St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



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

March 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Pastor Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski

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FAQ's and Facts

Welcome back to FAQs and Facts! If you missed our previous episode, we discussed Christmas trees, the birth of Jesus, and how much Mary knew. Stay tuned to find out what questions we'll ask next!

FAQ 1: What is the meaning of Lent?

Referred to as "the holiest season of the church year," the Lenten season is simply this: a time of the church year set focused on preparing our hearts and minds for the glory of the resurrection. The first day of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is when our attention is directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time of special devotion and humble repentance that draws hope from "Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23).

FAQ 2: What is "fasting" and is it mandatory for Lent?

Historically speaking, fasting is the disciplined practice of withdrawing oneself from the luxury of food. To curb one's desires from earthly things and, in moments of temptation, learn to fix your eyes on Jesus is a rigorous habit of spiritual discipline. However, while fasting is certainly a "fine outward training," it is not mandatory in order to follow Jesus to the cross. Consider other methods of spiritual discipline during this time- reading the Bible, setting time apart every day for prayer, volunteering in the church.

FAQ 3: What is Ash Wednesday?

It's official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on the forehead in the sign of the cross. It marks the 1st day of 40 days (Jesus in the wilderness) of the season of Lent in which we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return (Gen. 3:19). It marks the day of our willingness to remember God's judgment against sin. It expresses our desire to receive his grace in full so that he may claim us again from the dust of the earth. As we carry the sign of death on our forehead, we also carry the sign of life in the shape: a cross which proclaims hope, joy, and confidence in our resurrection.

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.



Church Office: 248-541-0613 & School Office: 248-546-6555

Woman of the Year Buncheon



A special luncheon and recognition off campus

will be given in honor of Faith Frederick along with other area Women of the Year.

This is Council of Lutheran Women's 61st annual luncheon, and will be held this year on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, Michigan.

Make your reservation for the luncheon and share this momentous event with Faith by contacting Colleen Olsen 248-202-4176 (text or call) for **RESERVATIONS for \$38.00 per person, which includes a \$2.00/person donation to seminarians and CLW-supported food banks.** Seating is at tables of 10. **20/30's Group (aka: 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.



Camp Concordia!

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! Not to

early to think about Summer Camp. Summer Overnight Christian Children's Camps (for grades 1-10) and family camp 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 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 <u>www.camp</u> <u>concordia.org</u> or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.

	Help Decorate the Chancel for Easter! Flowers may be ordered using the form below. You may place your flowers in memory or honor of someone you know. A listing of givers will be in the Easter bulletins. Make checks payable to <i>St. Paul Lutheran.</i> All flowers must be paid in advance.	
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	All orders with payment MUST be in by April 6. Thank You!	1
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Mark your calendars for our **Spring** Auction on Friday, May 16th at Red Run Golf Club! This exciting event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we need your help to make it a success.

We're currently seeking **Donations** for our auction baskets, which may include: Gift Cards (any amount, any place!)

Merchandise Food & Drink Experiences Art & Collectibles Sports Memorabilia Services **Tickets to Concerts & Events**

Incentive Donation Discounts:

2 Donations: 10% off up to 2 tickets 3 Donations: 15% off up to 2 tickets 4 Donations: 20% off up to 2 tickets

5+ Donations: 20% off up to 6 tickets

Important Discount Details:

Each donation must be valued at \$50 or more to qualify.

Each donation counts toward one discount only. Donations must be submitted, and tickets purchased by April 1st, 2025, to qualify for the discount.

Act Fast-Discount Offer Ends April 1st, 2025! If you or someone you know can contribute, we'd love your support. Every donation helps us continue providing exceptional opportunities for our students. Stay tuned for more details. Tickets for event will be on sale soon! Thank you for being part of our St. Paul family!

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Midweek Wednesday Lent Dinners 6:00pm and Services 7:00pm March 5--April 9 (Dinners are done by various SPRO Groups)

> Holy Week Palm Sunday April 13 Services 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 17 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 18 Tre Ore Service 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.

> Easter Egg Hunt April 19 10:00 a.m. - Noon Grant Park, Royal Oak

Easter Breakfast April 20 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (lounge)

Easter Services April 20 6:30 a.m. (sunrise), 8:15 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.



EASTER CANDY NEEDED!

Early collection starting for Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at Grant Park. We need lots of **small candy**, individually wrapped, no larger than an 1 3/4" to fit in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. These can be placed in the marked boxes in the lobby. No hard candy please. Thank you!



Monthly Bible Readings March 2025



Three-Year Series C

DATE	FESTIVAL	OLD TESTAMENT	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
March 2	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Deut. 34:1-12	Psalm 99	Heb. 3:1-6	Luke 9:28-36
March 5	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1–13 (14–19)	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:(1–6) 16–21
March 9	First S. in Lent	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-13	Rom. 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 16	Second S. in Lent	Jer. 26:8-15	Psalm 4	Phil. 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 23	Third S. in Lent	Ezek. 33:7-20	Psalm 85	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 30 Fourth S. in Lent		Isaiah 12:1-6	Psalm 32	2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
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MINISTRY

NOTES & SUCH

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

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.

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

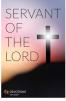
that Sunday. All bouquets (up to 3 per Sunday) may be ordered for \$25 each. Just fill in the line on the chart for and by whom, make a check out to St. Paul and in the memo line put for *Flowers*. We then advertise in our weekly news and notes.

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.

Lenten Devotional Booklet 2025

Servant of the Lord



Devotion Booklets are available to pick up 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 these with neighbors, friends and family. Inside cover has Holy Week schedule, invite them to worship with us.



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

Book Nook—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! Help needed, please contact the office.

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am

Adult Class	w/Pastor Andrzejewski (lounge)
Children Class	w/Liz Lopez (school gym)

Weekday Bible Classes

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

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

As we approach the end of what feels like an endless winter, spring still seems so far away. In reality, it is right around the corner! Soon we will be enjoying longer, sunnier days, green leaves poking out, and new birth in nature all around us.

While the first day of spring signals the beginning of the warmer seasons, it also ushers in the last quarter of our school year. If you have not had an opportunity to visit

our school this year, I implore you to do so. We encourage everyone to attend our school open house on March 9th at 1:00pm. If you cannot attend, please ask a teacher if you can get a personal tour around our school after church one day! We would love to show anyone and everyone the great things happening at St. Paul.



Julie Thomas



As we enter this last quarter of the school year, we want to say, "THANK YOU!" to the many members of St. Paul who offer us their support. Every bit is valuable, no matter how small it may seem. Notes of encouragement, kind words, and most of all, your prayers, help keep staff moral high. Small gestures such as being willing to take Kindergarten Roundup and Open House signs mean so much. Promoting our school among your friends and family can help grow our small, but mighty community. Taking opportunities to recommend our school on social media and in social settings could help reach new families. If you do not already do these things, I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our school in this way. Each child who enters our school building not only grows academically, but more importantly, they grow spiritually. You can help be a part of this growth by promoting St. Paul Lutheran School. Just as we watch new life spring from the earth this season, we hope to continue seeing new growth within our school community. Julie Thomas, Language Arts & Social Study Teacher

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.stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance. Questions can be emailed to boe@stpaul royaloak.org.

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.

MARCH CALENDAR:

- 3-7 Lutheran Schools Week
- 9 Pizza Lunch & Open House
- 10 Noon Dismissal

- 18-20 Accreditation Meetings
- PTL Book/Movie Night (Stuart Little)
- 21
- 28 Noon Dismissal

DIRECTORY & Church NOTES

Directory

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> Website: www.stpaulroyaloak.org

(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.)

Greg Paul 248-765-0316 **Music Minister** **Chris Francik** 502-381-3643 School Principal

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Kayla Kokko 586-879-9843 **Business Manager**

Gifts Given

St. Paul Church

In memory of Kelsey Ritscher by Clara Lichtenberg

Garden Club

In honor of Steven and Daniel Carpenter by Fay Brown

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 runctions. questions.

Member Changes

Rich and Jan Mahler, 6783 Alex Lane, Parma Heights, OH 44130

Deanna Petri, Mail returned, no forward Torie Lynn, Mail returned, no forward Debra & Jordan Wilson, Mail returned, no forward

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 Tirzah VanDamme Jason Zuniga Gabrielle Zuniga



Community Food Pantry Monthly: 1st Thursday (drive thru) 11am-1pm and

2nd & 4th Mondays (walk-in) 9am-12pm



	Daylight Savings March 9, 2025	Spring Forward 1 hour	1	Ash Wednesday March 5
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If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613

- **Brynley Kiekbusch** 1 Rita McClatchey Denise Rutledge Christine Steiber Clara Lichtenberg 9 Trevor Morey Lauren Osentoski 3 Christina Asing 4 Marshall Mackinder, Sr. Teresa Fullerton-Hertz 5 Danielle McCall Tianna Mills 8 Natasha Loretitsch 9
 - Bridget Gilbert
 - 10 Richard Wright
 - 19 Nathan Morey
 - 14 Torie Lynn Daniel Milz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

15 Zachary Milz Katina Muse

- 16 Sante Valdez
- 17 Gincenta Brown-Falls Isaak Sagan
- 18 Louie Prukner
- 23 Michael Canfield Julie Hansen Peggie Laurence
- 24 Owen Louwers Marshall Mackinder, Jr.
- 26 Brett Keeble
- 27 Sharese James Leyah Thomas
- 99 Dominic Fuder



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