

APRIL 25, 2024

THRU-THE-WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

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Church Office Hours: Monday- Thursday 9am-3pm / Friday Limited Hours

If you are unable to join us in person here are ways to watch online:

SAINTE PAUL WEBSITE:

CHURCH ONLINE. Our Church Online Platform has unique features for you to interact with other attendees, build community, and bring worship anywhere you are.

YOUTUBE:

You can view past and present services on YouTube. click **HERE** to open Saint Paul's Youtube page, or search *Saint Paul Lutheran Mount Prospect*

This week's scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 18:1-4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:18-25

This week's Hymns:

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Opening Hymn: LSB 837 Lift High the Cross

Hymn of the Day: LSB 649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Distribution Hymn: LSB 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

Closing Hymn: LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

PASTOR ANDRES UPDATE

April 25:

The first few days of treatment have gone well. There are many different side effects coming at him from all the different drugs he is on at the hospital, but Pastor Andres is feeling as well as he can at this point. Everyone at Rush has been very kind, supportive and compassionate. Thank you to everyone that has reached out to him and Amy. They have been overwhelmed with everyone's prayers, generosity & love!

April 18:

On Monday, Pastor Andres underwent a minor procedure to place a port-a-cath in his chest. This eliminates the need for him to be poked every time blood needs to be drawn or an IV needs to be started. Everything went well and as expected. On Wednesday, he had a follow-up visit with his oncologist who confirmed with him and Amy that his cancer is limited to his nasal area and his treatment will include a combination of chemotherapy and radiation. For a couple of different reasons, he will need to be admitted to the hospital for 4-5 days at a time to receive his treatments, and will have several weeks off between rounds. His first round begins on Monday, April 22. Thank you to everyone that has been praying for Pastor Andres. He enjoys hearing from you - please do not hesitate to reach out to him.

CHURCH NEWS

UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

- April 27: Ladies Breakfast Bible Study at 8:30am
- May 3: Trivia Night
- May 10: Men's Night at 7:30pm
- May 18: Music Festival at 5pm
- May 31: Graduation at 7:00pm
- June 14: Men's Night at 7:30pm
- June 17-21 Vacation Bible School



MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL GIFTS

Through the years, we have honored mothers at Saint Paul. Over Mother's Day weekend, as we give thanks to God for moms, we encourage you to prayerfully consider making a special offering in memory and/or in honor of a mother in your life. You may give a special offering online by [CLICKING HERE](#). You can also mail your special gift to the church office or pick up an envelope from the Narthex.

All Mother's Day Special Gifts given **by Monday, May 6** will ensure your honoree will be listed in next week's Thru-The-Week.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS?

Our prayer warriors have been active, praying for all of those who are in need of healing or going through a difficult time. This is a friendly reminder that they would like to pray for any request you may have! [Click Here](#) to use our new form to submit a prayer request! You may also contact the church office to submit a prayer request.



ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP

If you would like to donate altar flowers for worship services, click on the link below. Flowers can honor the memory of a loved one or a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc., and will be announced at the beginning of the TTW for that weekend. Each floral arrangement is \$27 (tax included), and you will receive an invoice from Busse's Flowers & Gifts. [Click Here](#) to use our form to order flowers! You

may also contact the church office to place an order.

FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S NIGHT

Join us as we get the guys together for a night of fellowship on **Friday May 10th at 7:30pm in the school parking lot**. Bring your favorite drink and a snack and invite a friend. We hope to see you there!



TRIVIA & AUCTION NIGHT 11 IS COMING!!!

Friday, May 3rd is your chance to test your knowledge about movies, music, sports, history, and more! 1st place prize is \$200 - so choose your teammates wisely! Teams may also participate in the table theme/decoration contest to win \$100! Bring your own dinner (something that goes along with your theme perhaps?) – Beer and wine will be for sale and all attendees must be at least 21

years old. Mini-games will keep the fun going all night long! Classics like Heads and Tails, Smart Phone Challenge, Ping Pong Pummel, and Make-a-Meme are back!

Doors open at 5:30pm and the **trivia portion begins at 7:30pm**. Ten person tables are only \$200 (Individuals \$20) and INCLUDES all mini-Games and contests! This would be a great opportunity to introduce a neighbor, co-worker, or your “one” to Saint Paul! Register by emailing Jeff at jkuester@saint-paul.org today or PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM AT THE INFORMATION WALL BY THE ELEVATOR and turn it in to Jeff! Proceeds from this year’s event will go toward the youth ministry’s summer mission trip to Winchester, Kentucky!

GOOD FRIDAY. CRUCIFIXION OF A REBEL!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?? Jesus is dead, executed by the Roman government as an insurrectionist. But some say he’s *not* dead any more, no matter what many personally witnessed. **Join Chuck Black in the Library at 10:10** as we study what happened after the Resurrection when Jesus no longer personally led the ministry. We’ll explore the ways the apostles stepped up to form our church – Lutheran from the beginning, of course. We’ll take seven weeks to go as far as we can in **Acts**.

BOD UPDATE - April 2024

The Board of Directors (BOD) is the governing body of Saint Paul Church and School. We meet monthly to discuss various topics, set policies, and review financials. The BOD is composed of an elected secretary, an elected treasurer, and 6 elected general members. The term is 2 years and members can be re-elected for a total of 6 consecutive years. The (elected) Secretary is in charge of keeping accurate minutes of all BOD meetings and congregational meetings. Niki Wood (elected May 2018) is the current Secretary. The (elected) Treasurer works with the Business Manager to keep accurate financial records, as well as to submit regular financial reports to the BOD and to the congregation. Lori Yelvington (in this position since 2022) is the current Treasurer. Of the 6 elected general members, an internal election is held for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson (Bryan Yelvington) presides over all BOD and congregational meetings and the Vice-Chairperson (Ryan Kelley) performs the duties of the Chairperson if they are not available. The current elected BOD members are: Bryan Yelvington (elected May 2020), Frank Beraurer (elected May 2020), Don Mathias (elected May 2022), Lynn Fisher (elected August 2023), Kevin Mueller (elected August 2023), and Ryan Kelley (elected August 2023).

Highlights from this month's meeting include:

- We started our meeting with a devotional led by Pastor Bo.
- We talked about “One” – this is someone with whom we are praying for and walking through life.
- Quarterly, we meet with one of the ministry leaders. This month, we welcomed Eric Young- he is the 5th grade teacher, athletics director, and assistant principal. He updated the BOD on how the year has been going, including an outlook towards summer camps. He highlighted the importance of sportsmanship in our athletics programs. Mr. Young also discussed long-term projects within his department.
- We reviewed year-to-date financial information.
- We heard updates from Pastor Bo, Principal Koenig, Business Manager Mike Haas, and the Board of Elders
- Reminder that we will have a congregational meeting in August- date TBD.
- We ended our meeting with prayers.

If you have any comments or questions, please reach out to: BoardofDirectors@saint-paul.org

TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE

FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MARCH - YEAR 2023/2024

As we head into the final months of our fiscal year, the Board of Directors and Finance Ministry want to update you on our financial status.

First, the good news. Our mortgage is below \$600,000 and we have a healthy balance in our Rainy Day fund.

Second, we need your help. With just a couple more months left in our fiscal year, we are behind our budget by about \$56,000. There are a few factors that have put us in this position. We did not have as strong of a month in December compared with previous years. Second, as our ministries have grown, so have our expenses, including salaries, benefits, and operational costs. The increase to tuition this past year has certainly helped to offset these costs, but we remain behind budget. As many of you know, our church covers approximately 50% of the expenses for the school, which is one of our most important ministries.

Through the Glory of God, so far this year we have been able to support our school, outreach ministries, and our community. We have 265 amazing children at our school who fill us all with joy—our hallways are filled with learning and laughter. We are fortunate to have a wonderful staff that we greatly appreciate. Church attendance has been increasing over the past year, and we were Blessed to have so many of you worshipping with us during Easter.

As we head into the last couple of months of our budget, we ask that you pray about how you may be able to help Saint Paul strongly end our fiscal year so that we are in a solid financial position for all of the exciting things to come this next year. If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Directors. Thanks to significant help from our finance ministry, our board of directors is diligently working on Saint Paul's financial future! Thank you for your support of Saint Paul and our ministries.

	YTD - 9 mos	YTD - Budget	YTD vs Budget
Church Offerings & Gifts	\$ 1,175,470.00	\$ 1,162,949.00	\$ 12,521.00
School Revenue	\$ 1,096,759.00	\$ 1,107,044.00	\$ (10,285.00)
Total Revenue	\$ 2,272,229.00	\$ 2,269,993.00	\$ 2,236.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,271,264.00	\$ 22,212,886.00	\$ 58,378.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 965.00	\$ 57,107.00	\$ (56,142.00)

April Offerings	Our Gifts to God
Sunday, April 07, 2024	\$ 37,220.30
Sunday, April 14, 2024	\$ 19,748.00
Sunday, April 21, 2024	\$ 35,592.00
Sunday, April 28, 2024	
April To Date Giving:	\$ 92,560.30
April Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 134,092.00

The above figures include only gifts to the Ministry Fund. This includes online gifts, envelope offerings, and loose cash.



VBS VOLUNTEER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE

Volunteers – **especially teens and adult volunteers** are needed for VBS week. Students who will have completed 6th grade may also volunteer. If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Dari at the church office. Forms are available by the church nursery.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS: We would like to thank all of you who have donated to the food pantry and prayed for its continued success. As you have responded to our specific requests, some of the needed food items are now well-stocked. Needs for the upcoming month include pasta and pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, tuna, cereal, salt, sugar, white rice and flour. Of course, if you see something at a good price and would like to bring it in all food is greatly appreciated. We will continue to let you know what the needs are as the demand is great. Praise be to God that we can support others in this manner.

SHINE UPDATE

Thank you to all who participated in the Northern Illinois District Shine Week of Service last week. 31 college care packages, gardening at church, food pantry donations, 2 Feed My Starving Children packing events, a dress sewing event, Breakfast with Baby and Sisters in Stitches all happened last week at church. The school also participated with the following projects: Preschool- Birthday Bags; K-2- Blessing Bags; 3-4 Cards for shut ins; 5- cleaning garbage, and 6-8- cleaning Christmas Stuff. We have also collected more fabric, which will be put to use for more dresses and chemo hats in the coming days, and pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries, and purses and accessories for WINGS are being shipped or delivered yet this week. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!

IT'S YOUTH AUCTION TIME!!!

It's been a year since our last auction and we are so grateful for your contributions to our auctions in the past! We would love to fill the auction up with a lot of great items; that's where you come in. Would you prayerfully consider donating to the auction this year? We would be so grateful for your support! We are busy planning the next auction to support our HS youth as they travel to Winchester, KY on a Work Camp trip to support the local community there. We have 30 people going this year!

Do you own a business and have something you would be willing to donate, or have season tickets and would be able to auction off a game? These are just some ideas, but we would love anything you might think of. To donate an item for the auction, you can do so here:

<https://saintpaulunderground.betterworld.org/donate-an-item>

Items should be clearly labeled and dropped off at the church or school office before May 3rd or at the school office on May 3rd by 3pm.

Please reach out if you have any questions! pamatc2@gmail.com

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



VBS DATES REMINDER SCUBA VBS IS JUNE 17-21

Students who are age four, or have completed a year of preschool - through entering 5th grade this fall are invited to come for a week of learning about Jesus! After your registration is received, your music CD will be available on the church office's back porch. We are looking forward to having you along for the fun! The sign-up is attached below or you can register online using this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/CsqNtA58>

JUNIOR HIGH LIGHTHOUSE SUNDAY, MAY 5th 7-8:30 PM Sign up for this night of fun and games using the link below. We'll be down in Luther Hall. Wear shoes you can run in. <https://rb.gy/wuo6pc> Don't forget to sign up by May 5th for our Escape Room on Sunday, May 19th. Use this link to sign up for the escape room family event: <https://rb.gy/n6nmp3>



SENIOR HIGH UNDERGROUND UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28th from 7:10 UNSUNG HERO MOVIE AT RANDHURST AMC

We will be seeing the 7:10p showing of the For King and Country movie “Unsung Hero” at the Randhurst AMC for the 7:10p showing. For more info, email Jeff Kuester at jkuester@saint-paul.org



CELEBRATION Open House



Saturday, May 18
12 pm – 4 pm

JOIN US!

Immanuel Lutheran Church
East Dundee, IL

Meet the founders of the ministry and take a tour of the NEW HOME in East Dundee, IL!

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Food will be served.

All are invited to worship at Immanuel at 5 pm.

Immanuel Lutheran • 310 E Main St. • East Dundee, IL

SCHOOL TIDBITS

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 - Grades 3-5 Sing at 9am Worship Service

May 5 - Kindergarten Sing at 9am Worship Service

May 8 - Family Reading Night 6:30pm-8:00pm

May 10 - Muffins with Mom K-2nd

May 16 - Drama Presentation 12:45pm

May 17 - Donuts with Dad K-2nd

May 17 - Drama Presentation 6:30pm

May 23 - Pre-K Flick Park Fieldtrip

May 24 - NO SCHOOL PRE-K ONLY

May 27 - NO SCHOOL PRE-K-8

May 29 - Last Day of Pre-K

May 29 - K-8 Picnic Day

May 30 - Records Day-11:30AM DISMISSAL

May 31 - Last Day of School-11:30AM DISMISSAL

May 31 - Graduation 7pm

ENROLLMENT REMINDER

We are still accepting enrollment for students in pre-k-8th grade. We also have financial assistance should you need it. Please reach out to the school office for the new form.

ENROLL IN SUMMER CAMP TODAY

Summer Camp is available for current Saint Paul pre-k, kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders. Camp will run the weeks of June 3-14 and July 29-August 9 with both half and full day options. We kindly ask that you enroll as soon as possible, as space is limited. Please contact Krista Turner at kturner@saint-paul.org if you have any questions.



SCHOOL SUPPORT

BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON

This year we will be hosting an I-55 Book Fair the week of May 6-10. Monday will be our preview day. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, our fair will be open before and after school. Wednesday we will be open during the Family Reading Night! Our goal is to reach \$4,000 in sales. Hope to see you there!

3-2-1 BLAST OFF!

Family Reading Night will be Out of this World! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 8th, from 6:30-8:00pm. Explore a variety of literacy activities throughout the building. Shop the Book Fair for your summer reads. Join our pre-k department for a tasty snack in the gym. Lots of fun and fellowship!

SAINT PAUL IS LAUNCHING A NEW CLASSROOM

We are pleased to announce that Saint Paul is adding a 5th pre-k classroom for the 2024-2025 school year. We will work on some small renovations in the church nursery to accommodate this morning class. Moon walk into the gym on our "Out of this World" reading night on May 8th to vote for the new classroom color, pick up something on our "snacks for a donation" table, and check out our classroom wish lists to purchase a gift. Celebrate with us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 17-21

Students who are age four, or have completed a year of preschool - through entering 5th grade this fall are invited to come for a week of learning about Jesus! After your registration is received, your music CD will be available on the church office's back porch. We are looking forward to having you along for the fun! The sign-up is attached to the BLITZ or you can register online using this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/CsqNtA58>

COMET BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

We are very excited to offer our Saint Paul Comet Clinics once again this summer! Registration can be completed using the links provided in the email that was sent out last week. Clinic details are also attached to this BLITZ. **Saint Paul families may begin registration immediately and can continue through May 5.** Registration for non-Saint Paul families will begin on MAY 6, so please don't wait to sign up! Please see Mr. Young with any questions.

COMET CHEER CLINIC

Cheer Clinic registration links have been emailed out. Don't forget to register! If you have any questions, let Mrs. Makris know.

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A MAKEOVER

School Specialty is giving away a \$50,000 school makeover! Help our school win by entering the sweepstakes daily! **CLICK HERE** to complete an entry form.

DOWN ON GRANDPA'S FARM

The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes will present a musical program, Down on Grandpa's Farm, on both Monday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 14th. Our program will start at 6:30pm both nights. We would love for you to join us and see our little ones SHINE!