



St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of March 30, 2025

wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their faith alongside their friends in a joyful and nurturing space. We would love to see you this Sunday and every Sunday as we gather in fellowship, grow in God’s Word, and strengthen our faith together. Please prayerfully consider joining us, we would be so blessed to have you and your family with us! Invite and friend or neighbor, help them also see how wonderful our church and school are and share in God’s love. While the children enjoy their Bible time, parents are invited to gather for Adult Bible Study in the church lounge. It’s a beautiful way for the whole family to grow in faith together! Sunday School 9:45 -10:45 am, School Gym. Questions call Liz Lopez (618) 698 3020, or email stpaulyouthministries@gmail.com

Tickets for Event scan code:



Support St. Paul Lutheran School PTL at the Madison Heights location of Texas Roadhouse who will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to St. Paul Lutheran School PTL. Dine in or pickup! Fler to use at welcome center

School PTL Talent Show Come see our kids talents now on May 2nd at 6:00pm in the gym. Fun for everyone. Hope to see you there.

School Accreditation Update

St. Paul completed the final stages of the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process, an important step ensuring the school staff and by extension the congregation is providing an excellent academic education and is continuously improving. Accreditation helps schools develop a structured improvement plan, guiding our mission and operations for long-term success. Over the past several months, our team of school staff, Pastor Andrzejewski, and a few congregation volunteers have conducted a self-study, carefully evaluating our strengths and opportunities for growth. Last week from Tuesday, March 18 through Thursday, March 20, we welcomed an on-site Validation Team of four Lutheran school teachers and a pastor who reviewed our findings, visited classrooms, and met with staff and stakeholders. St. Paul’s accreditation team recognized five specific strengths.

1. Love of Jesus permeates all the school staff members does.
2. Experienced principal
3. Pastor who desires a relationship with school stakeholders.
4. Dedicated, sacrificial staff
5. Creative model of congregational governance in the new Vestry system

The entire congregation can celebrate the wonderful blessings evident in our school. This team provided a report and recommend-

ed our accreditation status to both the Michigan District and National Accreditation Commissions. Following this process, we are currently finalizing an action plan that will guide our school’s strategic goals for the next five years. Annual reports will be submitted to ensure our continued progress. Finally, I want to personally thank each St. Paul teacher who went well above and beyond their regular duties to complete this process. All the efforts the school staff puts forth were evident to the Validation Team. God’s blessings to each person connected to our school! Chris Francik

MINISTRY

Urgent Need! Easter Egg Candy 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 or eggs please.** **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).**



Lent Schedule—Mid Week Wednesday services March 5—April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center for meals at 6:00 pm so the groups know how much to make.

Softball Interest Sign-Up—Spring is right around the corner and 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 usually at Our Shepherd in Birmingham. The season begins in late May running through early August. There is a sign up sheet on the lobby bulletin board. 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 brewerchuck10@gmail.com with questions.

YOUTH NEWS

Children’s Sunday School—Mrs. Lopez has been preparing some exciting lessons and activities as we journey toward Easter, including hands-on crafts like prayer rocks and interactive games to help children understand the significance of Lent and Easter. This is a

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.



Donations needed for our auction:

- Gift 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. **Discount Offer Ends April 1st, 2025!**

NOTES

The Vestry is seeking one or two volunteers to join the Finance Committee, overseeing the financial affairs of the congregation. Responsibilities include: assisting in the preparation of the annual budget; monitoring the congregation’s financial status; authorizing budgeted expenditures; supervising the collection, counting, and reporting of money received; and managing other related financial activities. If you are detail-oriented and have an interest in ensuring the fiscal health of our congregation, we would love to hear from you! If you’re interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Brian Hermann at brihermann@comcast.net



Last Week to Order Easter Flowers

Forms enclosed. Help adorn our Altar for Easter. **Deadline** to order: Sunday, 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.*

Book Nook—Easter Cards Available!

WORSHIP CHANGE - BE SURE TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDARS EASTER WORSHIP HOURS CHANGED. SUNRISE SERVICE IS NOW AT 7:00 A.M. AND 8:15 SERVICE IS AT 9:00 A.M. THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE IS THE SAME. THANK YOU.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS

Current Health Needs

Fay Brown (hospitalized)

Long-term Health Needs

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.*

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

FINANCE

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

Weekly Contribution Rcv'd 3/9 \$14,371

Weekly Contribution Rcv'd 3/16 \$15,699

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
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
Susan Miller, former member, hospitalized
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



Scripture OF THE WEEK

John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’”

Why does Jesus ask Philip this question? Of course Jesus knows the answer already — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. But we need to know this, and so Jesus gets Philip thinking about it. The knowledge that the Lord provides frees us for generosity without fear.

Weekly News & Events

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CALENDAR

Sunday, Mar 30

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

Monday, Mar 31

9:00 am Trustees
Woman's Bible Class, lounge

Wednesday, Apr 2 Lent 5

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

Thursday, Apr 3

8:00 am Men's Breakfast (The Avenue)
11am-1pm Drive-Thru Food Pantry
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:30 pm Bells Practice

Sunday, Apr 6

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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