

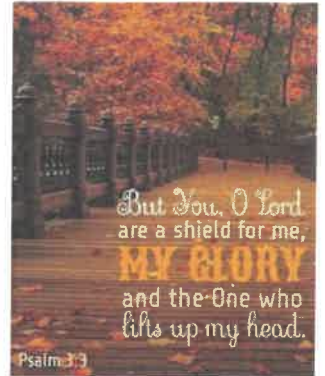
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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

CREATES AND SHARES GOD'S LOVE AND COMPASSION

727 South Second Avenue
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



*2026 Theme:
Be Our Vision Lord*

**Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Christmas Bazaar**



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Special points of interest:

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St. Paul Epistle

Church Family

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One day when I was about 8, I was ripping down the hallway as fast as I could when one of the members stopped me and scolded me for running in the church. I was offended: how dare he scold me in my church; he wasn’t my parent, who did he think he was? Over time, I would come to realize that in a way, he did see himself as my parent. He didn’t just correct me when I was wrong, but looked out for me. Once when my parents forgot and

left me at church (each thought I was with the other), he gave me a ride home. Another time he brought me a treasured book that he enjoyed as a kid. I would discover that he was a reliable source for hard candy that he always kept in the pocket of his suit. Though he has long since passed away, I will always remember Mr. Walker as a valuable part of my childhood.

I’ve come to realize that I was fortunate growing up. I was surrounded by “parents.” That’s the peculiar thing about a church. When it’s at its best, we look out for each other. We end up caring about each other. Even if we don’t always get along, we still care. This is a critical part of what makes church special. It’s what the apostle Paul calls being the “Body of Christ.”

Nearly 20 years ago, Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent) worked with the Search Institute to answer the question, “what makes a child thrive?” They came up with a list of 40 assets. The more assets that a child has in their life, the more likely they were to thrive. They varied and included things in their home, school, community, and church. When I read

through them, I thought many were beyond my control. I couldn’t easily guarantee a “reliable source of food in the household.” I wasn’t a teacher that could create a “safe learning environment.” But there was one that I realized I could do something about: “have at least one unrelated adult outside of the house that cares about them.” Mr. Walker (along with many others in the church) provided that for me when I was growing up. Now as an adult I could be that for someone else.

After trying to do this for 20 years, I’ve come to the conclusion that, not only is it effective, but adults need it as much as children. We all need at least one unrelated adult that cares about us. It’s something that we never outgrow. And while this may happen in a variety of places, the natural place for it to occur is the Church, that community that is called to this very task. In Romans 12:10, Paul says “love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.”

Take some time to reflect on who has been that caring adult for you, as a child and an adult. How might you be a caring adult for someone else; who do you know that really needs one right now?

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bryan

CHURCH COUNCIL



Dear Church Family,

As summer ends, fall starts to set in and I look back on the past year, I am reminded that our harvest is bountiful and through God all things are possible. During our time of pastoral transition, St. Paul members continue to be good and faithful stewards.

Stewardship is so much more than a yearly campaign—it's a way of life. It's the gathering of members spending endless hours canning vegetables for the bazaar, the numerous people coming together for the Harvest dinner, and the hours and individuals that work on the annual garage

sale, just to name a few. It's about recognizing God's generosity toward us and responding with open hands and willing hearts in every area of our lives. As we look ahead to the upcoming year, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might continue or even increase your commitment to giving. Every prayer, every act of service, and every financial gift is a seed planted in God's work, and He is bringing forth a harvest.

Scripture reminds us that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"—and your faithful giving of time, talents and tithing shows where your heart lies in the work of

God's Kingdom. As we prepare for the upcoming annual meeting, developing a proposed budget and looking to the continued vision of St. Paul, it is important to remember that because of the things we all give, our church has been able to keep our ministries strong and growing. In our partnership of time and talents, along with our financial gifts, we maintain our facilities as a welcoming place for worship and fellowship and support our staff. Together we make this all happen.

Prayers for continued peace and giving,

Dawn M. Yakes

Church Council Member



CHURCH COUNCIL

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Dawn Yakes (Stewardship)

Their area of responsibility is in parentheses.

Church Council monthly reports are available in the office.

Call Committee

Psalm 27:14 says "Wait for the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord". Waiting is very hard. Sometimes the wait poses many questions and anxiety. Some things aren't as transparent as we would like them to be.

In many ways, our call process works the same way. A lot of the most important work happens out of sight. It is steady, careful, prayerful work, but it takes time.

I want to share where we are right now. The call committee has begun filling out the Ministry Site Profile. This is a major early step in our call pro-



cess. We want to thank all of you for the input you have already offered. Your reflections, hopes, and your honesty about our strengths and challenges...those pieces help shape the profile in meaningful ways.

For those who may not know, the Ministry Site Profile is essentially the congregation's story. It includes who we are, what we value, the ministries we cherish, our community context, our leadership needs, and the kind of pastoral gifts we believe will help us live out our mission. It's not a quick questionnaire—it's a thoughtful, detailed document that requires prayer, discussion, discernment and collaboration. It takes time because it deserves

time. And, when there is new information, you will absolutely hear about it.

So while the committee is working hard, there will be stretches where you don't hear any new information. That doesn't mean nothing is happening, it means important things are happening that the call committee cannot share.

So again, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage". We ask for your prayers, your patience, and your trust as the committee continues this work. God is already guiding this process, even in the parts we cannot see.

Please see page 3 for the questionnaire results.





106 Call Committee Questionnaires were received. Here are the compiled results.

ESSENTIAL GIFTS	#	Selected
Help People develop their spiritu	79	75%
Be effective in working with child	34	32%
Build a sense of community amo	63	59%
Be an effective administrator	29	27%
Be an effective communicator	70	66%
Be an effective teacher	46	43%
Be active in visitation of member	62	58%

Preaching/Worship	90	85%
Pastor Care & Visitation	67	63%
Building a Sense of Community	63	59%
Ministry in Daily Life	44	42%
Children's Ministry	31	29%
Ministry with Seniors	27	25%
Counseling/Social Work	25	24%
Administration	23	22%
Music/Worship/Arts	20	19%
Financial Management	17	16%
Small Group Ministry	17	16%
Stewardship	14	13%

Stepping Up in Faith: An Update on Our Transition and Ministry

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every member of our congregation who has stepped up to assist with leading our worship services. In the absence of a Supply Pastor, your willingness to share your gifts, lead liturgy, and ensure our community continues to gather in faithful worship has been a profound testament to our shared ministry. Thank you for your dedication, flexibility, and leadership during this season.

Please continue to keep Pastor Rosie in your daily prayers as she walks her path toward recovery and wellness. Here is a short prayer for healing that you can pray individually or together as a family: *Gracious and Holy God, source of all healing and comfort we lift up*

our beloved Pastor Rosie to your tender care. Wrap her in your peace, strengthen her body, and grant wisdom to her medical teams. Restore her health according to your grace, and remind her of our enduring love and prayers. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Our Call Committee has been hard at work and is nearing a significant milestone! They are currently completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and expect to submit it to the Synod very soon for official approval.

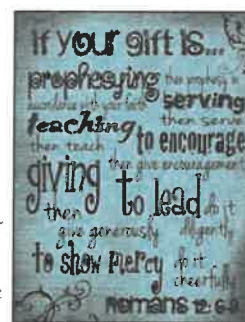
For those unfamiliar with the ELCA Call Process, the Ministry Site Profile is a comprehensive document used across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, the MSP functions as our congregation's "resume" and self-reflection tool. It provides

potential pastoral candidates and the Bishop's office with a detailed overview of who we are, including, Our Mission & Vision: What we value and how we engage in our community, Demographics & History: Practical data about our membership and our local area, Our Ministry Goals: The specific gifts, leadership style, and theological perspectives we are looking for in our next

pastor. Once the synod approves our profile, it will be uploaded to the churchwide database. This allows the synod staff to accurately match our unique needs with rostered ministers who are seeking a call.

Thank you for your ongoing patience, faithfulness, and prayers as we navigate this transition together.

Jessica O'Neil
Council President



Adam's Advice Hub (AHH)

These days, it seems like everything requires a password. We have passwords for email, banking, shopping, church websites, Facebook, and many other services. Remembering all of them can be difficult, especially when we are told not to use the same password everywhere.

One simple solution is a small password book.

Write down your passwords and keep the book in a safe, private place at home. Do not leave it next to your computer or somewhere that visitors can easily find it. A password book may seem old-fashioned, but it can be a



very practical way to keep your information organized. Many phones and computers can also save your passwords for you. This is generally safe and very convenient. However, if you become locked out of your device, you may not be able to get to those saved passwords. It is a little like keeping the key to your safe inside the safe!

Passwords are only one part of protecting your information. You may have heard the term two-factor authentication. This simply means that, after entering your password, you are asked to prove that it is really you, often by entering a code sent to your phone.

You may also hear about passkeys. These are a newer way to sign in without typing a password, sometimes using your fingerprint, face, or a PIN on your device. An authenticator app is another security tool that provides a temporary code to help verify your identity. When creating a password, longer is generally better. Using a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols such as "!" or "@" can make it harder to guess. Most importantly, avoid using the same password for everything. If someone discovers one password, they could try it on your other accounts.

A little organization today can help keep your information safe tomorrow!



Miss Cheesy's Corner

Whew! Where did September go? Hello, October!

First, I want to thank all of you who got your reports submitted to me. Thank you! The Annual Report is built from your events, memories, and accomplishments throughout the year. It is always a joy to learn more about what each group does and how it contrib-

utes to the many wonderful things St. Paul has to offer.

I'm marching into October with a smile on my face as I celebrate 15 years with the greatest blessing God has given me, not only the love of

my life but also my very best

friend. When you least expect it, God has a plan for each of us, and that is exactly how our story began. I also want to thank everyone who reached out with birthday wishes and all the birthday hugs. Your kindness means so much to me, and I truly appreciate each and every one of you.



Jackie's Jump Start

I am still savoring my camping vacation, last week. My husband and I were simply wanting some rest and relaxation, so we headed up to Mackinaw City to rent a cabin at Mill Creek Campground. We had a wonderful view, from our cabin of Lake Huron,



jumpstart

Mackinac Island and the Mighty Mac! I never get tired of that view! It was great to sleep in, ride our bikes, do some window shopping, eat out, walk around, and enjoy the calm of a campfire at night. Camping people are always so friendly too. My favorite afternoon was the one we spent sitting in our camping chairs, with the sun

shining down on us. I was just reading a book, and Mike was racing his RC car in the grass. Simple pleasures, that I genuinely thank God for.

Now that we are back to the "real world," I know I can still find rest, as it says in Matthew 11:28-29 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." That is good news for us all. It starts with us just coming to Him...





Fall Church Festival

Mark Your Calendars! The Adventure Club is going to have some Fun Fall Activities at the Johnson Camp (10606 Indian Reserve Road) on Sunday, October 18th. There will be pumpkin carving, wagon rides

and yummy snacks. Please RSVP by October 11th, to help us plan. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1 to 105 years old.



October Service Activity



The October Service Activity is Ella White Elementary School. Items needed:

- ♦ Sweatpants/leggings sizes 6-14
- ♦ Underwear - sizes 6-14

- ♦ Tennis Shoes - all kid sizes
- ♦ Snacks for students (any type of pre-packaged snack item is beneficial)

Please leave your donations on the altar.

Thank you for your generosity

Feeding Kids Ministry



We will be packing food for the Feeding Kids Ministry on Monday, October 26th, at 5:30 p.m. at the old Sunset School, 1421 Hobbs Drive. Please call Sherry

McDonald if you are willing to help or have any questions, at 260-414-3613.



Breakfast Fundraiser



Scouting America Troop 92 invites you to a Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Paul Lutheran Church on

Sunday, October 18th 2026, from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Free Will

Offering. All you can eat plus take-out option!

Thanksgiving Fund Raiser

Scouting America Troop 92 is doing a *Take and Bake* Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser.

Apple Pies—\$20

Orders and payments are taken October 19-

November 1. The Pick-up day is November 14th from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

If you have any questions please contact Scoutmaster Steve Donajkowski at 989-255-6521.

If you would like to volunteer to help the Scouts make pies, please stop by the church November 14th from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



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 week-end. 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.



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

the church office to become part of this important ministry.



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 op-



portunity is a time of learning, celebration, 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.

Kid's Korner

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



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 not be meeting the first Tuesday of October

but will instead be attending the matinee performance of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at the Alpena Civic Theatre on Sunday, October 25. Please call Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055) by Thursday, October 22, if you want a ticket or have any questions. "The Soul Sisters" (Women 50-70) will have an afternoon at



Knaebe's on Saturday, October 10th. We will depart from the church parking lot at 1030 a.m. Questions? Call Patti at 989-335-0336.

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.



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Singles



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

they will meet on October 1st 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

On Sunday, September 13th, we commissioned two new Stephen Ministers, Jared Bicker and Jim Kucharek. Please keep these two men in your prayers as they embark in this compassionate ministry.



October Birthdays



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October Anniversaries



Soul Sisters Kayaking

The Soul Sisters are Kayaking on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in October, which will be October 14th & 28th,

weather permitting. We will meet at the Sytek Park at 5:30 p.m. and launch at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact

Sue Robb (989-354-8673).





Christmas Bazaar

November 7th, 2026

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The time is drawing near for this much anticipated event held here at St. Paul. Final plans are under way for the Christmas Bazaar as we prepare for this wonderful time of fellowship, memories, and, of course, shopping!

The luncheon menu includes turkey noodle casserole, cranberry salad, rolls, and a delicious dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 and children under 10 will be free. The luncheon will be held from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and will be a continuous serving.



There will once again be our "Chinese Raffle" where there will be a wide array of quality items for you to select from and to buy tickets for a chance to win. So far, we have a gorgeous king-size quilt, Hardanger piece, an Afghan, 2 Adirondack chairs, homemade Christmas tree skirt, kids wooden table and chairs, bird feeder, and painted windows.



Our project this year will be what Council has asked of us—We will give 80% to the General Fund and Tithe 10% to Meals on Wheels & Feeding Kids Ministry. The last 10% will be held back for any emergencies that may arise.

All of your items can be dropped off Friday, November 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you need help with pricing, there will be some eager women ready to help you out.

Our final planning meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Come join us or call if you can help out that day or in preparation for the Christmas Bazaar.

Chairman: Esther Kindt
989-471-2274

Vice Chair: Andrea
Dutcher 989-354-3651

Secretary: Lori Dziesinski
989-464-7112

Treasurer: Kendra
LaHaie 989-657-3875

Pastoral Acts

Condolences to the family and friends of Maxine Miller who joined our Lord in eternity on September 15, 2026. Her funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on September 18, 2026 with Pastor Mary Hughes officiating.



Memorial Donations

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

David McNeil

Barb Crittenden
Jim & Doreen Kriniak
Dolores Sumerix
June Sylvester
Lee & Barb Szczesniak
Skeeter & Val Urban
Joanne Huggler
Myra Gapske
John & Linda Snyder
Dennis & Lori Dziesinski
Tom & Joyce Lanway
Melvin Kirchopff

Maxine Miller

Bob & Kathy Burton

Linda Soldenski

Joan Smolinski

Jan Stafford

Mariette Seguin
Myra Gapske
June Sylvester

Carolynne Wegmeyer

Mollie Skiba
Ed & Lorri Rondeau



Ministry Highlight - Christmas Bazaar

The vision of having an annual Bazaar at St. Paul all started about 50 years ago, with the ideas and projected goals of the 3 women's groups (The Miriam, Esther, and Lois Circles) that were part of W.E.L.C.A. (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). Their mission was/is to mobilize women to act on their faith in Jesus Christ. Over the years the Miriam, Esther and Lois circles dissolved, but some of these dedicated women remained faithful concerning this annual event!

The Christmas Bazaar has to date raised over \$200,000.



In and through the efforts of the people of God at St. Paul the Christmas Bazaar financially raised proceeds used for renovations inside and outside of the church building. The people involved saw the need to honor God so the vision of tithing was implemented, giving 10% of the monies raised to local charities. When our membership declined drastically in 2010, the leadership of the Christmas Bazaar implemented actions to support our General Fund, helping the congregation during many difficult years.

Throughout the years the Christmas Bazaar ministry received matching funds from Lutheran

Brotherhood, AAL, and Thrivent Financial. We are also blessed each year when members step up to help make this event such a tremendous success.

We have considered the church Bazaar one of the Biggest "OUTREACHES" we sponsor, because of the number of members and shoppers who come to support and feel the spirit moving in and throughout St. Paul.

*Submitted by
Esther Kindt*



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.



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.





Update on Pastor Rosie

As many of you have already heard, Pr. Rosie had a car accident on the way to worship on September 13th. She suffered broken ribs, a broken sternum, and 2 fractures in her thoracic

spine and was initially in the hospital in Traverse City. Currently she is at McReynolds Hall for rehab. If you would like to send her a card, you can drop it off at the

church office and we'll forward it or you may send it directly to:

McReynolds Hall
825 North Center Ave.
Gaylord, MI 49735

Make a Joyful Noise

Choir rehearsals started up again in September. It was printed in last month's newsletter that they were going to meet on Thursdays. Instead, they are



meeting every Wednesday 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. Please note: The choir will not meet on October 14th.

*"O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"*
Psalm 95:1

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.



Update Digital Directory Picture

If you would like to update your picture for the Digital Directory, please call Sherry McDonald at 260-414-3613 and she would be happy to take a new picture. Also, if you have had a change of address,

phone number, email, etc. please call the church office so we can update that information as well. Thank you.



Welcome New Member

We celebrated with Don Bey as he became a new member of our congregation on September 20, 2026 at the 9:00 a.m. service. Please keep him in your prayers and welcome him.



Fire Extinguishers Locations

Below is a reminder of where the Fire Extinguishers, and Defibrillators are in the building. Look at the locations and next time you are in the building see how many you can find so you are prepared if an emergency arises in the building.

Below are where the Fire Extinguishers are located:

Basement - Bottom of steps under Narthex (by the Mirre St. Entrance); Dining Room - Doors by

back entrance and Doors by Main entrance; Storage Area off Dining Room - On end of old work bench and Inside Entrance Door on right hand side under light switch; Elevator - inside both control/pump rooms on lower level; Kitchen - Next to Oven, Next to Dishwasher Counter, and Next to Men's Bathroom Entrance; New



Boiler Room by entrance from Hallway on the left; Education Rooms - across from Kitchen by the Yellow Education Room.

Second Floor - End of Education Hallway by Pastor's Office; Entrance at Mirre Street middle door by elevator; Narthex by double door entrance from 2nd Ave; Sanctuary entrance from Mirre Street Door.

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever."
1 Chronicles 16:34

Locations of AED Machines

The AED Machines are located:

- In the Multi-Purpose Room - Mirre Street Entrance
- 2nd Floor - Between the Worship Area & the Multipurpose Room
- On the Lower level in the Dining Room on the far wall adjacent to the Kitchen.



The Friendship Room

The Friendship Room is currently in need of volunteers. You will need a background check. Please call the current Director, Christina Kihn if interested, at 989-884-1060.

The Friendship Room is a soup kitchen in

Alpena where one can receive a meal and a warm, welcoming environment of friendship where all are welcome at the table to be nourished in both body and soul.

The staff and volunteers welcome over 75-

80 people each day.

For more information about service hours, volunteering, and other resources, please contact the Friendship Room: (989) 354-8018.



Date & Service	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Fellowship Volunteer	Children's Church
OCTOBER 3 & 4					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Iris Arthur	John & Linda Snyder	Sue Robb	Children's Church: Karen Wekwert Sue Robb Amy DeRosia Little's Worship: Jesse & Jessica O'Neil
9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones	Scott Parkham	Richard Miller Dennis Dzieszinski Jeff Ciupka Roy Wekwert	Janice Boboltz	
10:30 a.m.			Connie Sims		
OCTOBER 10 & 11					
5:30 p.m.	Dawn Yakes	Dawn Yakes	Tim and Barb Smith	Joan Smolinski	Children's Church: Joanne Huggler Rita Chase Jean Johnson Little's Worship: Ophelia Steinke Cathy Kieliszewski
9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak	Cheri Fletcher	Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Tim Moggie Ryan Panknin	Joanne Huggler Rita Chase	
10:30 a.m.			Janet Freeman		
OCTOBER 17 & 18					
5:30 p.m.	No Saturday Service. Join us for the 9:00 a.m. service tomorrow, followed by the Annual Meeting.			Patti Byce Myra Gapske	Children's Church: Kathy Burton Bonnie Duby Cathy Kieliszewski Little's Worship: Joanne Huggler Rita Chase
9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham	Shirley Jones	Paul Kieliszewski Dennis Dzieszinski Owen Werth Barb Szczesniak	Carla Steinke	
10:30 a.m.			Carla Steinke		
OCTOBER 24 & 25					
5:30 p.m.	Phil Wickstrom	Sue Keyes	Patti Byce MaryAnne Kucharek Bruce Anschuetz	Anita Laub	Children's Church: Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Lacie Paquette Little's Worship: Andrea Dutcher Evie Bicker
9:00 a.m.	Dawn Yakes	Cathy Kieliszewski	Dennis Dzieszinski Roy Wekwert Ryan Panknin Kathy Burton	Janice Boboltz	
10:30 a.m.			Karen Wekwert		
OCTOBER 31 & NOV. 1					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Myra Gapske	John and Linda Snyder	Sue Robb or Joan Smolinski	Children's Church: Karen Wekwert Sue Robb Amy DeRosia Little's Worship: Jesse & Jessica O'Neil
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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 October – Sue Robb and Carol Kindt.





We celebrated Kathy Burton's birthday last month at St. Paul! Sue Robb surprised her with a special birthday gift to help make her day even more memorable.



A special thank you to our wonderful newsletter team for gathering this morning and helping prepare and get our newsletter out to the congregation. We appreciate all the time and effort that goes into making this happen!



Esther presented Scott with beautiful handmade crosses crafted by her husband, Ricky, which will be given as gifts to visitors of St. Paul.



Our Outreach Committee gathered together to discuss ways St. Paul can continue sharing Christ's love through service and reaching out to our community and beyond.



Dinner on a Doorknob kicked off another season celebrating and sharing God's gifts by providing a nourishing meal for 60 people. Great team effort and thanks to all who helped make it possible!!



The Men in Motion Ministry met Thursday morning over breakfast, with conversation centered on one of the greatest challenges we face in life: learning to forgive. All men are welcome to join the 3M — Men in Motion Ministry — Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at JJ's for breakfast, fellowship, and meaningful conversation.



St. Paul Lutheran Church, through its Outreach Ministry, recently made a donation to the Cancer Center at MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena. We are grateful for the opportunity to support those in our community who are facing difficult times.



The Breakfast Belles are a recurring small group ministry at St. Paul, meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. at JJ's. All women are welcome to join them for breakfast, conversation, and fellowship!



What a joyful and blessed day for our Stephen Ministry team! We are excited to welcome Jim Kucharek and Jared Bicker as they are commissioned into this caring ministry.



St. Paul Lutheran Church recently donated school supplies to Besser Elementary School as part of our Outreach Ministry. We are grateful for the opportunity to support local students, teachers, and our community!



Val Urban, the servant leader of St. Paul's Gratitude Lunch ministry, recently brought a Gratitude Lunches to Bolenz Jewelry and Forty Five North Real Estate as a way of showing appreciation and sharing fellowship with those in our community.



Dennis and Jim were hard at work around the church tackling a variety of maintenance projects. We are grateful for the time, effort, and care they continue to give to St. Paul!



The Country Chicks were back at MediLodge Thursday morning for some fun, music, and line dancing!



The Forget-Me-Nots met for a picnic and fellowship on Tuesday, September 1 at our church picnic grounds. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the opportunity to enjoy God's creation.

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