



St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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Monthly Newsletter

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

April 2025

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St. Paul Lutheran Pastor
Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski

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APRIL SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Ho,y Week/Easter Schedule
- Kidz Korner
- Mom Small Group Gathering
- Adult Softball
- Monthly Bible Readings



Hymns We Love to Sing

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LSB 457

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our Triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

This is a favorite hymn of many for Easter Sunday. It exudes the triumph of Jesus' resurrection both by the text and by the tune. The text is mishmash of several sources. It doesn't show up in the form we know until the publication of a hymnal in London in 1749. The first verse is based on an old Latin text, "Surrexit Christus hodie" (tr. Christ Rose Today).

This dates back to the 14th century and shows up in German manuscripts as "Erstanden ist der Heilig Christ" (tr. The Holy Christ has Risen). The first verse shows up in English in *Lyrca Davidica* in London, 1708.

The second and third verses are quite different in that printing than what we have today. The following are those verses.

"Haste ye females from your fright, Take to Galilee your flight, to his sad disciples say Jesus Christ is risen today."

"In our Paschal joy and feast, let the Lord of life be blest, Let the Holy triune be prais'd, And thankful hearts to heaven be rais'd"

The fourth stanza (the Trinitarian proclamation) that we are familiar with was added later by the skillful pen of Charles Wesley, made popular in an 1816 publication.

It is interesting to note that the first and third stanzas are historical facts of the resurrection and the second and fourth are about our response of praise to Jesus' victory over death for us.

The joyous tune to which we sing this hymn is entitled "Easter Hymn." It has been paired with this hymn all the way back to the *Lyrca Davidica* songbook published in 1708.



Greg Paul,
Music Minister

Happy Easter! Gregory Paul



Adult Softball Sign-Up—Church softball this summer is on the horizon. Games are played Tuesday, Wednesday

or Thursday typically one night a week. Occasionally there could be a week that we play two nights a week. Game nights are at Our Shepherd in Birmingham. The season begins in late May running through early August. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in lobby, if you are interested in playing please sign up soon so we can determine the amount of interest. Please contact Chuck Brewer 586-822-8619 or brewer-chuck10@gmail.com with questions.

Saturday Men's Breakfast -

All men of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to join and fellowship with other men of St. Paul on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Devotions, breakfast and a Bible study is always on the agenda. We meet in the church lounge at 7:30 a.m. Hope you will come and join us!



2025 Mackinaw Island Retreat - 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 dates and registration or go to Michigandistrict.org for info.

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 on you.

Book Nook—You can choose beautiful cards with Scripture for your friends & family for only 50 cents each for all occasions throughout the year. DIY 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!

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.

Mom Small Group - Whether you are an expecting, new or seasoned mom, we would love to invite you to join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and a little “me time”. The goal of this group is to provide a nurturing space of Godly encouragement and support as we navigate the mission of raising children. We plan to meet on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:00pm in the church lounge with additional meet-ups planned throughout the year. Our meetups are usually the 4th Tuesday night of each month. Please text/call Krista Zenk (989-245-2052) or Amanda Brandt (313-319-4341) for any questions. We hope to see you there!

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 Kayla Kokko, 248-541-0613.

Community Food Pantry Monthly:

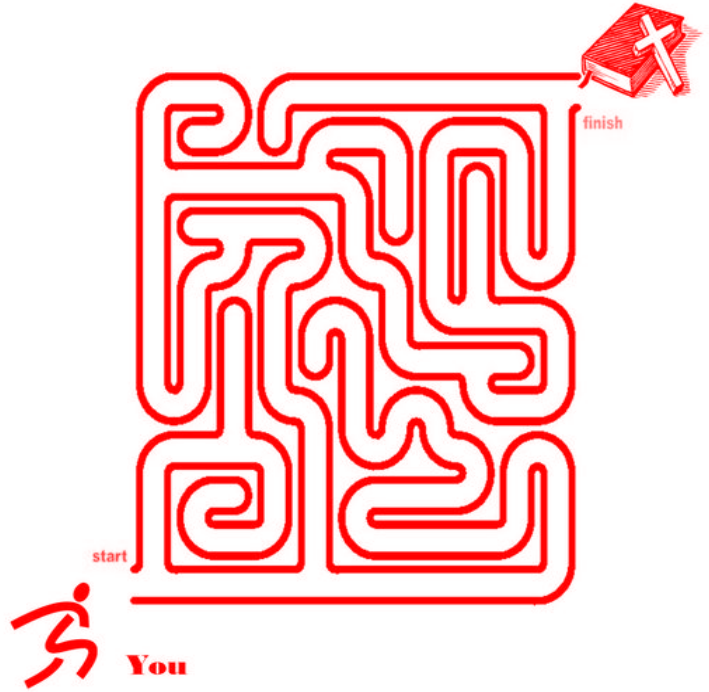
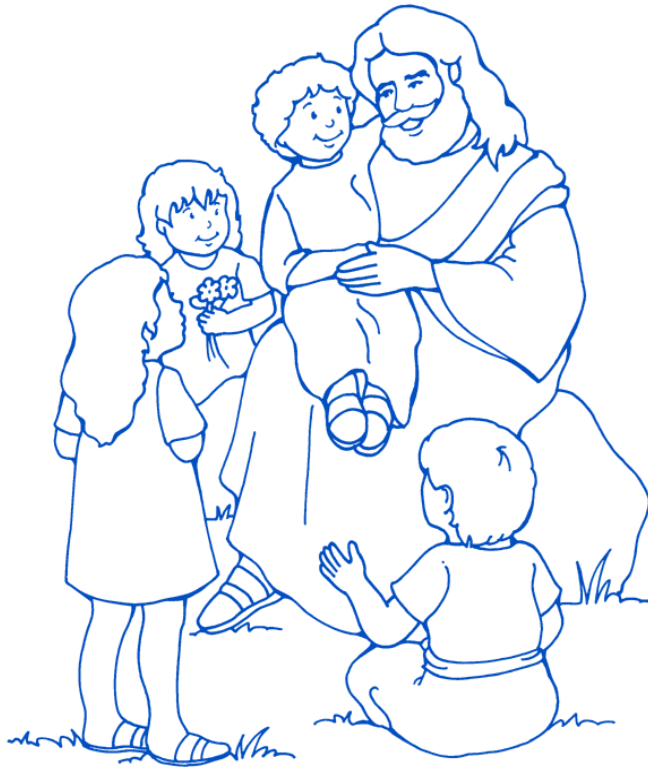
1st Thursday (drive thru) 11am-1pm and
2nd & 4th Mondays (walk-in) 9am-12pm

MINISTRY



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Monthly Bible Readings March 2025 Three-Year Series C

	DATE	FESTIVAL	OLD TESTA- MENT	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
	April 6	Fifth S. in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14	Luke 20:9-20
HOLY WEEK	April 13	Palm Sunday (Palmarum)	Deut. 32:36-39	Psalms 118:19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16	Phil. 2:5-11	John 12:12-19 (Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 23:1-56 or
	April 17	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Jer. 31:31-34 or Ex. 12:1-14	Psalms 116:12-19	Heb. 10:15-25 or 1 Cor. 11:23-32	Luke 22:7-20 or John 13:1-17, 31b-35
	April 18	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalms 22 or Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30
EASTER	April 20	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Sunrise)	Job 19:23-27	Psalms 118:15-29	1 Cor. 15:51-57	John 20:1-18
		The Resurrection of Our Lord	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 16	1 Cor. 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
	April 27	Second S. of Easter	Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)	Psalms 148	Rev. 1:4-18	John 20:19-31

MINISTRY

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Midweek Wednesday
Lent Dinners 6:00pm and
Lent 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
7:00 a.m. (sunrise), 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.



EASTER CANDY STILL NEEDED!
Still collecting candy for **Easter Egg Hunt of 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!
ALSO need help on April 6th in the lounge, to stuff eggs at noon. Lunch served. Thank you! Large paper grocery bags with handles needed to carry filled eggs, please. (can get at Hollywood).

Last Chance! Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name _____ Phone _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Cost x Quantity:

Lily _____ x \$11.00 Tulip _____ x \$8.50 Hyacinth _____ x \$8.50
Daffodil _____ x \$8.50 = Total \$ _____

All orders with payment MUST be in by **April 6**. Thank You!

Make checks payable to **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

You may pick up your flower(s) following the late service **Easter Sunday**.



Coming Soon-Discovery Series Class (Adult Information Class) - Pastor

Andrzejewski will lead this two part class. Class One: May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Class Two: May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. While this class is used for anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran by adult confirmation, you are under no obligation to join if you just want to learn about our Lutheran church. Members are welcome to come as well for a refresher course. Please contact the church office at 248-541-0613 for further information or sign up at the Welcome Center. Receiving of new members will be on Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 service and a reception with refreshments will follow in the 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.



Greg Paul,
Teacher

I love my job at St. Paul Church and School. As teacher I am able to work with students of all ages in two subjects that I am passionate about. Music and Science. I was called to be teacher and musician to St. Paul in spring of 1984. For my first twenty years I taught 5th grade homeroom and directed the three school choirs (Cherub, Choristers and Jr Chancel) and the bell choir. I played the organ for worship services and directed the adult Chancel Choir, and began the adult Handbell Choir at the church. In fall of 2005 I moved upstairs to the 7th and 8th homeroom and taught the Middle School Sciences along with the various school choirs. I no longer have a homeroom but still teach Science and Music classes throughout the school. I currently teach 4th Science, 5/6 Science and 7/8th Science, Preschool Music, Kindergarten Music, 1/2nd Music, 3rd Music, Advancing Band, School Choir, Jr. Chancel Choir and Jr. Bell Choir.

Music has long been an important part of my life. Ten years of piano lessons, then undergraduate and masters level organ lessons and years of playing horn (one year with a community orchestra in St. Louis during High School) have given me a strong foundation for understanding and teaching music. My choral abilities were developed in College, singing under Dr. Paul Foelber at Concordia College, Ann Arbor and Professor Ed Martens at Concordia College, Seward, NE. Over time and through many workshops I have refined my choral directing abilities and I find leading choirs to be one of my great sources of joy.

I have always been a "hands on" "how does this work" sort of guy which gives me a love for science. God created such a magnificent world with all its life, the pinnacle of which is us, made in His image. Though the curse of sin has seriously tainted creation, all of his works, even though under the curse of sin, still shouts his magnificence and order in what he made. As a Christian I love to explore how his creation works, and that is how I view Science, figuring out the universe that God created, and studying the great accomplishments of people of science throughout history.

My father was a Lutheran pastor and I grew up in a home where faith was a part of everyday life. I am so thankful for my Christian parents who taught me the love of Jesus. They are both with the Lord. My faith is central to my life. It is central to my understanding and performance of Music and central to my understanding of Science. In all that I do I strive to do all to the glory of God. I see my role of teacher and musician at St. Paul to be one of teaching and modeling the faith to those I come in contact with. I am far from perfect and have many flaws but by the grace of God I seek to strengthen the faith of those around me. I close with Johann Sebastian Bach's identifying mark on his music, SDG, Soli Deo Gloria, to God Alone be Glory.

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@stpaulroyaloak.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.

APRIL CALENDAR:

- 10– Noon Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conference
- 11– No School Parent/Teacher Conference
- 18– Noon Dismissal Good Friday
- 20– Easter Sunday
- 21-25 – No School Easter Break



Mr. Chris Francik,
Principal



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.)

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School Principal

Pam Rodway **Julie Hansen**
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Church Admin. Assist. School Admin. Assist.

Kayla Kokko
586-879-9843
Business Manager

Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Landon Robert Oppenlander Parents: Glenn & Nicole	03-16-2025
Camila Leigh Lafata Parents: Francesco & Karla	04-06-2025

Gifts Given

St. Paul Church
In memory of *Rod Floyd* by Clara Lichtenberg
In memory of *Margie Topous* by Clara Lichtenberg

In memory of *Margaret Miller* by Carol Fairbanks
In memory of *Margaret Miller* by St. Luke Lutheran Church of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, Joyce Rivenburgh, and the Eucharist Minister Team of SLLC

St. Paul School
In memory of *Mike Shoemaker* by Clara Lichtenberg

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.

Member Changes

Richard Peludat, 7292 Flamingo St., Clay, MI 48001
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Delfin, 2208 Barclay Ave., Shelby Twp, MI 48317
Charlette Schroeder, 3958 Hedgerow Ln., Rochester, MI 48306
Kathi Seidl, 10934 Chicago Rd., Warren, MI 48093

Remove per request Don Whitbeck
Add per transfer Mr. & Mrs. John & Angela Aufdemberge, William, Philip & Ian

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

1 Julie Thomas

Logan Hansen

2 Angela Harris

3 Richard Baker

Rileigh Mickens

4 Charles Calhoun

6 Brendan Shaw

8 Tom Anderson

Paula Cook

Eden Zenk

9 Zachary Lorence

Carter Bock

10 Declan Lorence

12 Charles Eising

Jackston Lorence

14 Darrel Martin

Rich Ohngren

18 Olivia Schley-Pierce

20 Cheryl Dirkse

Liliana Szerdi

21 Sydney Harris

22 James Hermann

Kinsley Kiekbusch

23 Susan Beyerlein

24 Iris Louwers

25 Tyler Morey

26 Susanna Schneider

Stockton Wiggins

Hannah Charlton

27 Mayla Moelich

28 Kathleen Thomas

Gabrielle Kienman



April 2025

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