

# THE OTHER GOOD NEWS

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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November 5, 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 (5) Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Matins Service 8:30 am  
Sunday Bible School 9:45 am  
Adult Bible Study 10:00 am  
Divine Service\* 11:00 am  
God’s Word and Your Religion 6:00 pm

#### Monday (6)

Preschool 8:30 am  
Jr. Confirmation Catechesis 4:15 pm

#### Tuesday (7)

Elections (in Parish Hall) 7:00 am  
Preschool 8:30 am  
A. A. 8:00 pm

#### Wednesday (8)

Preschool 8:30 am  
Bible Class 10:30 am  
Prayer Circle 12:00 pm  
Women’s Guild Meeting 12:30 pm  
Senior Youth Dinner/Bible Study 6:30 pm

#### Thursday (9)

Preschool 8:30 am  
Food Pantry open from 11:00 am until noon  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

#### Friday (10)

**Martin Luther’s Birthday 1483**  
**Veteran’s Day** (observed)  
Preschool 8:30 am

#### Saturday (11)

**Martin Luther’s Baptism 1483**  
Sanctuary Cleaning (help needed) 9:00 am  
Special Needs Program 9:30 am  
A. A. 10:30 am

#### Sunday (12)

Children’s Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am  
Divine Service\* 8:30 am  
Sunday Bible School 9:45 am  
Adult Bible Study 10:00 am  
Matins Service 11:00 am  
Harvest Potluck Dinner 12:00 pm  
God’s Word and Your Religion 6:00 pm

\* indicates Holy Communion Service

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.

#### 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

A volunteer is wanted to act as St. Paul’s Financial Secretary. Volunteers are also wanted as Trustees. 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.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the Love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Who was given to us. Romans 5:5



#### You can read the Bible on your phone because of Luther.

We love and treasure the Word of God. The Scriptures are our sole source for doctrine and practice. The Scriptures deliver Christ to us, and for this we rejoice.

Luther desired that every person have access to the Word of God. He translated the Bible into German so that every person could read it. A result of Luther’s translation was the proliferation of Bible translations, and today, the multiplicity of media through which God’s Word is freely available.

Lois A. would like to thank everyone for helping her celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and also for the many gifts and cards. It was good to see family and friends.

Readings for Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>: Revelation 7:9 - 17, Psalm 149, I John 3:1 - 3, St. Matthew 5:1 - 12

Readings for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: Amos 5:18 - 24, Psalm 70, I Thessalonians 4:13 - 18, St. Matthew 25:1 - 13



### Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

**Matthew 5:7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity) – flows back out of us. For it all starts with His self-giving!



"God calls us all to support widows and orphans, but that certainly does not mean every person is equipped to adopt a child. You can support a child in need without becoming his or her parent. Consider sponsoring a child overseas, going on a short-term mission trip to an orphanage, or financially supporting couples who adopt children through adoption grant-giving organizations. There are many ways to become involved." *Kim Laube, B.A., Lutheran Family Service, Urbandale, Iowa – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Trustees' Meeting** Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 November 5 – November 11, 2017

November 5	Habakkuk, Colossians 3
November 6	Zephaniah, Colossians 4
November 7	Ezra 1 – 2, II Timothy 1
November 8	Ezra 3 – 5, II Timothy 2
November 9	Ezra 6 – 8, II Timothy 3
November 10	Ezra 9 – 10, II Timothy 4
November 11	I Chronicles 1 – 3, Jude

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.



The trustees invite the congregation to a cleaning bee on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The pews will be dusted and washed in preparation for the Advent of our Savior. Many hands make light work.

### 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 <\*)><

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth. So it still is today. The celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is time to return. Return to the truth. Return to the basics. Return to the foundation.

### 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**

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!