

THE OTHER GOOD NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Christian Education is important

Worship Services Sundays 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Adult Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Sundays
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 am

Vision Statement

“A Christian church that shares the love of Jesus.”

Mission Statement

“St. Paul’s is a family of evangelical Lutherans that share the love of Jesus Christ. We believe the **Holy Bible** to be the true Word of God, without error, and the basis of our teaching, as confessed in the ‘Book of Concord 1580.’ Our Savior Jesus Christ answers prayers, provides comfort, peace, and blessings. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we respond to God’s love by joyfully worshipping, serving, teaching, and witnessing.”

“St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Early Childhood Center shares the Lord Jesus Christ with children, their families and friends, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, many will believe in Him and be saved.”

His week

Sunday (8)	Divine Service* 8:30 am Sunday Bible School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Matins Service 11:00 am
Monday (9)	Office Closed Preschool 8:30 am Gardening Angels 9:00 am Jr. Confirmation Catechesis 4:15 pm Elders’ Meeting 7:00 pm
Tuesday (10)	Preschool 8:30 am Bible History Class 4:15 pm Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm A. A. 8:00 pm
Wednesday (11)	Preschool 8:30 am Morning Bible Class – Ephesians 10:30 am Prayer Circle 12:00 pm Women’s Guild 12:30 pm Senior Youth 6:30 pm LifeLight Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
Thursday (12)	Preschool 8:30 am Food Pantry open from 11:00 am until noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday (13)	Preschool 8:30 am
Saturday (14)	Special Needs 9:30 am A. A. 10:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am
Sunday (15)	Worship Service 8:30 am Sunday Bible School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service* 11:00 am Statewide Reformation Service, Breslin Center

* indicates Holy Communion Service

Chicken-wire fencing needed for church grounds --- does anyone have bits and pieces of chicken-wire fencing in their garage? Rust welcome, will cut to size. Please contact Pastor if you can provide. Thank you.

Preschool enrolling now.

ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL . . . offers a variety of activities: Art Classes, Field Trips, Story Time, Snacks, Music and Movement, Weekly Themes, Cooking, Bible Lessons and Prayers.

Taught by Michigan Certified Teacher:
Heather Thomason

Celebrate with the St. Paul's family and the family of member Lois Allen on Sunday, October 22, after the 11:00 Service, with a catered luncheon for the occasion of Lois' 90th Birthday! RSVP --- sign-up clipboard in Parish Hall. Deadline: October 15. Thank you.

Reformation 500th Anniversary Service: Sunday, October 15, Breslin Center, MSU campus. Lutherans from all over Michigan will be in attendance. Tickets will be required (free), ordered in advance. A Chartered bus is available in Redford \$5/person, payable now. Otherwise, we can arrange car-pooling among our members beginning soon.

A volunteer is wanted to act as St. Paul's Financial Secretary. Please speak to Anita for more details.

Volunteer needed, twice monthly, to take returnable bottles and cans located in the church kitchen to Kroger and return the cash to the church.

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your Word.
Psalm 119:114

Readings for Sunday, October 8th: Isaiah 5:1 - 7, Psalm 80:7 - 19, Philippians 3:4b - 14, St. Matthew 21:33 - 46
Readings for Sunday, October 15th: Isaiah 25:6 - 9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:4 - 13, St. Matthew 22:1 - 14

Bookends needed for parish Library --- maybe 5 or 6. If you have one or two you would like to donate to the church, please contact Pastor Rutter. Thank you.



Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest: they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

LifeLight Adult Bible Study resumes with the book of Isaiah (part II) on September 20. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend.



Preschool Prayer Pals

Dear Congregation,
This year in preschool we would like to introduce a Prayer Pal activity with our children. If you would be willing to be a Prayer Pal for one of our preschool children, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the clipboard by the bulletin board. Please sign up by September 10th. We will send you cards and letters from your prayer pal. If you would like to respond you may drop off letters in our mailbox by the preschool door. Please pray for your child. We will also have the child pray for you. Thank you for your support with this activity. Sincerely,
Heather and Christine



Reformation Service with The Concordia University Choir, free event
Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 pm
Chapel of the Holy Trinity
4090 Geddes Road; Ann Arbor, MI 48105-2797
734-995-7537



“Why do we strive to protect tiny embryos in Petri dishes or frozen in a fertility clinic? Because they are created, redeemed, and little ones whom God wants to call.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

How Fitting to Read the Word of God on a daily basis, especially in 2017, the 500th Anniversary year of the Reformation of the Church. Martin Luther translated the Scriptures into the language of his native land so that the people could read the Word of God and know the doctrines of the Church. The Board of Elders at St. Paul's determined at their September meeting to offer a pamphlet to our members, which assigns portions of God's Word on a daily basis, so that after 365 days the reader has read the Scriptures in their entirety. Consider the blessings that will come for each person who reads the Word of God on a daily basis, with the goal of reading every Word of God during the course of a year — indeed, personal blessings *and* congregational blessings. Won't you please join us in reading through the Bible during 2017. Our journey begins today. If you fall behind, read fervently to “catch-up.” Please receive a copy of the itinerary (a blue pamphlet in the Parish Hall.)



HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER “FILLING THE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY”



Sunday November 12, 2017 @ Noon

Mark your calendar for Sunday 11/12/2017 for the Harvest Dinner. This year we will be collecting food items and grocery store gift cards (for perishables) to help fill the Church pantry to help those in need. Meats and Beverages for this dinner will be provided by funds from Thrivent Action Team. Please bring a dish to pass. Please add your name to the signup sheets so we know how many we need to provide for. There is also a volunteer signup sheet—many hands make light work.

(The Auction will not be held this year, as we do this every 3 years. Last Auction was Nov 2015)

**THE GENEROUS WILL BE BLESSED,
FOR THEY SHARE THEIR FOOD WITH THE POOR
PROVERBS 22:9**



A pumpkin party is planned for October 29th at 3:00 pm. Donations of wrapped candy are requested and much appreciated. More details to follow.



We now have three volunteers to work on the new pictorial directory and could use at least five. So at least two more are needed to begin this project. Can you help? If so, please sign up or contact the church office.



Trustees' Meeting Wednesday October 25th at 7:00 pm. All Trustees are requested to please attend – we have much to do and plans to make, help is needed. Thank you.

Bible Reading Plan for October 8 – October 14, 2017

October 8	Ezekiel 45 – 46, St. John 19:23 - 42
October 9	Ezekiel 47 – 48, St. John 20
October 10	Song of Solomon 1 – 3, St. John 21
October 11	Song of Solomon 4 – 6, Ephesians 1
October 12	Song of Solomon 7 – 8, Ephesians 2
October 13	I Samuel 1 – 3, Ephesians 3
October 14	I Samuel 4 – 6, Ephesians 4

Food Pantry Update



Thank you for your donations to our food pantry. Currently needed are these items: Chicken rice soup, marinara sauce, ramen noodles, breakfast cereal (assorted), jam, jelly, creamy peanut butter, spam and canned meat. Between 1 and 6 people visit the pantry each week. In addition to 2 bags of groceries, guests receive a *Portals of Prayer* devotion book, a prayer, and an invitation to church services. Please pray for those we serve that they will know Jesus loves them.

Human Care Ministry <*)>><

St Paul's Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, October 20 from 8:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

	<p>It's Fall Cleaning Time! Please donate unwanted household items, jewelry, tools, baby / kids / adult clothes, etc. (no large furniture, electronics or car seats please). We will also accept items left over from your garage sale! Items can be brought anytime and placed in the choir room. Or you can drop off items October 16-19 from 9:00 till noon or 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>Calling all bakers!! Are you able to donate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookies: oatmeal, chocolate chip, etc. • Cakes: spice, pound, chocolate, etc. • Breads: pumpkin, zucchini, banana, etc. • Candy, dipped pretzels, rice krispy treats, brownies, etc. <p>Reminder: please label items that contain nuts</p> <p>Sign-up sheet available or call Kathy Seeley</p>

The success of St. Paul's Rummage Sale is due to the many people who help in donating, setting up, clean up or advertising. Sign up today to assist; below is the schedule / tasks.

Sunday October 15: set up tables after second Service

Monday, October 16 – Thurs. October 19:

Accepting donations / collection and set up / mark items:

9:00 a.m. till noon

5:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19: Bake Sale Items due – please place in kitchen

Friday, October 20 from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Male present at all times (can be in shifts)

Assistance with cashiers, bakery, keeping floor / tables in order

Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

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Assistance with cashiers, bakery, keeping floor / tables in order

Saturday, October 21 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. pack up all items, take down tables, vacuum, etc.

Rummage Sale Committee: Esther T., Kathy S., Wilhelmina M., Donna M., Betty K.

Special Needs Program here at St. Paul's, has been a blessing to many since 2007. **What is needed?** Students ... ages 16 and up Do you know anyone or know of anyone with developmental disabilities? Please invite them to attend. There are no fees. We share the love of Jesus with the students as we teach them His Word. Please keep this program in your prayers, that more persons will come to know Jesus. Thank you!

Doubts about Creation? Pulled toward Evolution? Check this website: www.answersingenesis.org. "Answers in Genesis", an auxiliary of The Creation Museum, Petersburg, Kentucky.

A congregation in the Word thrives.
A congregation not in the Word dies.
Conclusion: Each member be in the Word.
Read the Word of God at home. Study the Word of God together with your Pastor and brothers and sisters in the congregation.

Get-To-Do" ... serving opportunity periodic (maybe 4 times/year) washing of the communion cups. Rewarding, beneficial for many. If you can serve in this capacity, please contact Wilhelmina Miller or the church office. Thank you!

Volunteers are one of the most valuable assets of every congregation. Like most churches volunteers are a precious commodity and sometimes difficult to obtain. Currently, St. Paul's is seeking volunteers to be greeters, especially at the early service. This is an easy opportunity. All you have to do is greet worshipers and visitors and hand out service folders and newsletters. Please contact Donna Larson or the church office if you are able to serve in this way. Thank you.

Young Persons needed – Junior High and older, to help the Communion Cup Washers; rotating schedule, likely once or twice per month. Mentoring provided. Please contact Pastor Rutter if you would like to serve; if leaving a message, indicate which Service you prefer to attend. Thank you!

TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE

www.lcms.org/life

www.lutheransforlife.org

Opportunity: Preschool Advisory Committee ... needs a few more members. Duties: up to 3 meetings per year, offering advice to the Director and Staff regarding the basic functions and needs of the St. Paul's Preschool, also some work helping with dinners, flyers, etc.