

THE OTHER GOOD NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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March, 2020

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 8	Right to Life – LIFESPAN Baby Shower
March 17	Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon
March 19	Craft Into Spring
March 21	Detroit Lutheran Singers Concert at St Paul’s
March 29	Mission Sunday
April 2	Compassion Pregnancy Banquet
April 24-25	Rummage Sale
April 26	Michigan Ohio Chorale Concert at St. Paul’s
May 31	Mission Sunday
June 15 – 18	VBS
August 30	Mission Sunday
November 29	Mission Sunday

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class – “Everyone His Witness”

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. 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 21 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.

“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, March 1st: 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 8th: Genesis 32:22 – 32, Psalm 121, I Thessalonians 4:1 – 7, Romans 5:1 – 5, St. Matthew 15:21 – 28

Readings for Sunday, March 15th: 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 22nd: 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

Readings for Sunday, March 29th: Genesis 22:1 – 14, Psalm 43, Hebrews 9:11 – 15, St. John 8:42 – 59

March 14, 2020

7:30 am



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Bible Study



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

Lent began February 26 with the traditional Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:00 pm. Please make these forty days a special time this year, in which you consider with extra devotions, and church services, and fasting, the sacrifice of your Lord and Savior. Midweek services are planned for March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, at 7:00 pm, preceded by our traditional soup and bread meals, now in their 23rd year. Cooks are needed please, reimbursement available upon request. Bring the children to the midweek Lenten services. May all of God's people fill His Houses of worship during this holy Season.

Vacation Bible School – Help will be needed – first-timers – please sign up, June 15 – 18, mornings. Spreading the Love and Gospel of the Lord Jesus to the community children and their parents and grandparents.

Sunday Bible School we are blessed with a wonderful staff of teachers who truly love the children and desire to nourish their souls. Parents and grandparents, and to anyone who knows a child who is not presently enrolled and active in a Sunday School setting, please invite and bring that child. It is so vital to establish the saving faith in the hearts of children, because such faith will aid them throughout their lives in making good decisions, and ultimately, save their souls. With the world as it is today, with temptations literally in the palm of their hands via the ubiquitous cell phones, a child needs every aid possible --- even into his twenties, so that he remains firm in the Christian faith --- especially throughout the adolescent years of great temptation and peer pressure. No, most children will not want to attend --- the flesh will rebel and the devil will work overtime, but bringing that child to hear God's Word will be the best gift he [or she] could ever receive. Parents, as the old saying goes, "*you only get one shot at this*" --- they grow-up so quickly, as you know. Every Sunday is critical --- fifty-two Sundays a year. Please let us help you raise your child to be a Christian, a sincere follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a blessing to you, your family, the community, and the nation. Sundays 9:45 a.m. Members, friends, and walk-ins, are always welcome. Ages 3-18, adult Bible class, 18 and older.

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



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

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.)

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.

Stay and Play

Craft Story-time Songs Snack
Every Tuesday

9:00am-11:00am, ages 2-4 (with an adult)

Babies in Carriers Welcome

(586)777-0215

Call to Register

Please leave a message with number attending.

TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE

www.lcms.org/life

www.lutheransforlife.org



Christian Living

Heb. 9:12 – “He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

The only price that could redeem us was the very Blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life. For how can we, who are redeemed by the self-giving of God, not also give of ourselves to His Kingdom?



“At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it's the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ... Let the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God's glory.” Dr. J. A. O. Preus – *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.



Council of Lutheran Women 56th Annual Luncheon

St. Paul's Lutheran Woman of the Year:

Debbie S.

March 17, 2020 – 11:00 am – Burton Manor – 27777 Schoolcraft – Livonia, MI

Featured speaker will be Dr. Paul Maier, Professor, Historian, author, and past Vice President of LCMS

Reservations are \$29 per person. For more details see the bulletin board.

Please sign up if you wish to attend.

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 March 29.** You may also give to missions at any time by writing "Missions" on your offering or pew envelope.



St. Paul's Family Fun Night --- all members of St. Paul's are "family" --- therefore they are invited to the Spring Family Fun Night --- plus their friends and acquaintances --- essentially everyone is invited. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Friday, March 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m. –

9:00 p.m. Free-will donation. Pizza, salad, beverages, desserts, games, FUN! We hope to provide childcare --- please watch future email announcements for details and verification. Two volunteers are needed to organize this event.

Warming Hearts meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm (March 17). 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.



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



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.

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

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



St. Paul's Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, April 24 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 am – 3:00 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.**

Donated items can be placed in the store room at any time or dropped off at Church Monday - Thursday, April 20 – 23, 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.

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 help in any way.
Rummage sale committee: Esther T., Kathy S., Wilhelmina M., Donna M., Betty K., Denise H. Watch for more info.



Please join us for our 25th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at The Mirage Banquet Center in Clinton Township. The banquet presents an excellent opportunity to learn more about the ministry (experience "A Day at Compassion through vignettes that model our services) and how you can be involved in making a life-changing impact in our community. We are excited to welcome this year's keynote speaker, Nada Higuera, Esq.

Registration, Reception & Vignettes are from 6:00- 6:45 PM

Dinner & Program is from 6:40 PM - 9:00 PM

There is no cost to attend the banquet, but an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended at the event. We appreciate your lifesaving support. Please sign up on the sheet near the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

"CRAFT INTO SPRING"

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

6:30pm

Join us for a **great night** of dinner, crafting and fellowship.

The original
"Hudson's Maurice salad"
will be served.

3 easy crafts will be offered.

A cloth covered flower pot with plant,
a cloth cross on wood and a stencil project
\$18 for your first craft and \$10 for your second

Bring a friend or 2 or 3!

Win a door prize!!

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RSVP with a choice of craft
by March 13th, 2020

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

and

Right to Life – LIFESPAN

are co-hosting the

31st Annual LIFESPAN Baby Shower

benefitting

Compassion Pregnancy Center

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Please consider donating to support
mothers and their newborns.

Donated items for the Baby Shower
can be brought to the Parish Hall



Please make any checks payable to:

Compassion Pregnancy Center

Gift Suggestions

Sleepers, onesies, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, diapers (size 1 to size 4), baby wipes, wash cloths, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, baby personal hygiene items, gift cards, cash donations & more!