

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

February 3	New Member Welcome
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 7	Dinner/Craft Night
March 19	Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon
April 14	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins
April 14	Easter Egg Hunt
April 18	Maundy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter
November 3	Luther Fest



Readings for Sunday, February 3rd: Jonah 1:1 - 17, Psalm 96, Romans 8:18 - 23, St. Matthew 8:23 - 27

Readings for Sunday, February 10th: Exodus 34:29 - 35, Exodus 3:1 - 14, Psalm 2, II Peter 1:16 - 21, St. Matthew 17:1 - 9

Readings for Sunday, February 17th: Exodus 17:1 - 7, Psalm 95:1 - 9, I Corinthians 9:24 - 10:5, St. Matthew 20:1 - 16

Readings for Sunday, February 24th: Isaiah 55:10 - 13, Psalm 84, II Corinthians 11:19 - 12:9, Hebrews 4:9 - 13, St. Luke 8:4 - 15



2018 MISSION PROJECT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON “LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Let Your Light Shine” Lighthouse Outreach Mission. Your gifts mean so much to those in need. Packages were delivered by Larry S.—thank you Larry.



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!

“He who gives to the poor will never want, but he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.”

Proverbs 28:27

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 - 11:30 – First Corinthians. Presently in chapter 13 (of 16), but you may join the class “in progress.” Come and see, and learn, and be blessed.

Council of Lutheran Women's 55th Annual Luncheon

Speaker: Gayle Sommerfeld

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

St. Paul’s FUN Night

on January 18 was a lot of fun. We had over 30 in attendance, provided childcare (no charge), ate and played and kitized. **Another Fun Night** is being planned for **Friday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** BYOG --- bring your own games or use the games others provide. Cards, board games, food, fun, professional childcare in the preschool room (RSVP for the childcare please). Please sign-up (parish hall sheet.) Friends welcome. Free-will donations. HELP needed --- someone to help the pastor organize and setup please --- two or more leaders is desirable. Please contact Pastor Rutter as soon as possible. Thank you.

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. Pastor leads the prayers (he prays "out loud," the attendees make the requests --- sometimes the attendees pray "out loud" also --- if they ask. No one is "put on the spot." Please contact Pastor Rutter if you would like to be a part of this worthwhile and valuable program.

"1-1-1" Missions Program as promoted in the January newsletter as a program to begin in February has been reconsidered and cancelled.



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 to 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.

Lutheran High School Northwest Open House, Wednesday, February 13, 6:30-8:30PM. ALL interested families are invited to learn more about what sets us apart at Lutheran Northwest: Acclaimed Academics, Awesome Athletics, Amazing Fine Arts, Active Student Life & Leadership, and - above all - A Caring, Christ-Centered Family! Even if your child is only in Kindergarten, it is not too early to begin thinking about and planning for the important transition to high school. We would love to meet your family and introduce you to our Crusader family! Already know us? Great! We'd love to see you again. Invite your friends and neighbors as well! Register at: www.lutherannorthwest.com/openhouse.

"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

Your Children—Their Future—Our Commitment

St. John Lutheran School in Fraser will be having an open house on February 10th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm for students Young 5's class through 8th grade for the 2019-20 academic year. We encourage you to consider St. John for you child(ren). St. John – Fraser is known for its academic excellence, a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, and a highly regarded music program, to name a few. But most important to us—we are committed to the future of our students; we prepare them not only to be highly qualified Christian citizens for this life, but prepare them each day to live **eternally** with their Savior in heaven. Please call the school office, 586-294-8740, for more information.



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.

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



Christian Living

Matthew 8:25-26 – “And they went and woke him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing.’ And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.”

Faith means trusts. And if you trust your Heavenly Father, what need is there to fear? On the other hand, if you give in to your fears, you’ll find that your faith fades to the background. A lot of our unfaithfulness in stewardship comes from fear. How would our generosity change if we trusted the Lord more?

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



“And what about those mothers who acted on their fears and aborted their child? We need to be there for them as well, assuring them of a loving, merciful, forgiving God—reminding them that there is no sin that Jesus did not pay for on the cross!” *Duane Matz, former lay pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) and Christian radio announcer. (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life’s post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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 <*)><

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.

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



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



Movie Night

Friday, March 1st at 7pm

Adventures of Bailey the Lost Puppy (2010)

Bailey is an adorable Golden Retriever who lives with his loving family, the Bakers, and best dog pal, Duke. But when the Bakers decide to move, curiosity gets the best of Bailey and he runs off to explore at a rest stop. By the time he makes it back, his family has left and he is forced to fend for himself, Bailey finds himself at an exotic animal ranch – amongst kangaroos, a wise sheepdog, and an evil monkey – where he learns the importance of lending a helping hand. Even though Bailey earns his place in the ranch family, he continues to wonder, will he ever see his real family again?

Director: Steve Franke

Stars: Rick Shew, Liz Cardenas, and Emily Stuhler



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.

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

DINNER/CRAFT
NIGHT OUT

We welcome "*Sweet and Sassy Treasures*" to
our fellowship hall.

Lisa Lorincz will be teaching us how to create
some beautiful treasures.

Enjoy a full taco bar with dessert and great
fellowship! Bring a friend!

door prizes and silent auction!!

March 7th, 2019 at 7:00pm

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FREE WILL DONATION

Please sign up in fellowship hall or call

Church 586-777-0215

Kathy 586-596-4427

FB: *SweetandSassyTreasures*

Cash, check or charge

3% service fee on credit card purchase.

****special pricing for this event only****

Choose 1 of 3 different projects:

1. **Coasters:** transform 4 stone tiles into fabulous coasters. Use paint, stamps, inks, or decoupage papers, seal and apply cork to the back. \$25
2. **Books:** turn 2 books into works of art by using paint, stamps, clay molds, twine, and various embellishments. 4 colors to choose from. \$25
3. **Bottles:** you will be provided an old bottle with a decorative top permanently attached. You can decorate with clay molds, paint, and stamps. \$30