

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

October 24 LWML Fall Rally
November 15 Voter’s Meeting
November 29 Mission Sunday

“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

Readings for Sunday, October 4th: Proverbs 25:6 - 14, Psalm 2, Ephesians 4:1 - 6, St. Luke 14:1 - 11

Readings for Sunday, October 11th: Deuteronomy 10:12 - 21, Psalm 34:8 - 22, I Corinthians 1:1 - 9, St. Matthew 22:34 - 46

Readings for Sunday, October 18th: Genesis 28:10 - 17, Psalm 84, Ephesians 4:22 - 28, St. Matthew 9:1 - 8

Readings for Sunday, October 25th: Revelation 14:6 - 7, Psalm 46, Romans 3:21 - 28, St. John 8:31 - 36



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

Please keep in prayer the following needs within your congregation. *Thank you.* A. Sunday School Superintendent. B. Puppet Evangelism Leader. C. Additional Trustees. D. Additional persons to operate the organ (5-minute training session required.)

Communion Cup Washers needed, rotating schedule, contact Pastor or Wilhelmina.

Midweek Noon Prayer Service volunteers are needed to attend Wednesdays at Noon, whenever available, as the Pastor leads the Prayer Circle in intercession for various needs. October 14th is the next meeting of the Prayer Circle. Requests are received during the Service, or from persons via the telephone and email system. This Prayer Service has been very active in our congregation for at least 23 years, providing numerous blessings for our congregation and community. There is great power in prayer. May we gather throughout 2020 to use this unique “tool” for the good of many. In the meantime, all are requested to pray at home for all who are listed in our Service folder.

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 T.

Returning to Worship in God’s House

Services “reopened” May 31 to the delight of many --- it was good to “be back.” Understandably, some are hesitant to return, as the coronavirus disease 2019 is believed to still be present in the community. While there are various beliefs and attitudes toward the levels of risk and levels of contamination, and while there are still no definitive answers with respect to the transmission and longevity of the virus, we respectfully request that worshippers adhere to the Protocol posted recently on the parish website [stpaulsmi.com] and sent to each member via email and the USPS. Indeed, masks are inconvenient and uncomfortable, but for the sake of unity, please use one --- the congregation has a supply available in the parish hall. Concerns and questions can be directed to the pastor, via telephone or email, or in person. Please keep praying for this pandemic to end.



Christian Living

Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It’s like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, and joy.

Greater Detroit Zone Fall Rally

Please join us for a joyful morning filled with love, laughter, devotion, music, and lunch! Saturday, October 24,, 2020; 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Risen Christ Lutheran Church; 46250 Ann Arbor Road; Plymouth, MI 48170. Please respond by October 19th to Janet Stechholz at davejan7@hotmail.com, 734-679-9146 or Anna Richert at asrichert@comcast.net, 248-514-3527. \$10 registration includes lunch. Devotion offering supports our missions and speakers.

Mission Speaker: Cynthia Khan of POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) will be speaking on Covid-19 and how people are coping, as the ministry of POBLO continues on. As an “In-Gathering,” Cynthia Is asking for donations of Walmart Gift Cards, Gas Cards, Used Sewing Machines and Sengers.



“Whenever I read Scripture that talks about how much God loves each of us, that He has created us, and that He wants us to share His love, I am always struck by the lack of qualifiers. I do not see where God makes distinctions about who He loves and calls into His family. He loves and calls all—each and every one of us.” *Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – 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.

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



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

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.

TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE

www.lcms.org/life
www.lutheransforlife.org

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!

Besides “Portals of Prayer,” additional Daily Devotions may be found at “www.higherthings.org.”

HARVEST DINNER NEWS UPDATE 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The COVID pandemic has made it so we must re-evaluate events that we hold dear, at least for 2020. For many years we have held the Annual Harvest Dinner to collect food and funds for the Church Food Pantry, Thanksgiving baskets and other missions. I am sorry to say, we cannot hold this event and keep everyone safe and follow the government guidelines regarding social distancing. A disappointment for all, but keep in mind the health of everyone is crucial. We know this event is extremely important for the Food Pantry and for those in need. This year, in lieu of the Harvest Dinner, we will host a Drop Off Collection Bin to collect canned and boxed food for the pantry. This event will run between Sunday Nov. 8- Sunday Nov. 15. The bin will be located outside at the O’Connor Street door entrance to limit people entering the building. The bin will be checked once a day throughout the week. If you are donating gift cards, cash or checks please place these in the office in an envelope marked “Harvest Dinner Collection”. Please Do Not leave funds in the food collection bins.

God willing, we will have the [Annual Harvest Dinner and Auction Nov. 14, 2021](#). Prayers for Peace and Good Health to All!

In Christ,
Bonny & Ron Utz



THE GENEROUS WILL BE BLESSED,
FOR THEY SHARE THEIR FOOD WITH THE POOR
PROVERBS 22:9

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MISSION PROJECT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

NOVEMBER 15-DECEMBER 13, 2020

We will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for the DETROIT RESCUE MISSION (formerly Lighthouse Outreach) on Gratiot in Roseville. They reach out to more than 1500 or more families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Every year the need of the people grows larger. This year with COVID-19 affecting many more families, the need is greater.

We are asking the members of St. Paul's to purchase items for children ranging in age from 2-17 years old. There are tags on the tree with a list of “Suggested Items”. You may include some or all of the items of your choosing. There will be a CHRISTmas tree in the Church Fellowship Hall for you to leave your gifts under. Please mark the gift bags with a label listing the age group and gender of the child.

The start date for collections of the gift bags will begin on Sunday November 15 and run through Sunday December 13. If you wish to donate cash(check) or gift certificates, please leave them in an envelope in the office marked “Detroit Rescue Mission-Lighthouse Outreach”. If you have any questions, please call me. Needs can be overwhelming, especially during the holiday season. Thank you for your generosity. God Blessings to You.

Yours in Christ, Ron and Bonny Utz

“As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little, had no lack” II Corinthians 8:15

Racism

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod provides excellent materials, including a Bible study/class which I hope to introduce soon, on the topic of Racism.

The following is a statement from the LCMS website. “God’s love for this world (John 3:16) breaks down dividing walls between people (Eph. 2:13-16). As God’s children, Christians love their neighbor as God loves them (Luke 10:25-37).” “The separation of people into nations, languages and groups is a result of the fall into sin (Gen. 11), and is one of the aspects of a broken creation God restored through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We eagerly await His coming when all will be one in Him (Rev. 7:9) as pleases Him, as He created us to be.”

Please visit www.lcms.org/racism for additional resources or www.lcms.org and type “racism” in the search-box for a vast collection of articles.

GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK is your Lutheran Memorial Park, a beautiful place to be laid to rest and with a Christian ethos that encourages your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and provides in-ground (grave markers or stones), mausoleum and cremation placement. See the poster on the bulletin board for contact information. Check out this place of our Evangelical Lutheran heritage – a full-serve memorial park.

Mission Sunday – Four times per year on the months with a fifth Sunday, it has been our custom to collect a special offering for missions. We have let this lapse in recent years and would like to begin to receive this offering again. Contributions placed in the plates by the doors will be sent to our mission partners, a few of which have been highlighted in the recent newsletters. We support a Missionary to Mexico – Daniel Conrad, the two LCMS Lutheran Seminaries, Compassion Pregnancy Center (Clinton Twp.), POBLO, the Synod and District, several other missions that we choose each year, and we also sponsor a child in Ethiopia. Please see the bulletin board for details. **The next Mission Sunday is scheduled for November 29.** You may also give to missions at any time by writing “Missions” on your offering or pew envelope.

Warming Hearts meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm (October 20). 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, layettes for Compassion Pregnancy... 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.



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 items that are needed include, baked beans, soup, cereal, canned fruit, ravioli, chili, canned meat, tuna, Spam, chicken, peanut butter, and spaghetti sauce. Again – Thank you.

Human Care Ministry <*)>>><



If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please obtain a yellow "Flower Information Sheet" from the table near the bulletin board and return it to the

church office. Place the envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and \$20 into the collection plate. Also add your information to the Flower Chart. 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.



Why Pro-Life?

"Those who are pro-life believe in the dignity and intrinsic value of every human life: the unborn, the disabled, the poor, the elderly, the vulnerable. Pro-life-people are not trying to take away rights. They strive to extend basic human rights to those who would otherwise be denied them and to support those who are caregivers, parents and guardians. This work is based on the belief that all life matters, and we don't get to decide that some aren't worthy of it." Samantha Wilcoxson, published in Lutherans for Life of Michigan, January 2020

Your Congregation Needs You Additional leadership is needed in almost every auxiliary ministry within our congregation. *"Opportunities to serve."* Won't you please consider asking one of the present leaders or pastor, *"What can I do?"* You will be a blessing to the members of the congregation and ultimately, the community, through your service --- plus God will bless you --- you will come to realize, *"church work is rewarding, church work is 'fun'."* We are grateful for the many members who are presently engaged in the leadership and supporting roles of the congregation's work. Truly, many more are needed to step up and help. Never done this before? Not to worry, God will help you.



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.

