



St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of March 9, 2025

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church! It's nice to have you with us today. We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you are worshipping with us. We know that God will come to us through His Word this day to bring us new life in Christ.

MINISTRY



'Woman of the Year' Luncheon for Faith Frederick and other area WOY winners is coming soon. The

Council of Lutheran Women's 61st Annual Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 25, 2025** at Crystal Gardens, located at **16703 Fort St, Southgate, MI 48195**.

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)—a group of post-college age to 30-somethings who gather for Bible studies and events. We would like to reach out to new church attendees who don't know we have a group to join us. The basic information is that we have a group chat for communication of events that are happening, and we do trivia on most Wednesdays at the Side Bar in Royal Oak. Questions? Email Kyria Gowman at k19gow@gmail.com Hope to see you there!



Collecting Easter Egg Candy
It's that time of year again! We need **small candy** (individually wrapped, no larger than 1 3/4" to fit in eggs) for the Community

Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at Grant Park. These can be placed in the marked boxes in the lobby. No hard candy please.

Lent Schedule—Mid Week Wednesday services March 5—April 9. Sign up at the Welcome Center for meals at 6:00 pm so the groups know how much to make. Services are at 7:00 pm. **Pick up the Lent Devotion Booklet** in the lobby today.

YOUTH NEWS

Children's Sunday School—Come join us as we journey through the Bible. We'll engage in fun activities, crafts and meaningful discussions focused on developing your child's relationship with Jesus. Help us strengthen your children's faith to prepare them for their walk-through life's challenges. Sunday School 9:45 -10:45 am, School Gym. Questions call Liz Lopez (618) 698 3020, or email stpaulyouthministries@gmail.com

SCHOOL NOTES

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, 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!

School Open House & Lunch—Sunday, March 9

The entire congregation is invited to a pizza lunch today between Noon and 1:00 p.m. With dessert, and drinks, provided by the school. Come to lunch and stay for our school open house between 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come see what our kids have been doing!

Benito's Pizza is generously supporting St. Paul school through a special fundraising event! On **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, when you order **lunch or dinner (or both!)**, Benito's will donate **20% of the proceeds** to our school. This is an easy and delicious way to support our students and school communi-

ty—just enjoy a meal from Benito's, and they'll give back to us! Mark your calendars and consider treating your family to a meal on March 11th. Every order makes a difference, and we truly appreciate your support.

NOTES

Church Food Pantry— we offer a drive-thru food pantry for those in need in our community on the 1st Thursday 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.

Financial Update: THANK YOU for your generosity and faithfulness. In December, we shared that our contributions were behind our goal, and we were in danger of needing to borrow funds. Thanks to your increased giving, we are now back on pace and close to our budgeted weekly goal! Your continued support is essential as we move toward the end of our fiscal year in June. By maintaining this momentum, we can avoid borrowing and also protect the cash reserves designated for OHHT construction projects. Thank you for your commitment to St. Paul and its mission. Let's finish this year strong—together!

Easter Flower Forms are at Welcome Center for you to order and to help adorn our Altar for Easter. Deadline to order April 6. Flowers may be picked up after late service, Easter Sunday. We have lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, tulips. Leave payment & form in church office. Checks payable: *St. Paul Lutheran*. Thank you.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS

Current Health Needs

Carol Zimnie, recovery shoulder surgery

Long-term Health Needs

Fay Brown (health concerns)

Jeff Lehman (cancer)

Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)

Patricia Walker-Bill (health concerns)

Prayers for our Homebound

Donna Brewer	Charlette Schroeder
Margaret Kuhlmann	Don Storck
Irma Pope	Jeanette Till

All Military Family & Friends

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

FLOWERS on the Altar



**You may order flowers/eternal light for special occasions, eg. anniversaries, birthdays etc. or in memory of someone by filling out the chart in lobby. Just \$25 per bouquet or \$10 for eternal light.. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Leave in office. Thank you.*

FINANCE

Weekly contribution average needed based on approved 2024/25 budget: \$13,320

Weekly Contribution Rcv'd 2/23 \$15,327



NON-MEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS

Priscilla Bennett (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz

Sharon Charnawskas, (health concerns), sister-in-law of Jim Charnawskas

Palmer Charnawskas, great niece of Jim Charnawskas

Anne Gabriel, (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan

Grant Haley, (continued care), former student of Al Manteuffel

Brian Kitz, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen

Stephanie Klausmeier (health concerns), previous member/student

Matt Mackinder, (MS) Marshall's brother

David I. (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel

Bill Merte, (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen

Roberto Munoz (cancer), son-in-law of the late Eyla Russ

Janie Nelson, (health concerns) Tim Woodward's mother

Tom Noonan, (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz

Michele Polito, (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz

Jeff Rinkus, (brain tumor), father of Craig Rinkus

Roe, (health concerns) mother-in-law of Chad Heins, Dawn's son

Ted Stephens, (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen

Daniel Tharpe, (continued care) grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge

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

Scripture OF THE WEEK

Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written ...'" Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

Weekly News & Events

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CALENDAR

Sunday, Mar 9

8:15 am Worship
9:45 am Bible Class/SS
11:00 am Worship c
12:00 pm Luncheon by School, lounge
1-3:00 pm School Open House

Monday, Mar 10

9:00 am Trustees
Woman's Bible Class, lounge
12:00 pm School Dismissed

Tuesday, Mar 11

7:00 pm Vestry Mtg
7:15 pm 20/30's (Atwater)

Wednesday, Mar 12 Lent 2

8:30 am Chapel
10:00 am Bible Class
6:00 pm Lent Dinner-Elders
7:00 pm MW Worship

Thursday, Mar 13

8:00 am Men's Breakfast (The Avenue)
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:30 pm Bells Practice

Saturday Mar 15

7:30 am Men's Breakfast (lounge)
9:00am-Noon Public School YCC

Sunday, Mar 16

8:15 am Worship c
9:45 am Bible Class/SS
11:00 am Worship

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Community Food Pantry Monthly:

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

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