



St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of December 7, 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.

Lutheran Witness Subscription

If you'd like to purchase an annual subscription to the Lutheran Witness (the official periodical of the LCMS), please reach out to Sue in the office. Price is 22.50/year. All subscription requests and payments due by **December 8th**.



School Christmas Shop is happening THIS FRIDAY at 9am!

We can still accept donated, handmade items for the shop and they can be dropped off at the school or church before Friday. Please reach out to

Julie Hansen, School Administrative Assistant if you have any questions. (248)546-6555/jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org. Thank you!



Join us on Monday, Dec. 8th or Tuesday, Dec. 9th from 11am-8pm at Benito's Pizza 1700 Rochester Rd. in Royal Oak. Call (248) 744-5555 to order & mention St. Paul

Lutheran School (or show the flyer at pick up). 20% of your purchase will come back to help our school! **What a tasty & easy way to support our Vikings!**



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.



Apple Pies are still available!

We have extra pies for sale! If you'd like one, please reach out to Principal Francik or the church or school office & make a donation to help our middle schoolers raise funds for Washington DC!



Advent Worship 2025

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

December 10th—Advent 2: Hymn Sing

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

Babysitting afternoon is planned for

Saturday December 13th ~ 1-5pm. Parents—do you need an afternoon to Christmas shop, wrap gifts or spend some quality time with your spouse? Babysitting filled with cookie decorating, movies, snacks & hot chocolate will be provided by students & staff all afternoon. All funds collected will help the middle schoolers attend their class trips this spring! Look for the sign up link in the Viking School Newsletter or email Julie Hansen at jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org.



Annual Mitten Tree Is here!

Be on the lookout for gloves, mittens, scarves & hats! We will have our annual Mitten Tree up during the month of December. All donations will be delivered to Wellspring

Child & Family Services.

ALSO—we've been made aware that several seniors in the Royal Oak Manor apartments (our neighbors on Williams and Sixth) are in need of gloves & hats. Please place adult-size items in the basket next to the tree.



SPRO 20s/30s

We will be meeting 12/16 at 6pm for dinner at church and then will help get the sanctu-

ary decorated for the annual school Christmas program! Email Kyria Gowman (k19gow@gmail.com) if you have questions and also if you plan to attend so she can order enough pizza for everyone! We hope to see everyone there!

SPRO STATS: Since 2020, we have been blessed with these numbers: 78 new baptisms, 27 confirmands, 88 new members, a 56% increase in average weekly attendance, and thousands of viewers watching our new YouTube Shorts series called "5th Street Gospel."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Our House, His Throne campaign!

The project is complete and we have paid our last installment. As stated in our November voter's meeting (recap is available in the December Masthead), we used a good portion of our reserves to complete the payment & to avoid taking out a loan. We are asking our members to now transition their donations from the campaign to replenishing our reserves by giving to the general fund. If you need assistance with this, please reach out to the church office. Thank you!

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 11/23 **\$11,362**

Weekly Contribution Received 11/30 **\$10,911**

In our thoughts and prayers this week

Current Health Needs

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

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

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.

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

TAKE IT HOME! SCRIPTURE READING FROM TODAY:

Matthew 3:1–2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

Serving us in Worship NEXT WEEK 12/14/25:

Preacher	Pastor Andrzejewski	Counters 8:15	Carrie Smith/Carol Zimnie
Music	Greg Paul	Counters 11	Chris Francik/Rick Thomas
Altar Guild	Anne Sagan/Lauren Banker	Ushers 8:15	David Owens, Roger Pierce, Elders
Reader 8:15	David Newton	Ushers 11	Erik Olsen, Drew Haselton, Mike
Reader 11	Dawn Heins		Boyd, Rob Moelich
Elders 8:15	Brian Hermann		
Elders 11	Bryan Harris/Jim Schultz		

Weekly News & Events

December 7, 2025 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7—2nd Sunday in Advent

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

Monday, December 8

9am Trustees
9am Women's Bible Class
9am Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 10

8:30am Chapel
10am Bible Class
7pm Advent 2 Worship

Thursday, December 11

8am Men's Breakfast
7pm Choir
8:30pm Bell Choir

Friday, December 12

9am School Christmas Shop

Saturday, December 13

1pm-5pm Babysitting Fundraiser

Sunday, December 14—3rd Sunday in Advent

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

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