

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 (29)	Divine Service* 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service* 11:00 am
Monday (30)	Gardening Angels 8:30 am
Tuesday (31)	A. A. 8:00 pm
Wednesday (1)	
Thursday (2)	Food Pantry open 11:00 am – 12 noon
Friday (3)	
Saturday (4)	A. A. 10:30 am
Sunday (5)	Matins Service 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service* 11:00 am

* indicates Holy Communion Service

Readings for Sunday, July 29th: Genesis 9:8 – 17; Psalm 136:1 – 9, 26; Ephesians 3:14 – 21; St. Mark 6: 45 – 56

Readings for Sunday, August 5th: Exodus 16:2 – 15, Psalm 145:10 – 21, Ephesians 4:1 – 16, St. John 6:22 – 25

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

Shorewood Kiwanis is sponsoring free concerts during the months of July and August on every Monday evening, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Wahby Park, 24800 Jefferson Avenue. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this special series.



Portals of Prayer, July – September are available. Pick up your copy today.

Upcoming events

August 5 th & 6 th	Camp Restore - Detroit
September 23 rd	Bring your entire family to church Sunday with Spaghetti Dinner afterward
October 19 – 20	Rummage Sale
November 4 th	Lutherfest Concert at St. Paul’s
November 11 th	Harvest Dinner and Auction

Cooks Needed for Camp Restore Detroit food will be needed for the volunteers who have come from all over the nation to Detroit to help “fix up” the (Detroit) neighborhoods. Our congregation has volunteered to make meals for the volunteers on Sunday, August 5 and Monday, August 6, to be brought to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Detroit -- meals for about 20 persons. Please contact Denise H. if you are willing to cook and bring something -- either to St. Paul’s to be taken by someone else to Mt. Calvary, or to Mt. Calvary. Reimbursement will be provided upon request -- save receipts please. Thank you.

Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.” Genesis 28:20 – 22

Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your donations to our food pantry. 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. The pantry is in need of canned fruit, tuna, chicken, spam, ravioli, soup, and baked beans and egg noodles and rice. Many thanks to all who have donated to the food pantry. Please pray for those we serve that they will know Jesus loves them.

Human Care Ministry <*)><




Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

Ephesians 3:20 – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. . .”


We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

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.



 “Arguments from some about when life begins, which inexcusably focus on eliminating the rights of the baby in the womb, are a perfect opportunity to speak the truth in love. We need to do this because this is not an abstract issue. It is a matter of life and death.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Bible Reading Plan for July 29 – August 4, 2018

July 29		Psalms 49 – 50, Acts 20:1 – 16
July 30		Psalms 51 – 53, Acts 20:17 – 38
July 31		Psalms 54 – 56, Acts 21:1 – 17
August 1		Psalms 57 – 59, Acts 21:18 – 40
August 2		Psalms 60 – 62, Acts 22
August 3		Psalms 63 – 65, Acts 23:1 – 15
August 4		Psalms 66 – 67, Acts 23:16 – 35

LISTEN UP: Young folks, older ones too, everybody come, join the instrumentalists and let's all make some music together. We need a lot of you who can play an instrument of any kind to come together to enhance our church services. If you play an instrument at school we know you need to practice all summer to keep up your talent. Give me a call so that I can organize this group. Organize is new to me, so let's all try our best to make some beautiful music. Doris H. hopes to hear from you soon.

Volunteers are needed as Trustees. Please speak to Anita for more details.

Abuse -- are you or do you know a victim of abuse? -- whether of verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, child molestation, elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and more. The Transformation Center for Victims of Abuse is available to help. Located near 9 Mile and Jefferson, the caring Christian staff is prepared to help. 586-585-1789, or email tcvictimsfabuse@gmail.com. Visit online, www.tcfva.org.

Opportunity to play the organ during worship services. We could use at least 2 more “organists,” 4 would be ideal. Training provided. If you can push a button on cue, please call the church office. Thank you.

Young Persons needed – Junior High and older, to serve as 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!

Opportunity CAMP RESTORE here in Detroit, rebuilding the blighted areas --- similar to LCMS Disaster Relief which rebuilds tornado-torn, flood-ruined communities throughout the nation. Camp Restore began in 2016 under the leadership of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Detroit, and has grown astronomically in 2 years. Teams from Boston are arriving this week, teams from California and (literally) all over will be arriving this Summer --- the response has been overwhelming. Each group of (mostly) Lutheran volunteers from out of State will work to improve the blighted areas in Detroit. Our congregation has been asked to provide meals for the volunteers. We can select one evening, two weeks, once/month, etc., whatever we would like. Needs will range from a meal for 10 persons to a meal for 100 persons, late May through mid-August. Mt. Calvary houses the volunteers in their closed school, with bedding and furniture provided by Art Van Furniture, showers from the school locker rooms, etc., but Mt. Calvary's congregation of 50 persons cannot handle all the meals for 3 months. More information coming, but something to think about. Some from St. Paul's may even want to help restore the blighted areas, but truthfully, the meals are the real need at this time. Please sign the sheet in the Parish Hall if you are interested in learning more.

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!

**TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE
www.lcms.org/life
www.lutheransforlife.org**

LUTHERAN SINGLE SENIORS CONNECTION

A Way to Stretch Your Mind, Body, and Soul

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom....Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days”. Psalm 90:12, 14

Objective

To provide an avenue for single seniors aged 60 and up in the Metro Detroit area to gather together in Christ’s Name for the purpose of fostering relationships with other single seniors through participation in activities that exercises the mind, body, and soul. We welcome seniors of all faiths, and honor opportunities to share the love of Christ.

Mind

- Monthly Supper & Speaker Series

Body

- Weekly walks at the zoo, nature trails, riverfront, arboretums...

Soul

- Monthly or bi-monthly Matins and Breakfast Gatherings

Other

- Field trips: Creation Museum/ Noah’s Ark – DIA – DSO – Redford Theater...

Calling Single Seniors 60 plus! With the help of our Lord, four or more single seniors from four or more area churches will accept this call to be part of the *Lutheran Single Senior Connection* organizational team. The time commitment is small, the rewards and benefits are great. We appreciate whatever wisdom, skills, and resources you can offer. If you are at all interested, and have a few hours to spend sharing ideas and input, please call, text, or email. Meeting date TBD.

A Single Senior Sister in Christ,

Sue Boyle smvboyle@gmail.com 248-320-3413



Parish Library now open and lending. A printout of books/periodicals/DVDs is available on the table in the Parish Library – please feel free to examine at home. We have some wonderful new books, including “The Reason I Believe”, “Why Should I Trust the Bible?”, “Has American Christianity Failed?”, and “From Atheism to Christianity”, to name a few. Please register any books you remove with the “card-system” in place. Thank you.

Reflections on the Christian Life and

Reception of the Sacrament

Behold, your Redeemer anointed your blind eyes with the salve of His incarnation, so that you, who could not look upon God in His glory in the secret place of His majesty, might look upon God in the form of a man; and beholding Him, acknowledge Him; and acknowledging Him, love Him; and loving Him, do your utmost with all your might to come to His glory. He was made flesh that He might call you back to the things of the Spirit. He was a made a partaker of your changeableness that He might make you a partaker of His unchangeableness. He condescended to your lowliness that He might exalt you to His high loftiness ... In Bethany, which is by interpretation, “the house of obedience,” He raised Lazarus from the dead, showing that all, who by the earnest endeavor of a good will die to the world and rest in the bosom of obedience, shall be raised by Him to Life Eternal. When He delivered His Body and Blood to His disciples in the mystical supper, He humbly washed their feet, teaching us that the sacred mysteries should be celebrated with deeds of purity and devout humbleness of mind. When He was to be glorified by the splendor of His holy resurrection, He endured the mocking of traitors, the cruelty of insults, the shame of the cross, the bitterness of gall, and at the last death itself, admonishing His servants thereby that those who desire after death to attain glory must bear the troubles and labors of this present life and the oppressions of the wicked, not only without murmuring but also with love and desire and cheerful welcome to all, which is hard in this world for the sake of the Eternal reward. [Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109]

Right to Life-LIFESPAN Pregnancy Help...There are approximately 750 abortion clinics and approximately 3000 pro-life pregnancy help centers in the US. These numbers change from time to time but the fact remains, there are thousands of people willing to offer whatever help is needed to a pregnant teen, woman, or family. No woman need ever feel helpless or without a choice—for Life! For more information, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546