

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

August 6 Compassion Pregnancy Center Virtual Event
August 30 Mission Sunday
October 16-17 Fall Rummage Sale, tentative
November 29 Mission Sunday

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. August 5th 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.

“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, August 2nd: Jeremiah 23:16 - 29, Psalm 26, Acts 20:27 - 38, Romans 8:12 - 17, St. Matthew 7:15 - 23

Readings for Sunday, August 9th: II Samuel 22:26 - 34, Psalm 51:1 - 12, I Corinthians 10:6 - 13, St. Luke 16:1 - 13

Readings for Sunday, August 16th: Jeremiah 8:4 - 12, Jeremiah 7:1 - 11, Psalm 92, Romans 9:30—10:4, I Corinthians 12:1 - 11, St. Luke 19:41 - 48

Readings for Sunday, August 23rd: Genesis 4:1 - 15, Daniel 9:15 - 18, Psalm 50:7 -23, Ephesians 2:1 - 10, I Corinthians 15:1 - 10, St. Luke 18:9 - 14

Readings for Sunday, August 30th: Isaiah 29:17 - 24, Psalm 146, II Corinthians 3:4 - 11, Romans 10:9 - 17, St. Mark 7:31 - 37

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



“Portals of Prayer,” July through September 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.)

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

Jer. 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

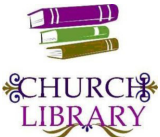
Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own: with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins, and calls us to repentance and a change in life.



“Christianity proclaims a God who valued humanity so much that in Jesus God took on flesh, becoming human. He took on His own jar of clay and in so doing gave all of humanity immeasurable treasure.” *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – 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 enable St. Paul’s to fund its programs. 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 to enroll. Thank you!

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.

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

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 August 30.** 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 (August 18). 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

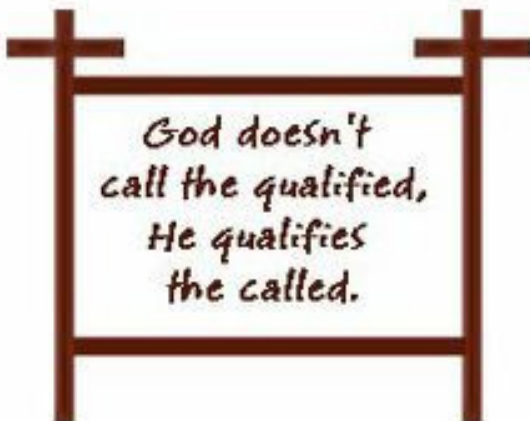
If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and one of you says to them "depart in peace, be warmed and filled" but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? James 2:15 - 16. Thank you to all who have donated food. Also thank you to Warming Hearts 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 <*)>>><

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.

GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK is our local Lutheran "cemetery" on Eight Mile Road in Livonia, just west of Farmington Road. It is our religious memorial park with in-ground (grave markers or stone, and mausoleum placement of loved ones and ourselves when the Lord calls us home to heaven. It serves as a godly resting place of peace, remembrance, and visitation. See the new poster on the Parish Hall bulletin board. You are welcome to tour the several sections (gardens) on the 120 acre grounds of lawn, trees, and statuary. We encourage you to take your family to Glen Eden for a look. For more information (on poster), call, email, or view the website of Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park.

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.

