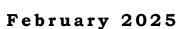
St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

## The Masthead

Montaly Newsletter

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





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#### FEBRUARY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Feb 9	Big Game Bash (superbowl)
Feb 10	No School (teacher inservice)
Feb 14	Valentines Day

Youth Group Shut-in Project Feb 16

Feb 17-18 School Winter Break Feb 22 **Quiz Nite** 

Beb 23 Baby Bottle Return



## A Newer Epiphany Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

This relatively new hymn, text and tune in 1966, is a favorite of the children of our grade school.

The overall theme has to do with light, and Jesus being the "Light of the World." Jesus shines in the darkness of sin both in the world generally and in our hearts specifically. The author and composer Kathleen Thomerson references many



Greg Paul, Music Minister

scriptures dealing with light: Malachi 4:2, "sun of righteousness," Ephesians 3:17, "Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith," and John 1:5, "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." Finally in Revelation 21:23 we read "the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb."

The season of Epiphany is all about Jesus being the light, so we have this hymn in the Epiphany section of our hymnal.

Thomerson wrote both the tune and text simultaneously while on a trip from St. Louis, Missouri to Houston, Texas. thus, the hymn received its tune name of "Houston." It was originally a choral anthem and then became a popular hymn at her church, in Houston. It became so loved that copies in the pews were continually "disappearing" necessitating its copyrighting in 1970. Thomerson, now 90 years old, was born in 1934 in Jackson Tennesee. She studied organ with some internationally notable teachers, two of the more familiar were Flor Peeters in Belguim, and Jean Langlais in Paris. Most recently (2004 – 2012) she served as director of Music at Mount Olive Lutheran in Austin, Texas.

The following is a good video of a Notre Dame choir singing this hymn. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1hQNshdsik

> I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain



#### **MINISTRY**



Annual Big Game Bash

Plans are being made and we hope you plan to watch the big

game with us on *February 9th* at 6:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Come watch the Big Game (super bowl) on the Big Screen in the lounge while enjoying some food and some great fellowship. This year, we'll be doing a Pasta Bar, with pasta (gluten free available by request); marinara, alfredo, and meat sauces; Italian sausage, peppers, onions; and beverages (pop and water) provided. Game kickoff will be deter-

mined. Sign up at the Welcome Center so we can approximate how many people will be coming. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Brewer, (586) 822-8619.



SPRO Young Adults is a group of post-college age to 30 something who gather together to fellowship We would like to reach out to new church attendees who don't know we have a group. The basic information is that we have a group chat for communication of events that are happening, and we do Trivia on most Wednesday nites at 7:00 pm at the Side Bar in Royal Oak. Please join us! Also, Atwater 20s and 30s Group-Bible Study on the Book of Romans. We meet on most 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at Atwater Brewery, Detroit. This is a group from Historic Trinity. All are welcome.

For more information or if you are interested in being part of the Young Adults group, you may get in touch with Kyria Gowman at K19gow@gmail.com.



The Lutheran Adult Gathering (LAG)

Do you need encouragement from fellow Christians? Do you like Mackinac Island? Would you like to stay at the Grand Hotel while the Michigan colors are in their full glory? Could you benefit from great times of worship and Bible study? Do you need an evening of laughter? If you answered yes to even a couple of these questions, then this *Gathering* is a great fit for you. The cost can seem daunting, but the sacrifice of saving \$20–25 a week

until the Gathering in October will be enough to attend. Encourage other friends to attend with you! Maybe this weekend could be a great catalyst for Adult Ministry at your church. What a great celebration it will be when we gather for a weekend in October 2025! Watch for weekend Dates and registration through MI District.

What is included in the cost? The Registration fee and Room Reservation cost include the following: -Ferry to and from the island (parking fee is not included) -Room for Friday and Saturday nights at the Grand Hotel - Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast -Gathering activities and speakers. What is not included in the cost? -Transportation between the docks and Grand Hotel (if desired) -Lunch on Saturday -Souvenirs and fudge •



## Monthly Bible Readings February 2025

Three-Year Series C



DATE	FESTIVAL	OLD TESTAMENT	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
Feb. 2	The Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord	1 Sam. 1:21-28	Psalm 84	Heb. 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-32 (33-40)
Feb. 9	Fifth S. after the Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalm 138	1 Cor. 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11
Feb. 16	Sixth S. after the Epiphany	Jer. 17:5-8	Psalm 1	1 Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb. 23	Seventh S. after the Epiphany	Gen. 45:3-15	Psalm 103:1-13	1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38

#### MINISTRY

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## **Congratulations Faith Frederick**

Women honors women throughout the greater Detroit area who have been selected as their

church or organizations 'Woman of the Year'. These women exemplify service to our Lord in His church and in the community. Faith is very active in various programs at St. Paul. She works in the school Library, She heads up crocheting in an after-school program, She attends the Sunday, Monday and Wednesday Bible studies group. She is a member of Altar Guild (helping prepare Altar for worship). Works where needed at church, with new members, Reformation event, Easter breakfast and was a former congregation secretary.



Faith retired from Beaumont Hospital as a Physical Therapist. She is also retired from the Navy Reserves and a veteran of the Gulf War.

A special luncheon and recognition off campus will be given in honor for her on March 25 along with other area Women of the Year. This is Council of Lutheran Women's 61st annual luncheon, and will be held this year Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, Michigan. Watch in News & Notes for tickets to go on sale to attend the luncheon and share in Faiths honor. Contact Colleen Olsen at (248) 288-0769 for questions.

#### **NOTES & SUCH**

**Need A Prayer?** There is a group of individuals at St. Paul called Prayer Warriors, who are ready to pray for you! Please feel welcome to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email christinemsteiber@gmail.com. All prayer requests will be kept confidential. For public prayer in worship, please contact the church office.

**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 you may use Direct Debit from our website. This is all about convenience for you and consistency for the church. This way of giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed in the church office.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast—Once a month men of our congregation get together on the third Saturday of each month to enjoy great fellowship, breakfast and share in devotions and a Bible study. We will meet Saturday, February 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the church lounge. Bring a friend or neighbor. Plan to come and meet other new friends and enjoy a meal and a morning of camaraderie.

#### **Book Nook—Valentine Cards Available!**

You can choose beautiful cards with Scripture for your friends & family for only 50 cents each for all occasions throughout the year. DYI sales: choose your items, pay cash or checks to Women's Guild, deposit payment into the cash box attached to the brick wall next to the card rack. Thank you. Come check us out!



#### **MINISTRY**

#### NOTES & SUCH continued...



**FLOWERS**— Did you know you can order flowers for the Altar for any given weekend? 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.

They also decorate the Altar for that Sunday. 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 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. Thank you.

**Articles for the News and Notes and Monthly** 

**Masthead**— If you have an event or program at church and it needs to be advertised, please submit your articles of events and programs for the weekly bulletins to the church office no later than 10:00 am Wednesday mornings. After this time, article(s) will be printed in the follow-

ing week's news. And, for the monthly newsletter, Masthead, I need articles by the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Thank you.

#### **BIBLE CLASSES**



Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Sunday Classes w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)

Youth Group, school gym

#### Weekday Bible Classes

Mondays 9:00am Women's Bible Class (lounge)
4th Tuesday 8:00pm Mom Small Group (lounge)
Wednesdays 10:00am w/Pastor Andrzejewski, (lounge)

7:00 pm Young Adults (RO Sidebar)

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)

**Church Food Pantry–** we offer a drive-thru food pantry for those in need in our community on the 1stThursday of the month 11am-1pm. or walk-in on 2nd & 4th Mondays 9am-Noon. Also, bags are set out in the lobby for members on 4th Sunday of the month. As always donations are accepted to help keep our pantry full. Needed canned (soups, vegetables, meats, fruits) and boxed goods (mac & cheese, pasta noodles, cereal). Thank you.



#### **Baby Bottle Boomerang Ends February 23**



We've observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 19, 2025 by kicking off our Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) to benefit Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Berkley | Detroit. Please return filled bottles to office. When returned, please mark your name on clipboard, You may fill bottles with spare change — but paper money and checks are

great, too! Make checks out to *CareNet Berkley/ Detroit*. Questions? Contact Lee Anne Millinger, 248-417-9526 for questions.

#### **Lenten Devotional Booklet 2025**



Servant of the Lord

Booklets will be available to pick up on February 23 in the church lobby.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm for worship, 6:00 pm dinner.

Share with neighbors, friends and family.

Inside cover has Holy Week schedule, invite them to worship with us.

#### 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. Chris Francik, Principal

Those worshippers who attended the final Advent service back in December were able to witness the diligence and determination of all the school students to joyfully proclaim Jesus's birth that night after hours of preparation in numerous rehearsals. It became clear the leader-

ship of our Middle School students was a tremendous model for the younger children and motivated many of them to aspire for better outcomes in their own individual effort. Thankfully, even as the teacher of 4th and 5th Graders, I now get to work with the upper grade students for the remainder of the school year. How?

#### Introducing the Channel V News Crew!

Every Wednesday, this brand-new club creates, writes, produces, and records a weekly video newscast for students and parents of St. Paul to watch and enjoy. There are anchors at the news desk informing viewers about school events, on the spot reporters giving details on field trips or school lessons of particular interest. Others may share the Bible Verse of the Week or the Teacher Feature, where they share parts of an interview they conducted with a teacher, and even more. By participating in this club, students will be developing skills in drama, public speaking, creative writing, technology, motivation, goal setting, and even comedy.

Look for them on a screen near you soon!

Channel V is pronounced **Channel 5** (V for Vikings and the Roman numeral for five).

Mr. Kurt Schmidt Teacher of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP: Mark your calendars. Kindergarten Round Up will be held at 6:30



p.m. on January 30 for all parents who may be interested in sending their children to our kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Miranda Lorence will share details of our program, tuition costs, and the curriculum materials used in our school. Health requirements will also be discussed. St. Paul offers a full day kindergarten program from 8:15 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

**CHURCH MEMBER SCHOOL FAMILIES:** Reminder to please record your attendance at church services as 50% church attendance is the minimum to receive member tuition. IN-PERSON services: Please make it a point to fill out the regular attendance card or use the kiosk at church. With ONLINE SERVICES: Just listen, record the date, and fill out the form at http://www.stpaul royaloak.org/attendance. Questions can be emailed to boe@stpaulroyaloak.org.

#### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR:**

February 2, 9, 16, 23 Youth Sunday School School Valentine's Dance February 7 February 10 No School (Teacher Inservice)

**Public School Confirmation Class** February 15 February 17-18 School Winter Break

#### **DIRECTORY & Church NOTES**

## Directory

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(Please contact Steven Carpenter at scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org to request a communication, print publication or new web project for the website. Submit your news, story, recap, event, or photo and it'll be considered for publication.)

## Staff

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 Julie Hansen

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#### Kayla Kokko

586-879-9843 Business Manager

## Gifts Given

#### St. Paul Church

In memory of *Michael Coffeen* by M/M John Sullivan, Bradley and Janet Champion

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, 248-541-0613 for any questions.

## Official Acts

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## Member Changes

Fay Brown 516 North Main Street, Apt. 104, Clawson-48017 Kurt Treuter PO BOX 1829 Normangee, TX **77871**-1829 Daniel Bachleda 1985 Parkfront Dr. Apt 311 Mt. Peasant, SC 29464-7112

Bryan Pingel 2147 S Lovington Dr. Apt. 201 Troy, MI 48083

## Prayers

For our Homebound

Donna Brewer

Margaret Kuhlmann

Irma Pope

Charlette Schroeder Don Storck Jeanette Till

## For Military

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



## Community Food Pantry Monthly:

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









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

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	Carol Hills		Rachel Smith
7	Jim Schultz	19	Emma Hiles
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			Johanna Schurrer
9	Avery Grider		
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10	Nova Fuchs-Smith		
	Aizabeth Lopez	25	Amy Kilbourn
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