

THE OTHER GOOD NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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July 16, 2017

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 (16) Learn to Sing 7:55 am (15 minutes)
Worship Service 8:30 am
Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
Divine Service* 11:00 am
Learn to Sing 12:20 pm (15 minutes)

Monday (17) Gardening Angels 9:00 am

Tuesday (18) Warming Hearts 7:00 pm
Altar Guild Meeting 7:00 pm
A. A. 8:00 pm

Wednesday (19) Bible Study – Ephesians 10:30 am

Thursday (20)

Friday (21) Movie Night 7:00 pm

Saturday (22) A. A. 10:30 am

Sunday (23) Learn to Sing 7:55 am (15 minutes)
Divine Service* 8:30 am
Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Learn to Sing 12:05 pm (15 minutes)

* indicates Holy Communion Service

Reformation 500th Anniversary Service you won't want to miss this historic and festive 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. Chartered buses are available -- drop-off at doors, no parking charges or long-parking lot walks. If interested in riding a luxury bus -- Trinity Transportation Motor Coach Buses, please sign the sheet in the parish hall. Seats are filling fast -- \$15/person, payable in July. Otherwise, we can arrange car-pooling among our members beginning soon.

The most important things in life aren't things and the **best** things in life are always free. “For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God.” Ephesians 2:8

Please join Warming Hearts on Tuesday, July 18th for a time of fellowship and hand crafts. Our goal is to make 50 lap robes for our veterans.

Readings for Sunday, July 16th: Isaiah 55:10 - 13, Psalm 65:1 - 13, Romans 8:12 - 17, St. Matthew 13:1 - 9, 18 - 23
Readings for Sunday, July 23rd: Isaiah 44:6 - 8, Psalm 119:57 - 64, Romans 8:18 - 27, Matthew 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43

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

Do you have any books or DVD's from the Church Library? Please return them very soon. An overhaul of the Library is being planned and all materials are needed. Thank you. Also, anyone desiring to help with the overhaul should contact Pastor Rutter.

Many thanks to everyone who donated items for Vacation Bible School and also for the many volunteers who donated their time and talent to make it a success.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS: Lutheran Special Education Ministries is seeking teachers to fill positions at St. Paul Lutheran School in Ann Arbor, Shepherd of the Lakes in Brighton, St. Peter's Lutheran School in Eastpointe and Concordia Lutheran School in Redford.. Candidates should have Special Education Certification, or be actively working toward the certification. We will also consider candidates who have special education experience and those with Elementary Certification who have a desire to work with students who have learning needs. If you are interested, please call Lutheran Special Education Ministries at 248-419-3390, or Rich Schumacher at 734-748-5253 for more information and to obtain an application.



Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

Romans 8:12 "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh."

We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies: we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes – and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.



"God's love edifies. It gives life. And you, my friend, are in the people business. You've been placed on this earth to share what people need most: enduring, true, life-edifying, divine love.

You have been freed from a task-driven, striving-for-self-worth existence. God has called you His own. He has declared you precious in His sight and proven it by giving up His Only Son so you could be His own. Now you represent Him here on earth. You give what He has given you." *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Being kind is more important than being right.

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.)

Bible Reading Plan for July 16 – July 22, 2017

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| July 16 | Psalms 16 – 17, Acts 12 |
| July 17 | Psalms 18 – 19, Acts 13:1 – 25 |
| July 18 | Psalms 20 – 22, Acts 13:26 – 52 |
| July 19 | Psalms 23 – 25, Acts 14 |
| July 20 | Psalms 26 – 28, Acts 15:1 – 21 |
| July 21 | Psalms 29 – 30, Acts 15:22 – 41 |
| July 22 | Psalms 31 – 32, Acts 16:1-21 |

Portals of Prayer for July through September 2017 are now available. Pick up your copy from the table in the Parish Hall today.

The Lutheran Center Association seeks qualified candidates for the position of Administrative Assistant to the LCA Board of Directors & Assistant Manager of the Lutheran Center Bookstore. This is a part-time position with daytime hours, occasional evening meetings are required. This position assists the Manager in providing general administrative and retail management / staffing support for our small non-profit organization.

Duties include: Assisting with annual event planning, member and donor communications, creating and executing bulk mailings, as well as working with bookstore manager on all aspects of day to day operations, including sales, purchasing and customer service.

Candidates should be proficient with MS Office programs, be able to multi-task and prioritize, be detail oriented with strong communication and customer service skills. Knowledge of Confessional Lutheran theology, Lutheran publications, and some retail management experience is desirable. Interest in and commitment to the LCA mission is important.

To apply please send resume and cover letter to Rev. Mark Braden at: lcabookstore@att.net or Lutheran Center Association, 16259 Nine Mile Rd, Eastpointe, MI 48021

"I will bless you ..., so that you will be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

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!