

# THE OTHER GOOD NEWS

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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April, 2019

### 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

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	Resurrection Day
May 3 & 4	Rummage Sale
May 12	Right to Life LIFESPAN Baby Shower
May 30	Ascension Day Service
June 8	Prayer Vigil
TBD	Vacation Bible School
November 3	Luther Fest

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.

*He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.*

*Proverbs 22:9*

**Readings for Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 22:1 – 14, Psalm 43, Hebrews 9:11 – 15, St. John 8:42 – 59

**Readings for Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Zechariah 9:9 – 12, Psalm 119:19 – 29, Philippians 2:5 – 11, St. Matthew 21:1 – 9; 26:1 – 27:66

**Readings for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Job 19:23 – 27, Psalm 118:15 – 29, I Corinthians 5:6 – 8, St. Mark 16:1 – 8

**Readings for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 37:1 – 14, Psalm 33, I John 5:4 – 10, St. John 20:19 – 31



A gift has been received from Tim and Michele Auch in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Uncle and Aunt, Don and Elaine Rutter, “They are a precious gift together serving family, friends and living their faith. Love and Blessings to them and the St. Paul’s Community.”



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, Sunday May 12th. We will collect new and “gently used” baby and maternity clothes, diapers of all sizes, nursery items, baby bottles, etc. (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, June 8th, from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.



**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!

**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!



**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. If you would like to serve on this important Guild, please contact the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

"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.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

**Easter Outreach and Egg Hunt**  
Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

- Crafts



- Cookie Decorating
- Songs
- Egg Hunt

PLEASE CALL AND INDICATE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
ATTENDING BY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>  
(586)777-0215

## EASTER Lilies



Easter is coming! Now is the time to order your Easter flowers to beautify the church on Easter Sunday!

Please give your order form with payment to Debra Blackwell in the fellowship hall AFTER the 8:30 am service or BEFORE the 11:00 am service.

Please make checks payable to the St. Paul's Women's Guild. Lilies are \$10.00 each.

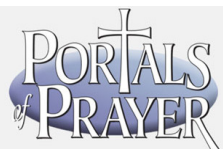
Order deadline is Sunday, April 14th

**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](http://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

**Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."**

Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

### 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



"Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." *Martin Luther – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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

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

### 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 <\*)><

**TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE**  
**[www.lcms.org/life](http://www.lcms.org/life)**  
**[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://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.



**Friday, April 26th at 7pm**  
**Because of Winn-Dixie (2005)**

The heartwarming tale of a girl and the four-legged friend who changes her life. When a little girl named Opal and her preacher father move to a small southern town, she adopts a scruffy, fun-loving pooch named Winn-Dixie. The special bond between them works miracles on her dad and the eccentric townspeople they meet during one unforgettable summer.

**Director:** Wayne Wang  
**Stars:** Jeff Daniels, Cicely Tyson, Dave Matthews, Eva Marie Saint, and Annasophia Robb

### 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.



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

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

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.**

- 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.



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

**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). Please bring your "gifts" no later than Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 pay off the mortgage. 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!

### Holy Week Services

*Palm Sunday*

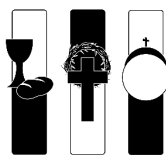
*The Triduum:*

*Maundy Thursday with*

*Holy Communion*

*Good Friday*

*Resurrection Sunday*



TRIDUUM

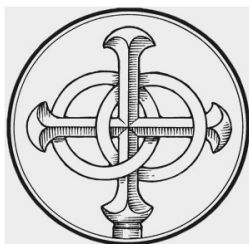
*Due to daylight Savings Time, we will not use the traditional Tenebrae Service during the 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service. The 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service will be identical to the Noon Good Friday Service, with the addition of choral music. Attend the Triduum Services (all three), as they are unique and meaningful.*

### Ascension Day Service



Please mark your calendars to attend the important Ascension Day Service, the "bookend" to the Christmas Eve Service. Let's have a full-house. Bring the entire family and invite and bring a friend or two. Thursday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.

### Wedding in May



Saturday, May 18, 12:30 p.m., Breanna Bashur and Corey Mathison; please keep this young couple in your prayers and send them a card if you are able --- c/o Pastor Rutter. May God bless them abundantly in all ways as they pledge themselves to each other.



### Preschool Graduation Exercises

Come and celebrate with the children and families and share in their special time on Thursday, May 23. Time TBA.



**Youth Group Car Wash Fund-raiser** coming soon --- date to be announced --- look for early June. Thank you for your generous support in the past.

## *Easter Breakfast*

Come to the Easter Breakfast April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up so we know how many to prepare for.



*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said . . .*

*Matthew 28:6*

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