

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 (6)	Learn to Sing 7:55 am (15 minutes) Matins Service 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service* 11:00 am Learn to Sing 12:20 pm (15 minutes)
Monday (7)	Gardening Angels 9:00 am
Tuesday (8)	City Elections 6:00 am until 8:00 pm Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm A. A. 8:00 pm
Wednesday (9)	
Thursday (10)	Food Pantry open from 11:00 am until noon
Friday (11)	
Saturday (12)	A. A. 10:30 am
Sunday (13)	Learn to Sing 7:55 am (15 minutes) Divine Service* 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Matins 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.

“Lead me by Your Truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You.”

Psalm 25:5

Church office hours are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Pastor has Fridays off. You are invited to leave a message if no one is available to take your call.

Readings for Sunday, August 6th: Isaiah 55:1 - 5; Psalm 136:1 - 9, 23 - 26; Romans 9:1 - 13, St. Matthew 14:13 - 21
Readings for Sunday, August 13th: Job 38:4 - 18; Psalm 18:1 - 16, 46; Romans 10:5 - 17; St. Matthew 14:22 - 33

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.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your donations to our food pantry. Currently needed are these items: Canned chicken, canned meat, chicken rice soup, noodle soups, canned peaches, pasta sauce, and marinara sauce. Between 1 and 6 people visit the pantry each week. In addition to 2 bags of groceries, they receive a *Portals of Prayer* devotion book, we say a prayer with them, and invite them to church services. Please pray for those we serve that they will know Jesus loves them.

Human Care Ministry <*)><

Found A pair of clip-on sunglasses were found in the sanctuary. Please check in the church office if you think they might be yours.



Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

Matthew 14:17-18 "They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me."

When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish – that’s exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes are fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing – but in Jesus all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.



"The more we humans have learned about life, the more we’ve expanded technology, medicine, and prenatal skill, we still allow a philosophy of human autonomy that places personal preference over life ... Personhood begins at conception. Period." Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

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 August 6 – August 12, 2017

August 6	Psalm 70 – 71, Acts 25
August 7	Psalm 72 – 73, Acts 26
August 8	Psalm 74 – 76, Acts 27:1 – 26
August 9	Psalm 77 – 78, Acts 27:27 - 44
August 10	Psalm 79 – 80, Acts 28
August 11	Psalm 81 – 83, I Peter 1
August 12	Psalm 84 – 86, I Peter 2

"Satan tries to counterfeit the work of God, and by doing this, he may deceive many. To make us lose hope, feel miserable like himself, and believe that we are beyond forgiveness, Satan might even misuse words from the scriptures that emphasize the justice of God in order to imply that there is no mercy."
— Dieter F. Uchtdorf

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.

Golfers Needed --- Lutheran Fraternities of America #57 is hosting the "Carl F. Gerds Jr. Memorial Golf Outing", Sunday September 17, 1:30 p.m., Bello Woods Golf Course, 23650 23 Mile Rd.; 18 holes, cart, door prizes, BBQ steak & dessert. \$95/golfer. See flyer on table in parish hall. Lutheran Fraternities of America #57 is a non-profit Lutheran organization that supports and promotes charitable outreach projects, Vacation Bible School programs, and Christian fellowship.

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten, and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. And so, it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives—our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question—How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others—to asking the question—what have they done for me lately. We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we have more because when we give we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus we are reflecting the divine nature. As Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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



SHARE

your talents



We are considering creating a new family directory. This may require some volunteer effort. Please complete this form if you are willing to learn more. Also, notify us of any changes in your contact information.

YES! I would be willing to learn more about:

- Publicizing our photography event
- Contacting our families
- Helping with photography appointment sign-ups
- Greeting our families during photography
- Coordinating the design selections for our new directory
- Gaining student community service hours

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Thank You!



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Rev 12/16

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!

Pro-Life Committee Pastor Rutter would like to form a committee of persons interested in learning about Life-issues and disseminating information to the congregation --- possibly planning events, etc. This proposed committee will meet 4 times per year, September, November, March, May. If you are interested, please sign the sheet in the parish hall. 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.

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 L. or the church office if you are able to serve in this way. Thank you.

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!

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!

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