

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.”

Upcoming events

March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 7	Dinner/Craft Night
March 18	Prayer Vigil
March 19	Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon
March 24	Vision Meeting with Millennial Guests
April 11	Compassion Pregnancy Banquet
April 14	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins
April 14	Easter Egg Hunt
April 18	Maundy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter
May 3 & 4	Rummage Sale
May 12	Right to Life LIFESPAN Baby Shower
May 30	Ascension Day Service
November 3	Luther Fest

There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered. Proverbs 11:24 - 25

Readings for Sunday, March 3rd: I Samuel 16:1 - 13, Isaiah 35:3 - 7, Psalm 89:18 - 29, Psalm 146, I Corinthians 13:1 - 13, St. Luke 18:31 - 43

Readings for Sunday, March 10th: Genesis 3:1 - 21, I Samuel 17:40 - 51, Psalm 32, Psalm 118:1 - 13, II Corinthians 6:1 - 10, Hebrews 4:14 - 16, St. Matthew 4:1 - 11

Readings for Sunday, March 17th: Genesis 32:22 - 32, Psalm 121, I Thessalonians 4:1 - 7, Romans 5:1 - 5, St. Matthew 15:21 - 28

Readings for Sunday, March 24th: Exodus 8:16 - 24, Jeremiah 26:1 - 15, Psalm 136:1 - 16, Psalm 4, Ephesians 5:1 - 9, St. Luke 11:14 - 28

Readings for Sunday, March 31st: Exodus 16:2 - 21, Isaiah 49:8 - 13, Psalm 132:8 - 18, Galatians 4:21 - 31, Acts 2:41 - 47, St. John 6:1 - 15

Gardening Angels soon it will be warm again and we can beautify the exterior of God’s House with trimmed shrubs and flowers. If you would like to serve as one of the “Gardening Angels” this year, please contact the church office. We typically meet on Monday mornings (before trash pickup) from May-October. You don’t have to commit to serve every week, although you could, but whenever you are able will be great!



Council of Lutheran Women's 55th Annual Luncheon

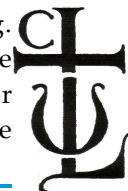
Speaker: Gayle Sommerfeld

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 - 11:00AM – 2:00PM EDT

Burton Manor; 27777 Schoolcraft; Livonia, MI 48150

Reservations are \$29.01 per person, which includes a \$2.00/person donation to seminarians and CLW supported food banks and also includes a reservation fee of \$3.15.

Please sign up if you are attending. Reservations are submitted through Eventbrite via the CLW website, www.clwmighigan.com or call the church office. Last day you can make reservations is Friday, March 8th.



You may have noticed St. Paul’s new website. Our monthly newsletters, *The Other Good News* and *Pastoral Reflections*, are available on the site as well as the calendar and information about our church, its programs and events and all the Preschool registration forms and Parent Handbook. Prayer requests can also now be made online. Online giving is also available as an option. If you are in attendance at Services and have given online, there is a card in the pew rack that you can place in the collection plate either in your envelope or by itself to signify that you have given online. These will be reused so please do not write on them. Any questions can be directed to the church office.

When Jesus says, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt," and, "if this cup may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done," by His own will He means the natural desire for safety, by which His human flesh shrank from the pain of death. It is true that He speaks of the Father's will, but not because the Father preferred the death of His Son to life --- rather, because the Father was unwilling for the human race to be restored unless man performed a great act, equal to the Son's death. Since reason did not demand what another could not do, the Son says that the Father wills His death, while He Himself prefers to suffer death rather than leave the human race unsaved. *Anselm of Canterbury*



Midweek Lenten Services a wonderful opportunity to hear the Word of God and be drawn closer to your Savior. In the 2018 series, we will meditate on our Lord's words as recorded in Psalm 40, written originally for Old Testament

believers to better know their coming Savior and His sacrifice for them --- but edifying also for New Testament believers, as we remember our Savior's great sacrifice for us. Services March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 7:00 p.m. Soup and bread meals at 6:00 p.m.

The Elders will be hosting a Right to Life "LIFESPAN" Baby Shower event to benefit the Compassion Pregnancy Center of Clinton Township. The baby shower will be held on Mother's Day, May 12th. We will collect new and "gently used" baby and maternity clothes (No baby furniture, please). Collection will take place before both Services. Drop off your gifts at the decorated area. Refreshments will be provided.

Also...the Prayer Vigil.

The Prayer Vigil will be held on Saturday, May 18th, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Help Needed Every Week Can you take a flyer advertising our preschool and/or an attractive postcard from the table (parish hall) and hand it to someone (*perhaps a neighbor down the street*) during the week? It's a great way to spread the word about our Christ-centered preschool program here at St. Paul's ... a marvelous opportunity!

Prayer Circle needs to be re-started --- it kind of "fell apart" in the recent months. We need at least four committed persons to come to the church and meet with the Pastor every week --- date and time t.b.d. --- we had been meeting at Noon on Wednesdays, but that time slot may no longer "work" here. Please contact Pastor Rutter if you would like to be a part of this worthwhile and valuable program.



Altar Guild a most important service in the House of God, that of preparing the holy things for the holy ones, caring for the sacred vessels and linens. Our congregation is blessed with many members who faithfully serve on this Guild and who have faithfully served in the years past. Thank you for your excellent service. Several additional members, male and female, are needed to serve one month per year, and attend occasional instructional meetings. We would like to hold our Spring (instructional) Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you would like to serve on this important Guild, please contact the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

Many thanks to Eastwood Carpeting (across the street) for donating a high-quality rug, valued at over \$500, to the Youth Group Room.

"Problems besetting the church can be attributed to incompetent and/or insufficient training in the Word of God. Parents, pastors, and teachers in academic settings on whatever level, all must rank Christian education as among their highest priorities" --- Rev. Horace Hummel.

Do you know of a child who could attend our Sunday Bible School? Please invite and bring. Sunday Bible School takes place every Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Thank you.

From the Wise

"To disregard the Sabbath rest profanes God. To treat God's will (that of keeping the Sabbath day/rest) as mere custom or a matter of personal choice is finally to treat God Himself as though, at best, He were only another take-it-or-leave-it moralizer; ... this is to deify oneself." --- Rev. Horace Hummel

"I would rather stand with God and be judged by the world, than stand with the world and be judged by God."
--- anonymous

Read through the Bible in a year. Bible Reading Plans are available in the wooden organizer on the table in the Parish Hall. Several people in the congregation have completed reading the Bible in a year. Bob B., Sheral S., and Esther T. in 2017, Bob B., Shawn C., Anita S., and Esther T. in 2018...and some others, I am sure. Please let me know if you are one of these. It would be nice to know.



GREAT RADIO! www.issuesetc.org. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show broadcast on the satellite radio network, but can be heard on-line also. Host: LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Please see their website for many other good, Lutheran broadcasts from days and weeks gone by.



Portals of Prayer, April through June 2019, are now available. Pick up your copy today.



Christian Living

Luke 18:35 – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.”

Who is not a beggar? All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts. And this thankful acknowledgment of all the Lord's gifts is also what forms the basis of our generous giving.

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



“God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced.

You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use.” *Rev. Dan Larsen, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Food Pantry News

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and one of you says to them “depart in peace, be warmed and filled” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? James 2:15 – 16. Thank you to all who have donated food. Also thank you to Warming Hearts for knitting and crocheting hats and scarves for those who have none. We ask the people who come if they would like us to pray with them. In the last four years all but one have said yes. The one who said no came back the next week and asked for prayer! Some things that are needed are, baked beans, soup, cereal, canned fruit, ravioli, chili, canned meat, tuna, Spam, chicken, peanut butter, and spaghetti sauce. Again – Thank you.

Human Care Ministry <*)>><

Young Persons needed as Communion Cup Washers, rotating schedule, contact Pastor.

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

Calling all members 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. 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.



Parish Library now open and lending. A printout of books / periodicals / DVDs is available on the table in the Parish Library.

Volunteers are needed as Ushers. Please call Larry S. or the church office if you would like to assist as an usher.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” every Sunday. Detroit WDFN (1130) @ 6:30AM, WRDT (560) @ 12:00PM; visit RealAudio on the Internet at www.lhm.org.



Friday, March 22nd at 7pm

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (2008)

One of Dr. Seuss' most beloved stories roars to life as never before in this enormous animated adventure that proves “a person's a person no matter how small.” A playful pachyderm named Horton becomes a reluctant hero when he discovers the microscopic city of Who-ville on a floating spec of dust and embarks on an hilarious adventure to save the town from the dangers of the jungle.

Directors: Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino

Stars: Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, Isla Fischer, and Amy Poehler



T-SHIRT News...

Anyone interested in buying a T-shirt to show support for St. Paul's Church please contact Kathy S. and we will be sure you have one at the very low price of \$5! Sizes range from **youth** Xs, Sm, **Adult** Sm, Med, Lg, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Thank you all for showing your support!!

Opportunity - needed 3 more "organists. Training provided. Contact Pastor.

This spring season, the Detroit Lutheran Singers are pleased to present their concert series based on the Basic Elements of EARTH, AIR, FIRE and WATER: An Ancient Perspective reflected in choral landscapes that parallel the depth of our human emotions, the awe-inspiring beauty of nature, and the power of the Divine.

Our program features musical classics by John Rutter, Tom Trenney, Dan Forrest, and excerpts from Mendelssohn's Elijah!

Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
2905 S Commerce Road
Commerce Charter Twp, MI

Sunday, March 31, 2019 @ 3:00 PM
First United Methodist Church Farmington
33112 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI

Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill Street
Dearborn, MI

Sunday, April 7, 2019 @ 3:00 PM
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
2225 E 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI

LWML is collecting "Gifts from the Heart" Our ladies have been asked to collect 30 full sized bars of soap and also to make 1 New Baby Kit to include:

Diaper bag, fleece blanket, or baby quilt;
baby wipes, hooded towel and washcloth, 1-2 sleepers (newborn - 24 months), 1-2 outfits (newborn - 24 months), 8-10 disposable diapers (newborn - 24 months), 2-3 burp pads, 2-3 pair of socks, baby toy or LWML bear, *Love, Laughter, and Lullabies* Mustard Seeds at CPH (devotional).

Do you know a child who would like a free book, "The Very First Easter" and a free lunch for himself and one parent? The Shorewood Kiwanis is hosting a **Book and Lunch Meeting** on Saturday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. at the Ram's Horn Restaurant on 9 Mile and Jefferson. Please contact Pastor Rutter, the host, if you would like to sign up a child and parent.

Please see the bulletin board for additional information on events listed on the calendar.

St. Paul's Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, May 3 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Donated items can be placed in the choir room at any time or dropped off at Church on Monday - Thursday, April 29 - May 2, 9:00 am till noon or 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

Do you have items you no longer need or want? Then please consider donating them to St. Paul's Rummage Sale. We are accepting household items, tools, clothes (clean and stain-free), jewelry, baby items, holiday items, etc. **Please NO electronics, baby car seats or large furniture.**



Bakers Needed! Please sign up if you're able to donate:

- Cookies: oatmeal, chocolate chip, peanut butter, etc.

- Cakes: spice, pound, brownies, muffins etc.
 - Breads: pumpkin, poppy seed, banana, etc.
 - Pies: apple, cherry, peach, etc.
 - Other sweet tooth items: candy, dipped pretzels, rice krispy treats, etc.
- Reminder: please label all items containing nuts**

Thank you in advance to all the people who donate their time, drop off donated items, set up / mark items, set up / take down of tables, pack up all the items for pick up from the DAV and clean-up of the Parish Hall. Please sign up to assist in making this rummage sale a huge success of our Church. Below is the schedule and list of tasks we need assistance with:

Sunday April 28: set up tables after second Service and pull items from choir room

Monday, April 29 - Thurs, May 2:

Accepting donations / set up / mark items:
9:00 a.m. till noon
4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 3 from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Male present at all times (can be in shifts)
Assist cashiers, bakery, jewelry, keeping floor / tables in order

Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 till 3:00 p.m.

Male present at all times (can be in shifts)
Assist cashiers, bakery, jewelry, keeping floor / tables in order

If you have any questions, please contact one of the rummage sale committee members: Esther T., Kathy S., Wilhelmina M., Donna M., Betty K., Denise H.