

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

May 3 & 4	Rummage Sale
May 12	Right to Life LIFESPAN Baby Shower at St. Paul’s
May 13	English District Board of Directors Annual Meeting at St. Paul’s
May 23	Preschool Graduation/Trike-a-Thon
May 30	Ascension Day Service
June 1	Junefest
June 8	Prayer Vigil
June 17-20	Vacation Bible School
June 20	Ice Cream Social
October 18-19	Rummage Sale
October 27	Pumpkin Party
November 3	Luther Fest
November 10	Harvest Dinner – invite/bring your family



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, from 9:00 – 10:00 (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!



You may have noticed St. Paul’s new website (www.stpaulsmi.com). 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.

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.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Malachi 3:10

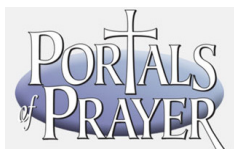
Readings for Sunday, May 5th: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, Psalm 23, I Peter 2:21 – 25, St. John 10:11 – 16

Readings for Sunday, May 12th: Isaiah 40:25 – 31, Lamentations 3:22 – 33, Psalm 147:1 – 11, I Peter 2:11 – 20, I John 3:1 – 3, St. John 16:16 – 22

Readings for Sunday, May 19th: Isaiah 12:1 – 6, Psalm 66:1-8, James 1:16 – 21, St. John 16:5 – 15

Readings for Sunday, May 26th: Numbers 21:4 – 9; Psalm 107:1 – 9, 19; I Timothy 2:1 – 6; James 1:22 – 27; St. John 16:23 – 33

Readings for Ascension Day, May 30th: II Kings 2:5 – 15, Psalm 110, Acts 1:1 – 11, St. Mark 16:14 – 20, St. Luke 24:44 – 53



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

The Prayer Vigil will be held on Saturday, June 8th, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

The Detroit Lutheran Fellowship young adult group is gathering at the Dakota Inn Rathskeller (17324 John R, Detroit) for an evening of German food and music on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 30, at 8:30 p.m. If you're looking to meet some new Lutherans, come on out! Contact lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com to RSVP or ask questions. *Detroit Lutheran Fellowship is an auxiliary organization of the Lutheran Center Association. It is a loosely organized group of post-college aged LCMS members who gather for social events throughout the year. More information can be found at the Detroit Lutheran Fellowship group on Facebook, or by e-mailing lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com.*



The Elders are 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.

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.

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.



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.



Christian Living

John 10:16 – "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice."

On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him.

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



"Both before and after their births, our children are precious lives belonging to God and redeemed by Him. (Their mothers are, too.) Each of our days is ordained by Him, including the challenging days of motherhood." *Marie K. MacPherson, author of "Meditations on the Vocation of Motherhood" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • 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.

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

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



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 <*)>><

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.

Saturday, May 4th at 3:00 pm – takedown – lots of help needed please.

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.



Friday, May 17th at 7pm
Meet Me In St. Louis (1944)

In the year leading up to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, the four

Smith daughters learn lessons of life and love, even as they prepare reluctantly for a move to New York.

Director: Vincente Minnelli

Stars: Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor, Lucille Bremer, Tom Drake, and Marjorie Main



Preschool Graduation Exercises

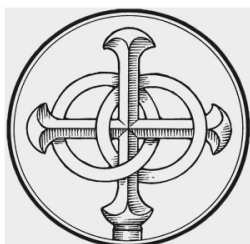
Come and celebrate with the children and families and share in their special time on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 pm.

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

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!

Wedding in May

Saturday, May 18, 12:00 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.



Junefest



June 1st at 10:00 am St. Paul's will be setting up a booth to greet the people in our community and invite them to our Worship Services, Vacation Bible School, Ice Cream Social, etc. ... Help is needed to man the booth and hand out flyers. Please sign up for an hour or two or more.



The English District Board of Directors has selected St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Clair Shores, to hold its annual meeting. What an honor to be able to host them! Please keep the meeting, held May 13, in your prayers, as the Board travels from all over the nation and sets the plans for the ministry of the English District.



families with the Gospel message of the Lord Jesus.

Vacation Bible School

"Miraculous Mission" – June 17-20 Help needed – a great committee has been formed to organize – please say "yes" if someone from the committee asks you to serve. Our Annual VBS provides an excellent opportunity to reach

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



Warming Hearts usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Knitting and crocheting skills are improved and projects worked on for various missions. Please consider joining this group which supports the ministry of St. Paul's by contributing warm hats and scarves to the food pantry, lap robes for our shut-ins and veterans, making baptism cloths... Next project in the planning stages – craft items to be sold to support St. Paul's ministries. If you want to learn how to knit, crochet, or craft, we can help. If you already have these skills consider teaching them to others in the group. Beginners are welcome. Ideas for new projects are also welcome.



Mission and Ministry

Did you know that St. Paul's sponsors a child named Abraham, near Addis Ababa, Africa? We provide on-going support - \$38 per month - and send and receive letters from Abraham. He prays for us and we pray for him. In his letters he sometimes calls the congregation "beloved sponsor" and usually draws a picture. He is quite the artist. The Sunday School children at St. Paul's send birthday and holiday greetings and letters and help with their offerings along with the Sunday adult Bible class.

