

THE OTHER GOOD NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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September 16, 2018

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)	RALLY DAY 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 Youth Group 3:30 pm
Monday (17)	Preschool 8:30 am Gardening Angels 8:30 am Jr. Confirmation Catechesis 4:15 pm
Tuesday (18)	Preschool Stay and Play 9:00 am Warming Hearts 7:00 pm A. A. 8:00 pm
Wednesday (19)	Preschool 8:30 am Bible Study I Corinthians 10:30 am Midweek Prayer Service 12:00 pm
Thursday (20)	Food Pantry open 11:00 am – 12 noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday (21)	Preschool 8:30 am Movie Night 7:00 pm
Saturday (22)	A. A. 10:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am
Sunday (23)	Divine Service* 8:30 am Sunday Bible School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Spaghetti Dinner (RSVP) 12:00 pm

* indicates Holy Communion Service

Readings for Sunday, September 16th: Isaiah 50:4 – 10, Psalm 116:1 – 9, James 3:1 – 12, St. Mark 9:14 – 29
Readings for Sunday, September 23rd: Jeremiah 11:18 – 20, Psalm 54, St. James 3:13–4:10, St. Mark 9:30 – 37

Any interest in participating in a LifeLight adult Bible study? Show your interest by signing the sheet in the parish hall.

Upcoming events

September 23 rd	Bring your entire family to church Sunday with Spaghetti Dinner afterward
October 19 – 20	Rummage Sale
October 27 th	Prayer Vigil
November 4 th	Lutherfest Concert at St. Paul’s
November 8 th	Fall Craft and Vendor Fair
November 11 th	Harvest Dinner and Auction
November 18 th	Lighthouse Outreach “Shoe Box” 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

Portals of Prayer, October through December are now available. Please pick up your copy today.



Invite and bring your entire family to church ---- special day, Sunday, September 23. We want to fill the pews. An excellent opportunity to welcome family members who may not be attending any Services anywhere

or who used to attend at St. Paul’s but who may have moved to another “local” congregation or who have never been members at St. Paul’s, to join with you on this festive day. Following the 11:00 Service, we plan to share a meal together. Please keep these plans in your prayers. No family nearby? --- friends are welcome too --- invite them all! Please RSVP by the 18th (see sign-up sheet) for the dinner which follows the 11:00 service. Volunteers are needed to help set-up on Saturday, September 22 at 9:00 am.



Weekly Stewardship Bible Verse:

Ephesians 3:14-15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

“ We don’t call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers – it’s the other way around: God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.



“Oh, how the believer in Christ needs to remember that Christ lives within. This is no longer my life, it is Christ’s. Yes, you live in the midst of a battle between the culture of death and

the culture of life. Stand firm in Christ, where the abundant life has always been and always will be!” *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Opportunity to operate 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!

Bible Reading Plan for September 16 – September 22, 2018

September 16	Lamentations 3 – 5, St. John 6:45 – 71
September 17	Amos 1 – 3, St. John 7:1 – 27
September 18	Amos 4 – 6, St. John 7:28 – 53
September 19	Amos 7 – 9, St. John 8:1 - 27
September 20	Ezekiel 1 – 2, St. John 8:28 - 59
September 21	Ezekiel 3 - 4, St. John 9:1 – 23
September 22	Ezekiel 5 - 7, St. John 9:24 – 41



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

Prayer Vigil – October 27, 2018
from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

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 (especially peaches and pineapple), canned pasta and chili, crunchy peanut butter and canned soup (except chicken noodle). 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 <*)><

As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything. They faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes and the dedicated things” II Chronicles 31:5, 12

Calling on all who shop at **Amazon**, please consider shopping through the Amazon Smile website (<https://smile.amazon.com>) designating St. Paul’s as the charity you wish to support. This will enable St. Paul’s to receive .5% from your eligible purchases. The above website with the addition of /ch/38-6007736 will automatically support St. Paul’s so you won’t have to look it up.



St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Eastpointe invites you to GriefShare support group meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm beginning September 19 and continuing for 13 weeks. If you have questions or would like to register for this group you can reach Rev. Rick VanBriggle at 586-925-3260.

Homebound Christmas Bags

We are starting to gather items to include in Christmas bags for our homebound members and those who are in nursing facilities. Ideas for possible items are welcome. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call Heather T. or Suelynn H. or the church office 586-777-0215. A basket for donations is in the parish hall near the bulletin board. Items will be collected through the end of October. Suggested items include;

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| hand lotion | tape | lint roller |
| large print playing cards | | harmonica |
| emery board | hand soap | socks |
| adult coloring book | facial tissue | scarf |
| colored pencils | make-up bags | checkers |
| large print cross word | lip balm | pens |
| small wall cross/angel ornament | | devotional book |
| bird feeder | bird seed | stationary, stamps |
| magnifying glass | shoe shine kit | envelopes |
| hand towels | calendar | photo album |
| Craft items | magazines | toiletries |
| All-occasion cards | scrap book | |

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128-129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17-18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21). We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1-7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Preschool Fall Craft and Vendor Market

November 8th at 7pm

We are having a Vendor fair as a fall fundraiser for the preschool. If you sell something and would like to be a part of our fundraiser please email the church office, st.pauls.scs@gmail.com. We will be charging \$15 a table and asking for one item to be donated for a door prize.



Life-Chain on Gratiot between 13 and 15 Mile Roads, Sunday, October 7, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Find the distributors of the pro-life signs along Gratiot and stand with many other pro-lifers. It's a great witness for LIFE, and a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded persons.

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 to fund programs, such as the food pantry and the preschool, etc. Our enrollment number is **83153**. For new enrollees our enrollment number is **PH719**. Please use this new number if you are not currently enrolled and wish to enroll. Please call the church office if you need assistance in enrolling. Thank you!

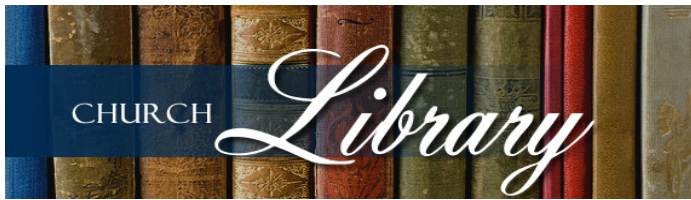
A congregation in the Word thrives.
A congregation not in the Word dies.
Conclusion: Each member be in the Word.
Read the Word of God at home. Study the
Word of God together with your Pastor and brothers and
sisters in the congregation.



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](tel:586-585-1789), or email tcvictimsfobabuse@gmail.com. Visit online, www.tcfva.org.

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

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!



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.

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,

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