

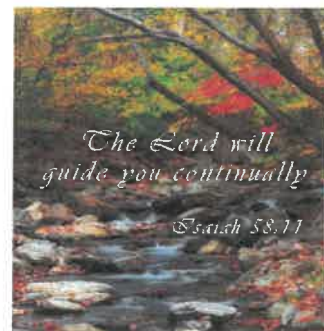
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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

CREATES AND SHARES GOD'S LOVE AND COMPASSION

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



*2026 Theme:
Be Our Vision Lord*

**Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Harvest Dinner**



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St. Paul Epistle

Special points of interest:

- “I’ve been working behind the scenes with St. Paul’s council and staff for the last couple months and have contracted to be your “Executive Pastor.”
- “I worshiped with you the weekend of August 2nd, but most of the time I will be doing my work for you remotely.”
- “Pray for the call committee as they do their work.”
- “Encourage your leaders.”

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Executive Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am Pastor Bryan Schneider-Thomas. I’ve been working behind the scenes with St. Paul’s council and staff for the last couple months and have contracted to be your “Executive Pastor.” It sounds so much more prestigious than it is: an “executive pastor” is a very official sounding title for what is essentially a resource for a congregation that is currently without a called pastor. I’m available to answer questions, make suggestions, and generally help get St. Paul through this in-between time until the congregation calls the next pastor.

A bit about myself, I’ve been an ordained pastor for 31 years. Three years ago, I decided to receive extra training as an Intentional Interim Pastor. This means that my calling is working with congregations in transition—that time between called pastors. Currently I’m serving as an intentional interim for two congregations in the Lansing area, Christ United and Grace. I live with my family in Kent City—a bit north of Grand Rapids. Our Synod currently has two trained intentional interim pastors (myself included) and they are both in the midst of serving other congregations. This is why St. Paul doesn’t have an interim pastor and is being

served by supply pastors for worship and myself as an additional resource. I worshiped with you the weekend of August 2nd, but most of



the time I will be doing my work for you remotely. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to

call or email me, 616-606-3334 or bryanscht@gmail.com.

A bit about transition times, when churches are without a pastor, there is both fear and potential. Fear about the future of the church (“What do we do now that pastor is gone?”). Potential for what God is calling the congregation to next. This odd mixture of fear and potential makes people uncomfortable and sometimes they act in unhelpful ways. So I offer three suggestions.

First, take a deep breath and pause. Things are going to be alright. St. Paul has gone through pastoral transitions many times in its history and it has thrived. Our synod knows the congregation’s needs and is working with the call committee through the process of looking for the next pastor. This process takes time to do well. God will provide and the ministry of St. Paul will continue.

Second, open yourself to the Spirit’s leading. I invite you to keep St. Paul in your prayers daily during this transition time. Pray that God will

send the appropriate person to be your next pastor. Pray for the call committee as they do their work. Pray for the staff as they take on extra tasks in the absence of a pastor. But also, pray that you would be open to how God is leading you. Maybe there’s something new God is calling you to do.

Third, show each other some grace. Transitions are hard work: the leadership of St. Paul is working overtime; people are grieving the departure of Pastor John; some are uncertain; feelings and emotions are often raw. Luther’s explanation of the 8th commandment (do you remember your Small Catechism?) is to always look at others in the best light possible. During transitions this is especially true. Choose to trust that others are working for the best of the congregation. Be slow to judge and quick to forgive. Write a thank you note to someone in the congregation (see if you can write one to everyone before a new pastor is called). Encourage your leaders. Make a point of thanking someone different at worship each week. St. Paul is a great congregation but during a transition that can get forgotten amid the anxiety. So go out of your way to help remind each other why St. Paul is so great—because it is a place where you experience the Grace of Jesus Christ in real life.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bryan



CHURCH COUNCIL



Faithful Stewards of God's House

As many know, St. Paul as a congregation, as a church body, is over 150 years old. 155 years as of this past July to be exact. Since its organization, this body has worshipped in several buildings with the third tragically lost to a fire. Our current Church we are in today will officially be 100 years on December 5th of this year. This Sanctuary has hosted hundreds of weddings, funerals, baptisms, services, and an untold number of worshippers throughout its years. The number of lives that this building and this congregation have affected is incalculable.

As anybody who has ever owned a home knows, maintenance is a constant as the Sun and Earth continue their daily battle

against us and our infrastructure. This Church and its associated buildings are no different. As the Church building turns 100, so does its original roof. As a part of the property committee, I have worked with my fellow members to begin planning for replacement of the roof. I don't want to sound alarm bells as there are no leaks in the aforementioned 100 year old roof, however replacement is in our near future and we are in the process of obtaining bids for it's replacement.

There are always continuing maintenance issues that are in the process of being addressed such as resealing the brick, a project that is scheduled yet for this year, backflow preventors and their continued inspection,

and regular minor repairs that are often handled by Jimmy and Dennis.

The people of St. Paul have been faithful stewards of this Sanctuary and its facilities and as we look toward the future, we can all ask ourselves how we can work to improve and maintain this incredible House of God. Next time you're around the Church, take a good long look at the bell tower, the bricks, plaster, carpet, doors, pews, other members, and yourself. These are all necessary components to make a building, a House of God.



Scott Parkham

Council Member
Property Committee
Member



CHURCH COUNCIL

Jessica O'Neil - President (*Education*)
Andrea Dutcher - Vice-President (*Personnel*)
Donna Kensa - Secretary (*Property*)
Scott Brooks (*Outreach*)
Cathy Kieliszewski (*Worship*)
Danielle McDonald (*Small Group Ministry - Women & Treasurer*)
Scott Parkham (*Property*)
Phil Wickstrom (*Small Group Ministry - Men*)
Dawn Yakes (*Stewardship*)

Their area of responsibility is in parentheses.

Church Council monthly reports are available in the office.

Call Committee

There is not a lot to report for this month as we are still receiving input from the congregation. We appreciate any and all feedback as we continue in our process towards our new Pastor. Your



prayers and patience are appreciated, and we welcome any questions you may have.



Office Closed



Please Note: The Church Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.





Council President

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your incredible patience, flexibility, and faithfulness during this pastoral transition. Walking through a period without a settled pastor is never easy, but your dedication to our ministry and to one another has kept our community vibrant and strong.

As we reach the end of summer, we have so much to celebrate together! We are especially rejoicing over the wonderful week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) we just experienced. The children had an absolute blast with singing, lessons, activities, delicious food, and tons of fun. Seeing their energy and joy reminds us that they are truly God's blessing to us and the future of our church.

Our Call Committee is

actively working to seek out our next spiritual leader. To ensure this process reflects the voice of our entire church family, the committee is currently gathering information through congregational questionnaires. Please take the time to fill one out and share your vision for the qualities, strengths, and leadership style you would like to see in our next Pastor. Your input is vital to this journey.

Once the committee gathers all the questionnaires, they



will compile your feedback to create our official Church Portfolio. This document will then be submitted to the Synod for approval. Once approved, we will officially be active in the Call Process to interview candidates.

Please join me in keeping our new Treasurer and the Treasury Committee in your prayers. They are navigating and are working diligently as a team to organize our church finances. They are bringing a wonderful collaborative energy to this role and are committed to full transparency. They will be keeping the congregation

regularly updated as they streamline our systems and finalize their work.

Finally, please join me in celebrating and welcoming Pastor Bryan Schneider-Thomas! He has been officially contracted to serve as our Remote Interim Pastor. In this role, Pastor Bryan will support our day-to-day operations and staff by handling staff questions and concerns, and holding weekly staff meetings. He is also available to the congregation via phone, email, and Zoom to assist with your pastoral requests and offer care. We are blessed to have his guidance during this interim season. Contact the Church office if you would like his contact information.

Thank you again for your continued prayers, service, and love for our church. Together, we move forward with hope and excitement for what God has in store for our future.

In Christ,

Jessica O'Neil
Church Council President

Kitchen Krew Meeting

The Kitchen Krew will be meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 10:00

a.m. in the Dining Room. Please mark your calendars and we will see you then.



Adam's Advice Hub (AHH)

Jesus had a remarkable way of teaching. He didn't demand that people come to Him before He would meet them. He went where they were. He went into homes, along roads, by the sea, and wherever people gathered. He met people in the middle of their everyday lives.

Today, our everyday lives include phones, computers, and other digital devices. That is why livestreaming our worship services is an opportunity to follow Christ's example by meeting people where they are.

A livestream allows someone who is homebound, traveling, sick, caring for a loved one, or simply unable to attend worship



to remain connected to their church family. It also gives those who may not yet feel comfortable walking through our doors a chance to experience worship from wherever they are.

In that same spirit, adding a St. Paul podcast could extend our reach even further, allowing sermons, Bible teaching, and conversations about faith to be heard throughout the week while driving, working, walking, or relaxing at home.

There is also something genuine about a church livestream. Unlike televised church programs that may depend on ratings and sponsors, our livestream exists for one purpose: to share Christ and stay connected with people. There are no ratings to chase and no spon-

sors to please. It is simply our church family worshiping together and making that worship available to those who cannot be physically present.

Technology will continue to change. Our mission does not. We go where people are, just as Jesus did. "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." - 1 Corinthians 9:22

If you need assistance with your phone, tablet, computer, or accessing our digital ministry, I am available by appointment. For general questions or to schedule an appointment, email media@stpaul.org.

Appointments can also be made using the QR code provided in this newsletter.



Miss Cheesy's Corner

Harvest season is upon us. As we reflect on the memories made this summer and in summers past, some joyful, some challenging, and many truly wonderful, we are reminded that God is always near.

As we prepare for our Harvest Dinner, we come together as a church family with grati-



tude for the hard work, time, and dedication that each of you contributes throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do.

Over the next few weeks, I will be emailing requests for our annual reports. Please respond promptly



when you receive your email. If you believe you should have received one and do not or received one and shouldn't of, please reach out to me. These emails will be sent by Labor Day weekend.

A special thank you to our wonderful canners downstairs, who faithfully welcome everyone with smiles, warmth, and cheerful spirits. Your hospitality and dedication are greatly appreciated!

Jackie's Jump Start

I sure am ready to jump into fall, and back to a little more structure and routine. Speaking of routine, one of my responsibilities here at St. Paul Lutheran Church is to make up the Lectors and Assisting Ministers schedules. So, that is my *Jump Start* for September. I make up the quarterly schedules for the



lectors and assisting ministers and send them out. If you are not able to lector or assist on your scheduled date you simply need to contact someone else on the list and trade with them. Then, let me know and I will make the changes in the bulletins. So, if you would like to read scriptures or assist at one of the worship

services, please contact me at the church office (989-356-1658 or jackie@stpaul.org) and I would be happy to add you to the rotation. The next schedule runs from October through January.

This is a very valuable ministry to our church. Please pray and see if these are areas that you may like to serve and be involved in. It would be a wonderful way to create a meaningful fall routine.





September Service Activity

The September Service Activity is Lincoln Elementary School.

Items needed:

- ◆ Washable Markers
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ #2 Pencils
- ◆ Paper
- ◆ 2 pocket folders
- ◆ Dry Erase Markers
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Disinfecting Wipes

Please leave your donations on the altar.

Thank you for your generosity.



God's Work. Our Hands

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13, 2026, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands."

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

"God's work. Our hands" is an extension of the work you do every day to make your community a better place. We look forward to working with you on Sept. 13!

Dinner on a Doorknob



After a 3 month respite, DOD will meet again beginning September 22, 2026. We meet the fourth Tuesday from September thru May, with some possible date changes during the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We aim to provide meals to people experiencing an extenuating circumstance such as an illness or death

of a loved one, etc.; or a joyful experience such as the birth of a baby, etc. Our list of recipients is rotated on a monthly basis depending on needs. Here is our mission statement:

Continuing God's work with our hands...Dinner on a Doorknob is an ecumenical ministry which

provides a simple nourishing meal to those finding themselves in an extenuating or a joyful situation. In doing so, we celebrate, comfort, & share God's love in support of each other.

Newsletter Update

You will have the opportunity to pick up your newsletters the last Friday of each month, in the church office. They will also be available the last weekend in each month, at all worship ser-

vices, in a box, alphabetically in the Narthex. We are hoping this will cut down on our postage costs. Also, if you would like to be added to the digital list, please

email Jackie, jackie@stpaul.org and let her know.



Children's Church

During the Contemporary, 10:30 service we have Children's Church (another name for Sunday School). Parents and children are invited to the 10:30 service and after a prayer and a song, the children will go with the Children's Church leaders for Children's Church. This learning opportunity is a time of learning, celebra-



tion, and fun while allowing parents to worship. The children will meet for about 40 minutes and then return to the 10:30 Service for the final song. Please pray for this ministry and support this outreach effort with your time and effort and by sharing it with your friends and family.

Ray of Sonshine

Do you have a few minutes to brighten someone else's day? Do you have a desire to share God's love? Please consider being part of the "Ray of Sonshine

Ministry" team. We send out encouraging notes, make phone calls or a personal visit to those in need of fellowship/connection. Please contact

Kid's Korner

Below is a picture of some of our Children's Church kids with a special message—"God Loves Me!" He loves you too!!!



the church office to become part of this important ministry.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our annual congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, October 18th, after the 9:00 a.m. service. Plan now to join us.



Please note: There will be only one service (Sunday 9:00 a.m.) that weekend. Packets will be available in the Narthex 2 weeks prior to the meeting, one per family

please. Please review them ahead of time. Thank you.

The deadline to get your financial budget and annual report into the church office is Tuesday, September 8th.

Holiday Parade

We are looking for a team to help with the Holiday parade in November. Please contact the church

office if you would like to be part of this ministry vision/outreach. Thank you for considering this

opportunity. We hope to hear from you soon.



Small Groups—Women



The Breakfast Belles meet each week at JJ's. All women are invited to be at JJ's, on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

"The Forget Me Nots" (Women 70 and older) will be meeting on

Tuesday, September 1st at noon at the church picnic grounds. Please bring a lunch and beverage and invite a friend to join us. Hope to see you there. In case of rain or bad weather we will meet at the church. Call Ann Hardesty at (989-590-2055) if you need a ride or have any questions.



"The Soul Sisters" (Women 50-70) will meet soon. Please watch your bulletin and Facebook for details. ***Come and be inspired, share your ideas and be open to God's possibilities.***

SMALL GROUPS
Sharing Life, Living Christ's Love

Small Groups—Men



The Men of St. Paul and friends are still meeting at JJ's at 7:00 a.m. This has been a great time of discussion and celebration of God at work in the church. Come and be part of this gospel expression.

Band of Brothers is currently meeting quarterly.

This is for men who are 18-45. We are looking to connect and strengthen the faith of young men through activities and studies that will be a beacon of hope.

BoB (Band of Brothers) will meet soon.

Please watch your bulletin and Facebook for details.

Come and be inspired, share your ideas and be open to God's possibilities.



Singles



S@SP (Singles At St. Paul) meet the first Thursday of every month. This

month they will meet on September 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the 19th Hole. If you have any questions

contact Sue Robb at 989-590-7611. We hope you join us!

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care for others experiencing a difficult time in life, i.e., grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation, etc. Stephen Ministers re-

ceives 50 hours of education/training from Stephen Leaders. Once trained, a Stephen Minister is matched with a care receiver and this care paradigm is defined by these two individuals involved, usually meeting one hour a week.

We will be commissioning two new Stephen Ministers, Jared Bicker and Jim Kucharek, on September 13th at the 9:00 a.m. service. Please come and celebrate with us!

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THANK YOU

A special *Thank You* to Bernie Wagner for her 25 plus years of serving as our church treasurer. Her guidance, dedication, and skills kept our finances well grounded. *Thanks Bernie.*



Soul Sisters Kayaking

The Soul Sisters are Kayaking on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in September, September 9th & 23rd. We will meet at the Sytek Park at 5:30 p.m. and launch at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Sue Robb (989-354-8673) if you have any questions.

Soul Sister's Leader

The Soul Sisters are looking for a new leader as Shirley Jones is stepping down. Please call the church office if you are interested.





Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar committee met recently to plan for our church's upcoming event. There were several women and one man jumping right in to get all of our ducks in a row for this BIG ANNUAL St. Paul "Fund Raiser."

The date has been set for November 7th, 10:00 -2:00 p.m.

We have not decided on a project for this year. The Church Council is asking us to help out and put our profits toward the General Fund (80% and still be able to tithe 20% to a charity.)

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil."

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Pastoral Acts

Condolences to the family and friends of Janet Stafford who joined our Lord in eternity, August 13, 2026. A memorial service was held at McWilliams Funeral Home on August 29, 2026 with Pastor Leslie Nye officiating.

Condolences to the family and friends of David McNeil who joined our Lord in eternity, August 22, 2026.



Our luncheon will be the same this year- Turkey Noodle Casserole, cranberry salad, and a yummy parfait for dessert. Continuous serving 11:00-1:00

The following people are all in charge of one or more areas, if you would like to help, please speak to anyone of these Bazaar members.

Andrea Dutcher, Barb Szczesniak, Kathy Burton, Kendra LaHaie, Lori Dziesinski, Sue Robb, Joanne Huggler, Juliet Kieliszewski, Donna Kensa, Joan Smolinski, Val Urban, Juliana Specht, Connie Stafford, Dawn Yakes, Gayle Zbytowski, Susan Moggie, Scott Brooks,

and Esther Kindt.

If you are doing any canning this year, please remember to can a few extra for the church!! I am surprised that so many people think their items are not good enough to donate. If it's processed and has a seal — then, it's a deal. 🙌



Any extra helps the church out. Later on we will be reminding you of all the baked goods we sell every year.

Next Meeting Monday, September 14th @ 5:30 p.m. in the lounge. See you then!!

Questions: Call Esther Kindt 989-471-2274



A memorial service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on September 12th at 12:00, with visitation preceding the service from 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Memorial Donations

Thank you to the following people for their donation in memory of:

Carolynne Wegmeyer

Joyce Sobeck
Cynthia & Cheryl Taylor

Janice Boboltz
Juliana Specht
Mel & Judy Matchett
Matt & Mary Dunckel
Eileen Schaedig
Alvin & Lois Bey
Eleanor Coddington
Stan Wozniak Insurance
Dell & Joyce Allen
John & Linda Snyder
Jack & Cheryl Houser
Judith Wiltse



Commitment Weekend

The Stewardship Committee is planning our commitment



weekend for September 19 & 20.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for our 2027 budget.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 24th. The doors open at 4:15 p.m.

There will be 2 settings - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. with Take-Outs available 5:00–6:00. Ticket Prices: \$16

Adult, Children 8 & Under—\$10, children under 5 free.



The menu is: homemade meatballs, pork roast, sausage and sauerkraut,

squash, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, cucumbers and cream, rolls/butter, pie for dessert and a beverage.

You won't want to miss this fantastic meal! Tickets are available at the church office, from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday-Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (cash/check only). If you wish to purchase tickets with a credit/debit card use the QR code to the right.



Fall Gathering

WHO: Women of the ELCA

COST: \$25.00

WHAT: Fall Gathering

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Evergreen Resort Center, 7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI

REGISTER: Applications are in the church office.

You are cordially invited to come away this fall and be refreshed and renewed. We will be continuing with the theme from the Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa of "I am worthy."



We will be having Pastor Nicole Smith as our leader and a church wide representative will be with us as well, bringing us up to date with the news from church wide.

Hope to see you there!



Fellowship

The Fellowship for the 5:30 Saturday night service meets at 4:30 for drinks and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur

in-between the service times. Come and share your life with the people with whom you worship. We thank you for your generous donations of



cookies in the past and for the future. There is also a need for some gluten free cookies.





The Adventure Club "Thank YOU"

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, generous supporters, parents, and all of the children who made this year's Vacation Bible School such a wonder-

ful success. We are grateful for the opportunity to share God's love with each and every one of you.



Make a Joyful Noise

Choir rehearsals will be starting up again on Thursday, September 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We would love to have some new



members added this year. If you love to sing, please consider joining us. The ability to read music is not required. If

you are interested but the time or day of the week doesn't work for you, we can be flexible. Please contact Marty Cantleberry at 989-255-2194



T-Shirt/Friendship Weekend

T-Shirt Weekend/
Friendship weekend/
God's work our Hands

weekend - 5th and the 6th of September. Wear your favorite T- Shirt and

invite a friend to come with you.

Cancer Center Donations

If you would like to make further donations to the Cancer Center, for patients undergoing treatment we are needing packaged nuts, crackers

with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies,



oatmeal packets, pudding snacks. Please drop them off at Miss Linda's office.

Trunk or Treat

The community Trunk or Treat event will be held downtown behind City Hall in October. We would like to participate

in this event again this year. We are looking for some to head this up. Please call the church office at 989-356-1658 if

you would like to lead this fun community event.



Date & Service	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Fellowship Volunteer	Children's Church
SEPTEMBER 5 & 6					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Iris Arthur	John & Linda Snyder	Sue Robb	Children's Church: Karen Wekwert Sue Robb Cathy Kieliszewski Little's Worship: Jesse & Jessica O'Neil
9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones	Cathy Kieliszewski	Joanne Huggler Richard Miller Jeff Ciupka Ryan Panknin	Mary Courtney	
10:30 a.m.			Connie Sims		
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Gail Atkins	MaryAnne Kucharek	Joan Smolinski	Children's Church: Joanne Huggler Rita Chase Katelyn Sims Little's Worship: Ophelia Steinke Cathy Kieliszewski
9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak	Barb Szczesniak	Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Tim Moggie Paul Kieliszewski	Joanne Huggler Rita Chase	
10:30 a.m.			Janet Freeman		
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Myra Gapske	Dennis & Sherry McDonald	Patti Byce Myra Gapske	Children's Church: Amy DeRosia Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Little's Worship: Joanne Huggler Rita Chase
9:00 a.m.	Dawn Yakes	Dawn Yakes	Cathy Kieliszewski Joanne Huggler Owen Werth Ryan Panknin	Carla Steinke	
10:30 a.m.			Carla Steinke		
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Sue Keyes	Patti Byce Jimmy Nensewitz	Sue Robb or Joan Smolinski	Children's Church: Bonnie Duby Dawn Yakes Jean Johnson Little's Worship: Andrea Dutcher Evie Bicker
9:00 a.m.	Phil Wickstrom	Danielle McDonald	Dennis Dziesinski Tim Moggie Paul Kieliszewski Barb Szczesniak	Janice Boboltz	
10:30 a.m.			Karen Wekwert		

We are looking for Assisting Ministers and Lectors, Acolytes and Ushers for our worship services.

If you are interested in serving at either service, please contact the church office at (989) 356-1658.

Altar Care for the month of September – Ginger Bohlen and Carol Kindt.



Community Outreach
...Building Bridges of Hope



St. Paul Lutheran Church wishes Lori Dziesinski a very happy 70th birthday! As part of the celebration, Sue Robb presented Lori with a beautiful stained-glass work of art created by Chris Lozen.



The St. Paul crafters are hard at work preparing freshly canned peaches for this year's Christmas Bazaar! From the kitchen to the bazaar table, these homemade goodies are made with plenty of time, care, and love.



The ladies of St. Paul took a little time to celebrate Esther Kindt's birthday on Tuesday after finishing their canning project.



St. Paul Lutheran Church wishes Barb Parfitt and Tim Smith a very happy birthday!



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alpena is proud to serve our community through the State of Michigan Adopt-A-Highway Program, helping keep our roads cleaner and safer. During the last clean-up, our volunteers covered our two-mile stretch down M-32 West and two miles back, collecting an incredible 11 bags of trash — approximately 330 gallons of garbage!



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is grateful to Paul and Lori Stephan for donating Pick Up and Reach tools to help with our Adopt-A-Highway clean-up efforts!



St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for the opportunity to support the Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry through a recent outreach donation. Pictured are Scott Brooks, representing the Outreach Ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and Pastor Tom Orth of Grace Lutheran Church.



St. Paul Lutheran Church was honored to support the Cancer Center through a recent donation, continuing our commitment to serving and caring for our community.



St. Paul Lutheran Church is proud to open its doors to the community and provide a welcoming space for groups and activities like Open Line Dancing!



On Thursday morning, the Men in Motion Ministry gathered for a thoughtful discussion about the difference between fact and truth. All men are welcome to join Men in Motion every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at JJ's for breakfast, fellowship, and meaningful conversation.



Jim and Dennis are at it again, putting in the time and effort to take care of important building maintenance around the church.



Our staff gathered for our usual Thursday morning staff meeting. Pastor Bryan joined us via Teams as we came together to connect, share updates, and keep things moving forward at St. Paul.



Ryan stopped by to visit Linda, and the two enjoyed a wonderful time together, catching up and sharing some good conversation.



On Wednesday, the Breakfast Belles gathered for another wonderful morning of breakfast, fellowship, and conversation. All women are welcome! Join us every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, uplifting conversation, and Christian fellowship.



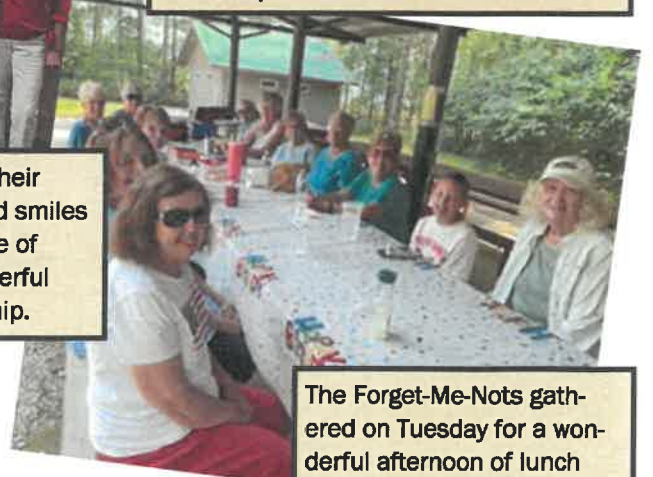
St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful to support the wonderful work of the Boys & Girls Club of Alpena through our Noisy Offering ministry. Pictured from left to right are Scott Brooks, representing St. Paul Lutheran Church's Outreach Ministry and Church Council; Catherine Centala; and Emmy LaFleche of the Boys & Girls Club. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Noisy Offering. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.



The Country Chicks brought their lively line dancing, music, and smiles to the residents of MediLodge of Green View for another wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship.



Congratulations to our newest Super Star Attendance Award recipient for faithfully attending Children's Church 10 times! Your commitment to growing in God's Word is something to celebrate.



The Forget-Me-Nots gathered on Tuesday for a wonderful afternoon of lunch and fellowship at the St. Paul Church Picnic Grounds. It was a beautiful day to reconnect with friends, encourage one another, and give thanks to our Lord for His many blessings.



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