

MAY 2, 2024

THRU-THE-WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

100 S. School Street, Mount Prospect, IL, 60056
847.255.0332 | Email: church@saint-paul.org | Website: www.saint-paul.org
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: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:26-27

This week's Hymns:

Divine Service Setting Two p. 167

Opening Hymn: LSB 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Hymn of the Day: LSB 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Distribution Hymn: LSB 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Closing Hymn: LSB 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail (vs1-3)

PASTOR ANDRES UPDATE

May 2:

Pastor Andres was discharged from the hospital on Friday, and was very happy to come home for a few weeks. He needs to be very cautious not to get sick, since all of his chemotherapy drugs substantially weaken his immune system. Even a simple cold could land him in the hospital because his body is not able to fight against it. That being said, please don't be offended if "The Masked Pastor" doesn't give you his usual hug or handshake.

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 P. 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!

CHURCH NEWS

UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

- 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 2: Graduate Blessing during the 9am worship service
- June 10: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch @ school
- June 14: Men's Night at 7:30pm
- June 17-21 Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE-

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATION May 18 & 19

Please join us on May 18th after the 5:00pm service OR on May 19th after the 9:00am service for a special congregational presentation in the sanctuary where we will be sharing with you some exciting news about our weekend services and programs for the Fall of 2024! Kids can stay in Kid's time following the service for parents who want to attend. We hope to see you there!



GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUEST

If you are a part of the **Class of 2024**, whether it be from college, high school, or junior high, we would like to know so we can recognize you! Please contact our church office with your name, the school from which you are graduating, and for graduating college students, your degree. *Information needs to be submitted to the church office **by Monday, May 20** to ensure names are published in Thru-The-Week beginning on May 23. Thank you!*

GRADUATE BLESSING SET FOR JUNE 2 @ 9AM

We would love to acknowledge and celebrate our 2024 graduates on Sunday, June 2nd at the 9:00 a.m. service. If you are a graduate or have a graduate, join us. Proudly wear your Spirit Wear from the school you graduated from, or will be attending in the fall.



28TH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Come to worship on **Saturday, May 18th at 5pm!** The choir and handbells will be performing for the last time this season until the fall. They will sing/ring some of their favorite pieces from this past year. You won't want to miss this music-packed service.



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.

WANT MORE DETAILS ABOUT ACTS?

Join Chuck Black's group in the Library **this Sunday, 10:10am** to cover Acts 17:16 - 20:38 in depth.

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 IS HERE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the auction, filling it with a lot of great items! This auction supports our HS youth as they travel to Winchester, Kentucky for a Work Camp trip to support the local community. We have 30 people going this year!

The online auction will go **LIVE Thursday, May 2nd; 5:00pm and run through**

Friday, May 3rd; 9:00pm. You can access it by clicking on this link or scanning the QR code

<https://SaintPaulUnderground.betterworld.org/auctions/saint-paul-underground-auction-h>

Auction items will be available to view in-person at the Trivia Night event and online.

This auction will be open to the public, so please feel free to share the link above with friends and family! We are also accepting monetary donations, which can be made here:

<https://SaintPaulUnderground.betterworld.org/donate>

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



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 months	YTD - Budget	YTD vs Budget
Church Offerings & Gifts	1,175,470	1,162,949	12,521
School Revenue	1,096,759	1,107,044	(10,285)
Total Revenue	2,272,229	2,269,993	2,236
Total Expenses	2,271,264	2,212,886	58,378
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	965	57,107	(56,142)

APRIL OFFERING

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	\$ 32,805.40
April To Date Giving:	\$ 125,365.70
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. March results will be published after the finance ministry meets on April 17th.



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

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, May 5th from 7:00 - 8:30pm SUNDAY NIGHT UNDERGROUND We will meet in the youth room for worship, games, snacks and Bible study! See you there



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!*

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

May 5 – Kindergarten Sings

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

ACCREDITATION APPROVED

We are excited to share with you that both our State and National Accreditation have been approved. We continue to look for ways to improve and are requesting your assistance. We are working to evaluate our current programs and systems. We will be sending out a series of short surveys in the next couple of weeks. Please take a few minutes to fill out each survey.

We are thankful for your partnership and appreciate your feedback. If you would rather fill out these surveys on paper rather than through email, please let us know. All of these surveys are anonymous unless you would like to leave your name.

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!

BOOK FAIR HELP WANTED

Our book fair is right around the corner and Mrs. Menze is looking for a few adult helpers. If you are available this Sunday afternoon to setup tables and books in the lobby, email me. In case plans change, we will notify you by email. We also need a cashier Tuesday and Thursday before school (8-9am) and after school (3-4pm). Thank you for your help! Karla Menze, kmenze@saint-paul.org

ONLINE BOOK FAIR OPEN MAY 3 - MAY 13

Shop these dates and use our unique school landing page for Saint Paul to earn a commission. Share this link <https://i55bookfairs.com/pages/il044> with friends and family near and far so they may participate in this event with us! Shop in person Wednesday, May 8th during our Family Reading Night 6:30-8:00pm.

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!

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE UPDATE

In the month of February, the students at Saint Paul participated in the American Heart Health Challenge. 99 students participated in the challenge this year! We went over our goal of 50% of our students participating. The American Heart Association has donated \$160 to Saint Paul to be used for new PE equipment. Attached is a thank you note from the American Heart Association. Great job, and thank you Saint Paul!

BOD UPDATE (APRIL 2024)

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 athletic programs. Mr. Young also discussed long-term projects within his department. Reminder that we will have a congregational meeting in August - date TBD.

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>

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. Classic Mini-Games like Heads and Tails, Smart Phone Challenge, Ping Pong Pummel and Make-a-Meme will keep the fun going all night long! **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. Proceeds from this years event will go toward the youth ministry's summer mission trip to Winchester, Kentucky.

IT'S YOUTH AUCTION TIME!

We are busy planning the next auction to support our high school youth group as they travel to Winchester, KY on a Work Camp trip to support the local community there. We have 30 people going this year! 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 and that's where you can help. Would you prayerfully consider donating to the auction this year? We would be so grateful for your support! To donate an item for the auction, please use this link <https://saintpaulunderground.betterworld.org/donate-an-item>. Items should be clearly labeled and dropped off at the church or school office before 3pm on May 3rd. Please contact Pam if you have any questions at pamatc2@gmail.com.

COMET BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL CLINICS – LAST CHANCE

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.

This might be your last chance to register for the summer Comet Basketball and Volleyball Clinics. On Monday, May 6, registration will be opened up to non-Saint Paul families. **WE FULLY EXPECT OUR SESSIONS TO FILL UP ON MONDAY.** So, please don't wait any longer! Registration links have already been emailed out. Questions, or if you need another link, ask Mr. Young.

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.