



St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of November 23, 2025

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WELCOME GUESTS!

It's nice to have you with us today! Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and 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. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to one of our elders, ushers or the pastor. Please complete a guest attendance card located in our pews and place in the offering plate.

Note regarding sanctuary exits:

There are 2 exit doors at the front of the sanctuary—to the right and left of the organ pipes. In the event of an emergency, please utilize the closest exit to you. If you have any questions, please reach out to an elder or usher.

Livestream

Unable to join us for worship in person? Our livestream is available on our very own YouTube channel at www.stpaulroyaloak.org/live. You can also access our bulletins on our website at <https://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/news-and-notes/>. Be sure to check out our #5thStreet Gospel video clips and share it!

2 WAYS TO MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE

Live-Streaming Services Online? You may key in your attendance from the form at www.stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance.

In-house? We have TWO kiosks in the narthex for members to sign in. Simply type your phone number and check your name(s). See an usher for assistance. NOTE: If your number does not work, please submit an attendance card with your updated information to the church office. Visitors should fill out a card located at the kiosks or in the pews. Thank you.



Church Decorating ~ November 29th. ***Note date change***

Please help us decorate our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas! We'll need help Saturday Nov 29th at 10am—lunch provided! It'll be all

hands on deck since we'll need individuals to help with lifting and getting on ladders in addition to hanging ornaments and decorations. Please reach out to Kathy Eifert if you can make it or have any questions ~ holland4me@yahoo.com.



Donations needed for the 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/ jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org. Thank you!

Special Persons Day ~ Tuesday, November 25th, beginning with chapel at 8:30 a.m.

The half day will be filled with 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 or Chris Francik.



School Care Worker Needed!

Our school is looking for a part time childcare worker—mainly for our early morning care starting at 7am (Monday-Friday). Training is

available—no experience necessary. Other hours are available if interested. Please reach out directly to Principal Francik if you or someone you know is interested or has questions.



Advent by Candlelight Tea is December 6th at 11am.

All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy lunch and fellowship this advent season. Plan to bring a small dessert or plate of

cookies and a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. Sign up and details are in the Welcome Center. Spaces are limited to 35! Reach out to Lisa Kokko with questions ~ kokkopuff@comcast.net or (586) 899-3502.

Updates from the 11/16/25 Voter's Meeting:

1. Elections—out of four candidates nominated for two open positions, Lily Paul and Chay Smith were voted in to serve on the vestry starting 2026 (each are a 3-year term). Steve Carpenter (current vestry member) will serve as VP and Marshall Mackinder (also current vestry member) will serve as Financial Secretary. Thank you to Art Steiber and Brian Hermann for their faithful service!
2. Financial Update—see our December Masthead for updates.
3. Our House, His Throne—construction is complete & we have paid our balance for the project. We used cash reserves to pay the shortfall so we are asking all members to please change your donation from "capital campaign" to "general fund" to replenish our cash reserves. Thanks to all who contributed!
4. Property Sale Update—we are awaiting a signed purchase agreement. We hope to have one signed within the next month. See December Masthead for more details.
5. Pastor Housing Update—more to come once we have a signed purchase agreement for the 2 properties on S. Troy. We will hold a special voter's meeting once we have all documents signed.
6. Mission Statement Update—the vestry has updated our mission statement from "Equip, Support, Serve, Witness, Where God Calls Us" to "Serve. Support. Share."



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
Join us at 6pm for an Advent meal Potluck—bring a dish to share!

December 10th—Advent 2: Hymn Sing

December 17th—Advent 3: Annual St Paul School Christmas Program



The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the church on their 150+ years in the Royal

Oak community. All are welcome to stop by at NOON on Tuesday, December 2nd at the church to help celebrate this event. This will also give St. Paul the opportunity to showcase our updated welcome center to fellow Royal Oak Chamber businesses.

Need offering envelopes for 2026? If you did not have an opportunity to pick up your offering envelopes, please reach out to the church office.



Setting up online donations: To sign up for online giving, follow the link on our website: stpaulroyaloak.org or use the QR code.

Need help updating your existing online donation(s)? Please reach

out to Sue in the church office for assistance. office@stpaulroyaloak.org

FINANCE

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

Weekly Contribution Received 11/9 **\$11,857**

Weekly Contribution Received 11/16 **\$14,403**

In our thoughts and prayers this week

Current Health Needs

Liz Lopez—cancer treatment
Jo-Ann Swaney—health concerns
Carol Semon—health concerns
Grace Hammond—accident

Prayers for comfort

Steve & Darlene Baker family—at the loss of Darlene’s brother

Long-term Health Needs

Jeff Lehman (cancer)
Natasha Loretitsch
Patricia Walker-Bill

Prayers for our Home-bound

Margaret Kuhlmann
Irma Pope
Don Storck
Jeanette Till

All Military Family & Friends

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

Non-Member Family & Friends

Priscilla Bennett (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz
Jo Burke (arm fracture), friend of Clara Lichtenberg
Sharon Charnawskas, (health concerns), sister-in-law of Jim Charnawskas
Palmer Charnawskas, (recovery brain surgery) great niece of Jim Charnawskas
Anne Gabriel, (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan
David I . (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel
Brian Kitz, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen
Linda Anderson, (cancer) , cousin of Mark & Barbara Costakes
Matt Mackinder, (MS) Marshall’s brother
Diane Major, (burn/injury), friend of the Carpenters
Bill Merte, (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen
Janie Nelson, (health concerns) Tim Woodward’s mother
Tom Noonan, (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz
Marlene Olsen (healing), mother of Mark Olsen
Ted Stephens, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen
Daniel Tharpe, (continued care) grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge

FLOWERS on the Altar
today are given in memory of Will by Clara Lichtenberg

If prayers need to be removed or added, please contact the church office at office@stpaulroyaloak.org or 248-541-0613



FLOWERS and ETERNAL LIGHT on the Altar

If you’d like to order flowers/eternal light for special occasions (anniversaries, birthdays etc.) or in memory of someone, please fill out the chart in Welcome Center—envelopes are provided for payment. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per bouquet/\$10 for eternal light. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran and leave in the office.

TAKE IT HOME! SCRIPTURE READING FROM TODAY:

Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.”
We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

Serving us in Worship NEXT WEEK 11/30/25:

Preacher	Pastor Andrzejewski	Counters 8:15	Ben Schultz/Libby Walker
Music	Greg Paul	Counters 11	Kristen Gowman/Julie Thomas
Altar Guild	Jennifer Rabideau/Miranda Lorence	Ushers 8:15	Brian Hermann/Steve Snell/Chuck Brewer/Chay Smith
Reader 8:15	Naomi Hutcheson		Rich Ohngren/Brett Hansen/Zack Lorence/Mike Boyd
Reader 11	Jeff Szerdi	Ushers 11	
Elders 8:15	Brian Hermann/Kevin Calhoun		
Elders 11	Jim Schultz/TBA		

Weekly News & Events

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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23

8:15am **Worship**
9:45am Bible Class & Sunday School
11am **Worship—C**

Monday, November 24

9am Trustees
9am Women’s Bible Class
9am Food Pantry Walk-In

Wednesday, November 26

No School
Church Office Closed
7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 Food Ingathering

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

10am Ingathering Food Storage
No School
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

10am Church Decorating

Sunday, November 30

8:15am **Worship—C**
9:45am Bible Class & Sunday School
11am **Worship—C**

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