Received in September:

9/28 \$8,796
10/5 \$12,534
10/12 \$10,406
10/19 \$8,612



ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Paul offers a convenient electronic giving option to help you keep up with your intended offerings. Please enroll on our website www.stpaulroyaloak.org—or QR code below. For questions, contact Sue in the church office.

2025 Vestry Members:

Chris Schultz—President
Art Steiber—Vice President
Rachel Harris—Secretary
Marshall Mackinder
Jeff Szerdi
Steve Carpenter
Brian Hermann—Financial Secretary
Pastor Andrzejewski
Chris Francik—School Principal
Please email sprovestry@gmail.com if you'd like to reach out to our vestry members.

2026 Offering Envelopes are HERE!



Plate offering for 2026 will have a new format. It was decided to return to annual offering envelope boxes for our members—as opposed to mailing our envelopes out to home addresses quarterly. We made this change for several reasons. First, it will save us around \$1000 annually in cost. Secondly, USPS was not always getting envelopes out to our members correctly. We hope this change makes our process a bit smoother while saving the church money.

Each member who donates by envelope will be able to pick up a box of offering envelopes with their name & number—available now in our Welcome Center. We are able to mail the boxes to anyone who requests this—please reach out to Sue in the office. Our shut-ins will automatically receive them by mail. If you regularly donate online, we did not order a box of envelopes for you. We do have a few blank boxes available to anyone who would like one. Again, please reach out to Sue in the church office to request a box or if you have other questions or concerns.

Thank you for donating generously to St Paul!

Meet the Staff

Every month we will feature a different staff member! This month we are introducing our
3rd & 4th Grade Teacher—Jaclyn Moelich



Hi! I am Jaclyn Moelich! I go by Mrs. Moe in the classroom!

My husband and I started as members of St. Paul almost ten years ago. We found the church when we attended "Financial Peace University" after we were engaged. The class was being held in the church lounge and we began attending services here and felt truly at home. I grew up in Canton where I attended St. Michael's Lutheran Church and went to public school. I attended MSU and earned my Bachelor's and Master's in Special Education.

Working here at St. Paul is special and unique. My greatest joy of each day is the morning devotions and praying with my class! What is more beautiful than hearing a 3rd or 4th grade student say, "Thank you, God, for this wonderful day!"

Rob and I have two daughters, Mayla, who is in Kindergarten and Kenna, who is in preschool. They LOVE their school! Again, there is no greater joyful noise than the two of them telling me about their days learning and being surrounded by God's word.

I am so grateful to be the 3rd and 4th grade teacher this year! It was the age I was when I decided to become a teacher. I teach science and writing to the 1st and 2nd grade students as well as PE for 4th-8th grade. I also love coaching! We just completed our girl's volleyball season! St. Paul students, grades 4-8, really improved their skills and understanding of the game!

It is going to be a wonderful year full of joyful noises around the church and school!

Love and prayers,

Mrs. Moe!

Thank you, Mrs. Moe, for loving & teaching our students and sharing Jesus with them everyday!



Many, many thanks to all members who make our church AMAZING! Specifically, we'd like to acknowledge the individuals who have helped in the following areas recently (you know who you are!):

*Volunteer who shampooed our lounge carpet.

*Volunteer who painted the meeting room (it looks great!).

*Volunteers who faithfully make our coffee EVERY SUNDAY!

If there is an area that you'd love to help with at SPRO, please reach out!



HEY PASTOR...

(A short Q&A column answering common faith or Bible questions)

Q: "What are the origins of All Saints Days occurring November 1?"

A: The roots of All Saints' Day go back to the early centuries of the Christian Church. In the days of persecution, believers would gather at the graves of martyrs to remember their faithfulness and to give thanks to God for their witness. Over time, as the number of martyrs grew, the Church set aside a common day to honor all the saints — those known and unknown — who have "fought the good fight" and now rest from their labors (2 Timothy 4:7; Revelation 14:13).

By the 9th century, November 1 became the official date for All Saints' Day in the Western Church. The night before, October 31, became known as All Hallows' Eve (what we now call Halloween), the "eve of All Saints." When we confess in the Creed, "I believe in the communion of saints," we're proclaiming that we belong to something far bigger than ourselves: the Church of all times and places, made holy by the blood of Jesus. On All Saints' Sunday, we remember that death does not have the final word — Christ does.

*Luther's Lingo
for November*

"I know not
the way He
leads me, but
well do I know
my Guide.
What have
I to fear?"

- Martin Luther

Upcoming Holiday Events & Opportunities

ST PAUL 20/30S—JOIN US FOR FRIENDSGIVING!

JOIN US SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT KYRIA'S PLACE - TIME TBA
LOOK FOR A SIGN UP GENIUS FOR A DISH TO BRING. PLEASE EMAIL
KYRIA GOWMAN (K1980W@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
ADDED TO OUR GROUP CHAT.
COMING IN DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Poinsettia Orders—Coming soon!

Be on the lookout for poinsettia order details and forms in the weekly news & notes!

Christmas Family Choir

Our beautiful 5pm Christmas Eve service needs your family and your voices! This involves a simple 2-part & 4-part plus a part for children. Rehearsals will be the last 2 Sundays prior to Christmas Eve—following the late service. If interested or have questions, please reach out to Greg Paul at gpaul@stpaulroyaloak.org or 248-765-0316

Advent Worship 2025

Please plan to join us for Advent Worship services in December on Wednesdays at 7pm:

December 3rd—Advent 1: Lessons and Carols featuring Lutheran High School Northwest
December 10th—Advent 2: Hymn Sing
December 17th—Advent 3: Annual St Paul School Christmas Program

Monthly Bible Readings

LCMS Series C

Week	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Nov. 2	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:(2–8) 9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12
Nov. 9	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Ex. 3:1–15	Psalm 148	2 Thess. 2:1–8, 13–17	Luke 20:27–40
Nov. 16	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Mal. 4:1–6	Psalm 98	2 Thess. 3:(1–5) 6–13	Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)
Nov. 23	Last Sunday of the Church Year	Mal. 3:13–18	Psalm 46	Col. 1:13–20	Luke 23:27–43
Nov. 30	First Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 2:1–5	Psalm 122	Rom. 13:(8–10) 11–14	Matt. 21:1–11



Thanksgiving Worship and Food In-gathering

Please plan to join us Thanksgiving Eve—Nov. 26th—for worship at 7pm.
We will be collecting food for our food pantry (non-perishables only). We will need lots of extra hands to store our food on Friday, Nov. 28th at 10am. Please help if you are able!



Operation Christmas Child

Since 2023, St. Paul has helped share the Gospel with over 160 children across the world through our collec-



tions for Operation Christmas Child! We will collect donations online via our goal page from now until November 24. The cost for a gift box is now \$30 – this includes toys, school supplies, personal care items, The Greatest Gift book (filled with Bible stories for children). Use your phone and the QR code to get started. Cash or check (with your current mailing address) made payable to Rachel Andrzejewski is also accepted.

Help us meet our goal of 80 boxes this Christmas season!
Please also continue to pray for this important ministry!

BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:45am w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)

Sunday School will be returning **NOVEMBER 2nd!**

Weekday/Saturday Bible Classes

Mondays 9:00am Women's Bible Class (Sept-May) (lounge) Contact Lee Ann Millinger or Rita McClatchey
Wednesdays 10:00am Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge) (Sept-May)
Thursdays 8:00am Men's Breakfast at The Avenue Restaurant (Woodward, N of 13 mile) Contact Mike Rasmussen
3rd Saturday, 7:30am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, (Sept-May) (lounge) Contact Chuck Brewer

SCHOOL MINISTRY



St. Paul Lutheran School

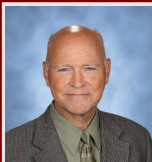
100+ Years of God's Grace

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.



Mr. Kurt Schmidt ~ Middle School Grammar & Spelling, Religion & Band

The St. Paul Lutheran School Advancing Band participated in the Lutheran Schools Music Festival's Band Clinic at Lutheran High Northwest on Friday, October 24. This half day clinic was hosted by LHNW's band director, Brian Polatz, but this year's clinician was Dr. Jeffrey Doebler, Director of Music Education and Bands, at Valparaiso University in Indiana. He brought several Valpo students with him to help our middle school students with technique, sound production, and intonation training. Our fifteen St. Paul students were part of a combined ensemble of over 150 musicians!

In November, back at St. Paul, the band members will begin auditioning for the St. Paul 12 Scale Club. To achieve membership in this "Club", a student must perform all twelve major scales, going up and back down, in six minutes or less, in front of the entire band, without a single error. The band rehearses two days a week this year with 12 Scale Club auditions on Thursdays. When you see a band event on the St. Paul calendar, make sure you plan around it so you can come hear all they have accomplished!



**Don't miss our PTL Book & Movie Night
November 14th ~ 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM!**

This fun-filled evening will feature Judi Barrett's "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs". Every school family has received a copy of the book to read at home before the event. Come join us in the church lounge to watch the movie adaptation together! Concessions will be available for purchase, so bring your appetite for snacks and good company. We can't wait to share this time of fun, fellowship, and family with you all! Hope to see you there!

*We're excited to celebrate the wonderful people who make a difference in our students' lives! **Special Persons Day** will take place on **Tuesday, November 25th**, beginning with chapel at **8:30 a.m.** Following chapel, guests will enjoy time in the classrooms with their students, taking part in fun activities and sharing in the joy of the day. The celebration will conclude with fellowship, crafts, and refreshments in the gym, ending about noon. This day is all about showing appreciation for the special connections that help our children grow in faith, love, and community. If you'd like to volunteer to be a "special someone" for a student who doesn't have a guest that day, we would be deeply grateful for your support! Reach out to Julie Hansen for details.*

PTL Happenings in November and Beyond



Our Evergreen Sale has ended. Thank you for everyone who ordered! Delivery will be on Sunday, November 30th at the school. The PTL will keep items at the school for those who cannot pick items up on that date if needed.

It is time to start thinking about donations for our School Christmas Shop. We need many donated, handmade items for the children to shop for at the annual Christmas Shop on December 12th. Please reach out to Julie Hansen, School Administrative Assistant if you have any questions. (248)546-6555/school@stpaulroyaloak.org



Join us on Wednesday, November 5th, from 4-8 PM at Qdoba Mexican Eats on Woodward Ave in Royal Oak. Just mention St. Paul Lutheran School (or show the flyer) when you order or enter the promo code "QDOBAGIVES" when ordering online or on the mobile app, and 25% of your purchase will come back to help our school! **What a tasty and easy way to support our Vikings!** Keep an eye out for details on our next Dinner Night in December – a two-night Pizza Perks event with Benito's Pizza!

As always, thank you for your support!

School Calendar

November 5	Qdoba Night 4-8pm	November 25	Special Person's Day
November 6	1/2 Day—Parent/Teacher Conference		1/2 Day
November 7	No School—Parent/Teacher Conference	November 26-29	No School—Thanksgiving Break
November 14	PTL Book & Movie Night		

Church Notes

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

If you have any questions or would like
 to assist, please reach out to:
 Lee Ann Millinger (248)417-9526
 Cathy Greener (248)953-1567
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 Thank you for supporting our community!

Prayers

Prayers for our Homebound
 Margaret Kuhlmann
 Irma Pope
 Don Storck
 Jeanette Till

Prayers for Military

Mark Bowdich
 Paul Bowdich
 Trevor Guilmette
 Alex Keppler
 Brooke Keppler
 Brandon Newton
 Tirzah VanDamme
 Jason Zuniga
 Gabrielle Zuniga

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

Serving us in Worship in November

Altar Guild—Jennifer Rabideau & Miranda
 Lorence -Nov 30th—Kathy Eifert/Faith Frederick
Ushers—8:15— Chuck Brewer, Brian
 Hermann, Steve Snell
Ushers—11—Rich Ohngren, Brent Hansen,
 Zach Lorence

11/2/25:
Counters
 8:15— Libby Walker & Emily Bashore
 11— Chris Francik & Brett Hansen

Readers
 8:15— Lily Wilson
 11—Marshall Mackinder

Elders
 8:15—Chick Brewer/Bryan Harris
 11—TBA

11/9/25:
Counters
 8:15— Randy Walker, Ben Schultz & Carol Z
 11—Kathy Eifert & Chris Francik

Readers
 8:15— Jim Schultz
 11—Lee Anne Millinger

Elders
 8:15— Chuck Brewer
 11— Bryan Harris & Mike Rassmusen

11/16/25:
Counters
 8:15— Chay Smith & Carol Zimnie
 11am—Marshall Mackinder & Julie Thomas

Readers
 8:15— Barb Costakes
 11am—Jeff Szerdi

Elders
 8:15— Jim Schultz & Kevin Calhoun
 11—TBA

11/23/25:
Counters
 8:15— Libby Walker & Emily Bashore
 11am—Meredith Sanislo & Jeff Szerdi

Readers
 8:15— Kevin Calhoun
 11am—Drew Haselton

Elders
 8:15—Brian Hermann
 11—TBA

11/26/25—Thanksgiving Eve Service:
Counters—Chris Francik & Julie Hansen
Reader—Lily Wilson
Elders—TBA

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

St. Paul School

In memory of **Donna Brewer:**
 Greg & Julia Paul
 In honor of **Eden Carpenter's** baptism
 Beverly Limbaugh

St. Paul Church

In memory of **Donna Brewer:**
 Beverly Limbaugh
 In memory of **Donna Brewer:**
 Anonymous

St Paul Garden Club

In memory of **Jeff Rinkus:**
 Greg & Julia Paul

GIFTS—*Donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using the card located 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. Contact the church office with any questions regarding this. Thank you.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

Traditional 8:15am
 Sunday Bible Class 9:45am
 Traditional 11am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm
 Friday 9am–3pm
Closed Nov 26-28th

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Mikel Neal- Oct. 5, 2025
 Eden Carpenter- Oct. 12, 2025
 Maela Lefere- Oct. 19, 2025

ALTAR FLOWERS & RED ETERNAL LIGHT (candle)

You can order flowers for our altar in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. Sign-up details are located to the left of our new Welcome Center on the board. All bouquets may be ordered for \$25 each & candles for \$10 each. Fill out an envelope and make a check out to St. Paul.

Serving us in Worship in November (continued)

11/30/25:
Counters

8:15— Ben Schultz & Libby Walker
 11am—Kristen Gowman & Julie Thomas

Readers

8:15— Naomi Hutcheson
 11am—Jeff Szerdi

Elders

8:15—Brian Hermann & Kevin Calhoun
 11—Jim Schultz

Media Info:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpaulroyaloak

Web: www.stpaulroyaloak.org

Our livestream is available on our very own You Tube channel at

www.stpaulroyaloak.org/live.

You can also access our bulletins on our website at

www.stpaulroyaloak.org/news-and-notes/. Be sure to check out our #5thStreet Gospel video clips and share it!



November Birthdays

11/01	Ken Millinger Randall Mickens, Sr. John Hermann	11/17	Robert Kokko, Jr.
11/03	Dorothy Huff Maggie Kienman Katie Canfield	11/19	Rebecca Jurvelin Michael Boyd Philip Aufdemberg James Ohngren
11/04	Dan Sendek Mitchell Sanislo	11/22	Bria Wilson (Thomas)
11/08	Margaret Horvath	11/23	Keagan Muse Charles, IV Muse Josephine Shaw
11/09	David Owens	11/25	Edna Lentner
11/10	Barbara Costakes Diane Womack	11/27	Betsy Newton-Simon Seth Roche
11/12	Ana Calhoun Amelia Mackinder Penelope MacKinder	11/28	Carol Semon Kathleen Malczynski
11/15	Dorothy Ainsworth	11/29	Mark Olsen Rowan Baker
		11/30	Carole Sendek Leslie Jones



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

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30 AM Reformation Wor- ship & Rally (C) SPRO School Accred- itation Presentation	27 9 AM -Trustees -Walk-in Food Pantry -Women's Bible Class	28	29 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class	30 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	31	1
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16 8:15 AM Traditional Worship (C) 9:45 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	17 9 AM -Trustees -Women's Bible Class	18	19 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class	20 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (C)	24 9 AM -Trustees -Walk-in Food Pantry -Women's Bible Class	25	26 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship -Food Ingathering- School & Office Closed	27 Thanksgiving Day School & Office Closed	28 10:00 AM Ingathering Food Storage School & Office Closed	29
30 8:15 AM Traditional Worship (C) 09:45 AM Bible Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (C) 12:00 PM Church Decorating for Advent	1 9 AM -Trustees -Women's Bible Class	2	3 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Class 7:00 PM Advent 1 Worship	4 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 11:00 AM Drive Thru Food Pantry 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5	6