

## 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

September 17 Tent Sale  
September 20 Voter’s Meeting  
November 29 Mission Sunday

*“But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”*

Matthew 6:3 - 4

Preschool is planned to begin September 14. Please keep our preschool mission in your prayers; because of COVID-19 many new and innovative and inconvenient policies and practices will be implemented.

#### 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

**Readings for Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>:** II Chronicles 28:8 - 15, Psalm 32, Galatians 3:15 - 22, St. Luke 10:23 - 37

**Readings for Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:** Proverbs 4:10 - 23, Psalm 119:9 - 16, Galatians 5:16 - 24, St. Luke 17:11 - 19

**Readings for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** I Kings 17:8 - 16, Psalm 146, Galatians 5:25—6:10, St. Matthew 6:24 - 34

**Readings for Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:** I Kings 17:17 - 24, Psalm 30, Ephesians 3:13 - 21, St. Luke 7:11 - 17

*Many thanks to the anonymous donor who recently financed the installation of a new efficient air-conditioning unit for the church to replace the 2000 unit which was beyond repair. This new unit has been a blessing.*



“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.**

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church



**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Rain or Shine**

**FREE Admission**

22915 Greater Mack Ave  
St. Clair Shores  
(one block south of Nine Mile Road)  
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## 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

**Matthew 6:25 – "(Jesus said), 'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.'"**

**Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.**



"As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope." *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://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](http://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.

## One day "TENT SALE" rain or shine!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Due to covid-19 we will be unable to have an indoor rummage sale, so the rummage sale committee has decided to do an OUTDOOR "TENT SALE" !

We are in need of help putting up canopies and setting up tables and putting out merchandise the morning of the sale on Thursday Sept 17th from 8-10am.

Sale will be 10-4pm. We will also need help taking everything down at 4pm. Some leftover items will be picked up by the Disabled American Veterans organization, some may go back in the basement for a future sale. Take down should only take an hour or so.

If you have items at home you have been saving and need to get rid of, please bring them on Wednesday Sept 16th, Noon-3pm. PLEASE NO CLOTHES

Please if you could help any of those times we would truly appreciate it. Please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall or contact any one of the committee members. Thank you!

Billie M, Esther T, Kathy S, Denise H, Donna M, Anita S, Peggy P

Many thanks to Marlene S for sanitizing our church interiors every week. Marlene sanitizes following the AA meetings as well as the Sunday morning services. Soon her schedule will increase as the building use level increases. Please keep Marlene in your prayers. We are thankful for her dedication and thorough work.

*Many thanks to two anonymous donors for financing the September 15 air duct cleaning for the 1956 church building. We have a complex series of ducts which haven't been cleaned in 64 years! It is anticipated that our environment will be healthier for all. Dalton Environmental services is scheduled to do the work.*

**Sunday Bible School** for children will resume soon, but online only, for the time being. We are hoping to resume in-person classes, likely in March or April, but until then, Mrs. Cindy F has graciously volunteered to teach the children online, via Zoom. Thank you Cindy! Details will be forthcoming.

**GREAT RADIO!** [www.issuesetc.org](http://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.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** WHICH HAS BEEN MEETING SINCE EARLY JUNE, CONTINUES WITH THE STUDY OF "CHRISTIANS AND SOCIAL MEDIA", LIKELY THROUGH SEPTEMBER. AN INTERESTING STUDY – COME JOIN US. ALL IN MASKS AND DISTANCED AT THE SANITIZED TABLES AND CHAIRS. SUNDAYS 10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS IS PLANNED TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 23, 10:30 A.M., AND WILL MEET IN THE BASEMENT. ELEVATOR AVAILABLE. MASKS, DISTANCING, ETC.

We are planning for POBLO to visit our congregation on September 27. More details as September proceeds. Plans now include Rev. Farrukh Kahn to serve as our preacher. A special door offering will be received. POBLO, begun in 1993 by a classmate of Pastor Rutter, has grown to operate mission posts in many countries; the mission of POBLO is to bring Christ to the Muslim people; they have been, with God's tremendous blessing, able to convert many souls to Christ.

### 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](http://www.lcms.org/racism) for additional resources or [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) and type "racism" in the search-box for a vast collection of articles.

**TWO AMAZING WEBSITES for LIFE**  
**[www.lcms.org/life](http://www.lcms.org/life)**  
**[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

Besides "Portals of Prayer," additional Daily Devotions may be found at "[www.higherthings.org](http://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 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 (September 8 because of a scheduling conflict). 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 <\*)>>><



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.

**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.



*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.*

### 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.

