

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 (21)	Worship Service 8:30 am Sunday Bible School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service* 11:00 am Voter’s Meeting 12:15 pm
Monday (22)	Preschool 8:30 am
Tuesday (23)	Stewardship Board Meeting 7:00 pm A. A. 8:00 pm
Wednesday (24)	Preschool 8:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am – Jeremiah Preschool Trike-a-thon and Graduation 6:30 pm
Thursday (25)	Ascension Day Service 7:00 pm
Friday (26)	Movie Night 7:00 pm
Saturday (27)	A. A. 10:30 am
Sunday (28)	Divine Service* 8:30 am Sunday Bible School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am

* indicates Holy Communion Service

All are welcome at the Preschool graduation and trike-a-thon on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm. Please come join the festivities and meet the children and their families. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage and support our preschool mission.

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

Readings for Sunday, May 21st: Acts 17:16 - 31, Psalm 66: 8 - 20, I Peter 3:13 - 22, St. John 14:15 - 21
Readings for Ascension Day, May 25th: Act 1:1 - 11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15 - 23, St. Luke 24:44 - 53
Readings for Sunday, May 28th: Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1 - 10; I Peter 4:12 - 19, 5:6 - 11; St. John 17:1 - 11



Vacation Bible School June 26, 27, and 28, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, with special day June 29 (Thursday), also 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Helpers needed primarily for June 26, 27, and 28 to lead crafts, assist with music, teach the preschool children, serve as a Group Leader for the older children, serve snacks, greet, register and welcome the students and parents, etc. Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall. More information coming.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your donations to our food pantry. Currently needed are these items: rice, noodles, crunchy peanut butter, jelly, canned peaches and pears, and spaghetti 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 <*)>>><

No act of kindness is ever wasted.



Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, "She was forgiven much, so she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "Love."

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

Your use of money shows what you think of God.



"We cannot be uncreated, unforgiven, unaccepted, unreconciled, unbaptized, unjustified, or uncalled any more than Jesus can be unborn, uncrucified, or unresurrected. His rising again and ascending into heaven ensures that His cross atonement will align and assimilate everything, and sooner rather than later." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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.

Opportunity to serve in Christ's Kingdom ... sign-up for an hour or two or more for the annual **Junefest**. Our congregation typically has a "booth" from which we invite people to take materials and generally share the love of Christ. Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall ... Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Set-up and take-down help also needed. Please keep it in mind. Thank you.

TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE
www.lcms.org/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.)

Bible Reading Plan for May 21 – May 27, 2017

May 14	I Kings 21 – 22, St. Matthew 11
May 15	II Kings 1 – 3, St. Matthew 12:1 – 37
May 16	II Kings 4 – 6, St. Matthew 12:38 – 50
May 17	II Kings 7 – 9, St. Matthew 13:1 – 30
May 18	II Kings 10 – 12, St. Matthew 13:31 – 58
May 19	II Kings 13 – 14, St. Matthew 14:1 – 21
May 20	II Kings 15 – 16, St. Matthew 14:22 – 36

LWML 37th Biennial Convention will be on Thursday, June 22 – Sunday, June 25, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We would like to send/take:

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Anyone can participate in this by bringing some of these items to church, a list of which can be found on the table near the bulletin board. More information about the convention can be seen on our bulletin board and in the binder on the table where you can also pick up a flyer.



Preschool Mission News

Keep the Preschool mission in your prayers. Open enrollment for the fall has begun. Let Heather know or call

the church office if you have an interest in enrolling your child. The Preschool Trike-a-thon and Graduation takes place on **Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm**. The congregation is invited, all are welcome. Please let Heather know if you are willing to be a prayer pal and pray for a Preschool child.

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!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said St. Paul, quoting our Lord (Acts 20:35). How can this be?

Jesus and His disciples withdrew to a mountain by the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The crowds followed them, for the Lord had just showered upon them the gift of His teaching, the gift of His Word. But the day was waning; the sun was setting, and it was getting late. Looking upon the crowds, Jesus had compassion on them and asked, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat" (John 6:5)? Philip said that two hundred denarii (a day's wages for two hundred men) could not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.

But Andrew, Peter's brother, brought a young boy forward, who had five barley loaves and two small fish. "But," Andrew asked, "what are they for so many" (John 6:9). Jesus replied, "Have the people sit down" (John 6:10).

Then Jesus, the Son of God, gave them a second gift, a gift from what only He could give—a gift from above. He took the bread and the fish, gave thanks, blessed them, and distributed them to the crowd. Then came the miracle. As these five loaves and two fish were given out, they multiplied. He fed the hungry crowd until they were all full. And twelve baskets full were left over.

But Jesus was not the only one who gave that day. There is one person who also gave from what he had. It was the boy with the five loaves and the two fish. All the others, including the boy, received the gift of a miraculous feast. And they would look back on it with wonder. But the boy, when he would look back on it, would look back and remember not just what he received. He would look back with wonder and delight when the Son of God made his gift into something miraculous. For it is more blessed to give than to receive.

This our Lord does for each of us. He presses our gifts, no matter how big or how small, into His service and works wonders with them. He provides through what we give: water for baptism, bread and wine for the Lord's Supper, a man called and sent for the preaching of the Gospel and Absolution. He provides a building in which we can gather as His children, lights so that we might not gather in darkness. He provides funds for the care of the poor and struggling, for missionaries who preach and teach beyond our borders. He makes Christians, disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in our midst by bringing them to faith and nurturing them in that faith. He takes our gifts and turns them into something miraculous.

Indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thus we give. We give of what we have. And the Lord works His wonders.

(from LCMS Stewardship Ministry)

Warming Hearts is making lap robes for veterans and those in nursing homes. Dish cloths, cat toys, and hair scrunchies continue to be available, the proceeds of which support Gardening Angels. Anyone wishing to help, please come on Tuesday, May 30th prepared to knit or crochet. Or if you prefer, you may work from your home at your convenience. Yarn is available from the storage closet in the basement.



Movie Night

Friday, May 26th at 7pm

Clancy (2009)

Clancy Miller is an abused girl with the faith of an angel. In order to avoid social workers, she runs away to the streets of the city. Once there, she meets up with Nick, an ill-tempered, homeless veteran. The city's corrupt mayor devises a plan to capitalize on Clancy's disappearance that will ensure his re-election. The mayor's scheme takes an unexpected turn and Clancy and Nick find themselves on the run facing imminent danger and forming an unlikely bond to survive.

Director: Jefferson Moore

Stars: Christina Dawn Fougne, Jefferson Moore, and Tom Luce

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!

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.

The Kroger Rewards program has changed. You no longer need to enroll each April. You will remain enrolled. If you are not enrolled please do so as this will help St. Paul's fund its many programs. Our enrollment number is 83153. 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.

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