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2026 Theme:
Be Our Vision Lord

Monthly Ministry Highlight
Scholarship Ministry



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Special points of interest:

- In all honesty, as an able bodied, not *too* old, adult, I'm not always aware of the challenges that some have navigating the world we live in.
- Accessibility is not just about managing daily tasks, it also has to do with church.
- Thinking about accessibility as welcome is a way of loving our neighbor—both those inside the church and those outside.



ACCESSIBLE

In early October we took our camper to Sleepy Hollow State Park (just north of Lansing). It was a work trip. During the day I was working at one or the other of the two churches I serve in Lansing and Bishop Julie was attending remote meetings. In the evening we both returned to the camper and enjoyed the State Park—walked the trails, enjoyed a camp fire, and watched the leaves fall. It was wonderful.



When I mentioned to one of my parishioners what we were doing, his eyes lit up. The previous week he had shown me the off-road motorized wheelchair that he had borrowed to go deer hunting (FYI he bagged a nice buck). "That's the place," He said, "that's where they had the chair so I could go hunting and the lake I go fishing on." Turns out that over the last year, Sleepy Hollow had undergone a major renovation that included many accessibility improvements: Camping sites with concrete pads; zero entry showers; tracked wheel chairs for hunting; and a lift at the boat launch to help people with mobility limitations get in and out. The goal is to make the state parks easier and more accessible for everyone. How cool is that!

In all honesty, as an able bodied, not *too* old, adult, I'm not always aware of the challenges that some have navigating the world we live in. I never realized our State Parks had accessibility limitations. I have to stop and think about it before I notice or have someone point it out to me. I take for granted my ability to walk up the stairs into a building, communicate with someone, or walk out into the woods if I want. Not everyone has that luxury.

Accessibility is not just about managing daily tasks, it also has to do with church. Sometimes church is not as "accessible" as we think. Both from a physical perspective (sometimes our buildings are old and have limitations) and a people perspective (we don't always communicate well). I've grown up being a part of a church. For me it's familiar and welcoming. I know what to say if someone says "the

ACCESSIBLE *CONTINUED*



Lord be with you." I know how to find a hymn in the hymnal. I know "church talk" and how to fit in – even when I'm at a strange church. But that doesn't mean everyone experiences that. Physical limitations, cultural norms, people's welcome or interactions can all factor in to if someone feels welcome or not. Most churches make a point of saying "all are welcome." But rarely is that entirely true. Physical barriers or what is said may send an unwelcoming message. A visitor may even notice how we treat each other or talk to each other as a indication of if they would be welcomed. Thinking about accessibility as welcome is a way of loving our neighbor—both those inside the church and those outside. How are you helping make St. Paul an "accessible" place for others?

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bryan

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In Isaiah 55:9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts". This verse may reflect how many of us are feeling at this time as we continue our process in search of a new Pastor. The timeline may appear slow or frustrating, but we need to trust God's timing.

At this time, we are happy to report that our Ministry Site Profile is complete and will be presented at the next Council meeting on October 20. At that time, once it is approved, we will then submit it to the Bishop's office. We will keep an open communication with them, and again will report to the congregation any new information that can be passed along. Please keep in mind, we are nearing the point where the Call Committee will only be able to communicate small amounts of information. So again, if nothing is reported, it doesn't mean progress is not being made.

We ask that you keep the Call Committee in your prayers, and we appreciate your patience in this journey.

CALL COMMITTEE



HOPE SHORES ALLIANCE

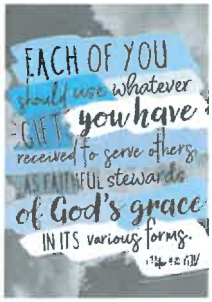
Hope Shores Alliance is an agency in Alpena that helps in our community, supporting of people who have experienced violence in their homes or lives. St. Paul Lutheran has opened our doors to be a drop off point for this organization (on the third floor). Thanks to everyone who is part of this important ministry.

hope shores ALLIANCE



Proverbs and Profits

Proverbs 21: 1-5 "In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him. A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart—the unplowed field of the wicked—produce sin. The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."



Proverbs can have some very heavy chapters, but I guess that is why it is often referred to as the checklist on how to live a Christian life. This verse has weighed heavy on my heart as we navigated the recent budget work for closing 2025, continued the support of 2026, and the planning for 2027. As Christians, we are here to serve our Lord, caring for His world and His people.

Each of us provides a different mix of time, talent, and money to ensure our church continues its legacy. We started this conversation at our annual meeting a few weeks ago, and I pray that we continue the conversation. How do we give? How do we show up for our church, our people, and our community? What calling does God have on each of our hearts that challenges us to meet His calling to care and to love?

As Treasurer, my time and talent is to help us remain financially organized, balancing the needs and the wants of our congregation as it serves. Sometimes there isn't enough to go around. These are times when honest, open conversation is needed about how we proceed forward with our calling at Christians.

The Stewardship Committee is a group we only hear from once a year, but they carry an important role in supporting the direction of our finances each year. The committee collects information on how people can show up with their time, talents, and finances. Did you know that your time and talent is just as important as your financial contributions? We have members with skills that meet and fill financial needs of our church every day. When they step up to donate their time or to provide donated items, we as a church can spend our money to fill in the gaps. When I was cleaning my crafting supplies a few years ago, I donated my extra yarn to the Prayer Shawl. This saved me space in my home and meant the group didn't need to purchase supplies for at least 1 blanket. At VBS, we feed the many children who attend. We have a handful of talented cooks and bakers who prepare the food each year. This saves the church from purchase expensive, pre-cooked items. Are these the only examples of how people use their time and talent to financially support our church? Absolutely not! But, I'm learning as a new treasurer, it is because of time and talent that our expensive budget is met each year.

In 2027, I invite you all to share how you are using your time and talents. Talk about the ministries that call to your hearts and why. Maybe someone else in the church doesn't realize there is a group they belong to, that they can join and support. Let us as a congregation lift each other's service up in prayer and thanksgiving!! Big or small, God has called each of us to serve in unique ways to carry forth the ministry of St Paul Lutheran Church of Alpena.

In Service with You,
Danielle McDonald



Adam's Advice Hub

Everyone Can Be a Minister: Sharing Jesus Through Photos and Videos



When Pastor John was here at St. Paul, he helped us develop a simple template to inspire everyone to become a minister in their own way. The idea is simple: **you don't need to stand in a pulpit to share the love of Jesus.** Sometimes, all it takes is a camera, a little creativity, and a willingness to share what is happening in our church family.

Today, nearly everyone has a camera right in their pocket on their smartphone! We can use this everyday tool to help spread the Word of Jesus, encourage others in their faith, and invite people to experience the love of Christ at St. Paul.

Pastor John helped establish a simple routine to make it easy for everyone to participate:

1. **Use your camera.** Take pictures or short videos at church events, gatherings, service projects, and other special moments.

2. **Send me your photos and videos.** Email them to our Media Coordinator at media@stpaul. org.

3. **Tell me what's happening.** Include a brief explanation of who or what is pictured, what the event was, or why the moment is special. I'll take it from there!

Every photo or video you capture has the potential to become something meaningful. It might inspire someone on Facebook, encourage a person visiting our website, promote an upcoming event, or become part of our digital archives for future generations. You never know how a simple picture might touch someone's heart or help bring them closer to Christ.

As Acts 8:4 reminds us, "Now those who had been scattered went about preaching the word." As followers of Jesus, we all have a part to play in sharing His message. Our digital presence is one more way to reach people beyond the walls of our church.

Regular, consistent Facebook posts help keep our congregation connected and allow our message to reach more people. It's not about taking hundreds of pictures or posting constantly. It's about sharing the life of St. Paul consistently and authentically.

You can help by encouraging someone to take pictures at an event, or by being that person yourself! Capture the fellowship, the service, the smiles, and those precious moments that show Christ's love in action.

Have fun with it! You're doing the work of Jesus when you help share His story.

Miss Cheesy's Corner

November already... wow! Where has the time gone?



To everyone who donates to the Cancer Center, thank you! I love watching the donations come into my office each month, knowing that these treats will bring comfort and enjoyment to those going through a difficult time.

I know firsthand how much these small acts of kindness can mean. When my dad was receiving treatments, these thoughtful gifts brought him comfort and joy during some challenging days. If you are bringing larger or heavier items and need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can call ahead and arrange to meet me at the Mirre Street entrance, or simply give a shout up the stairs and say, "Linda!" I'll gladly come help you or even unload items from your car. I always enjoy seeing the familiar faces coming in and out of the office, along with meeting a few new ones as well. You are what makes St. Paul such a wonderful place. And always remember... smile!





"I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 89:1

Jackie's Jump Start

My kiddos have been trying to get me to go to Cedar Point with them all summer, but the timing was never quite right. They are season pass holders, so they went several times. They let me know they were going again for the last time, this season, on October 16th and 17th and they would love me to join them. My husband swore off on roller coasters a while back, but my grandchildren both knew which coasters they wanted to ride with me. 😊 So, I jumped on the chance to go… hoping I would still enjoy the thrill! The only thing I kept telling my girls, though, before we went was, "I'm not going on Siren's Curse." It looked a little too scary, plus I had seen clips of it stuck at the top of the drop many times. Well, the big day came and it was cold and windy. Numerous rides were shut down due to the high winds, and we had walked around the park several times just riding the mid-way type rides and collecting little trinkets, that people just hide around the park now days. Well, one of the only few roller coasters running was the Siren's Curse… the coaster I would "never ride." In desperation to get on a "real coaster" I agreed to give it a try. Well, it was one of the best coasters I rode all weekend. I would have ridden it again, but the lines were too long the next day. All that to say, maybe we shouldn't be too quick to dismiss things/opportunities. If you are looking for some new areas to try serving in at St. Paul, there is a Dynamic Ministry brochure, that one of our talented volunteers designed, which has a comprehensive list of ministries you can get involved in here at St. Paul. Check it out and try something new!



"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations." *Psalm 100:4-5.* As we celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of this month, I am so grateful for His steadfast love. We have so much to be thankful for!





Bolenz Jewelry Holiday Parade

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran would like to be part of this parade this year on Friday, November 27th. We are looking for a servant leader to guide our team forward to assemble the float. Please call the office if you are interested in leading this. This annual parade is sponsored by Bolenz Jewelry and hosted by the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce. It is held every year on the day after Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to embrace holiday spirit when decorating their entries. Call the church office if you would like to take part in this fun event.

Advent-Preparation



Advent is just around the corner! Advent includes the four weeks before Christmas and is a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and prepare for his return. This year the season of Advent begins on November 29th. A tradition in many households is to do Advent devotions or an Advent calendar. Set aside some time each day (maybe at meal time) to read a devotion and draw yourself into the spirituality of this season.

ELCA World Hunger has both a devotion and calendar that can be downloaded at ELCA.org. Search for "Advent Resources". Or use this link: https://www.elca.org/how-we-serve/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger/wh-advent

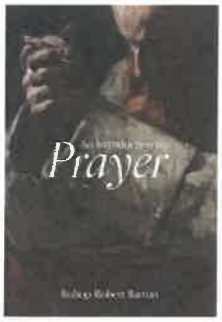
Advent Services

Advent is a time of preparation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. This year we will have Advent Services on Wednesdays at 12:00 -1:00 p.m. (December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd). We will begin with a meal at 12:00 p.m. and after dining we will have a short service at 12:25 p.m. Come and share this special time of preparation for the Christ Child. We need volunteers to help prepare a simple meal. If you would like to help, please call the church office and volunteer for one of these special services.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: "
Luke 2:10

Advent Bible Study

We are looking at the possibility of having a Bible Study on Prayer for Advent. It would take place on Wednesday, December 2nd through 23rd. Please call the church office if this is something that you would be interested in attending, at 989-356-1658. *Thank you.*





Fellowship

The Fellowship for the Saturday Night 5:30 service meets at 4:30 for drinks and baked goods until 5:20. The Fellowship for the 9:00 Service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Come and share your life with the people with whom you worship. This ministry is a celebration and I ask that you help by leading a fellowship time.





Christmas Bazaar

November 7th, 2026
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Have you purchased your luncheon ticket yet? Don't wait until the last minute or you may be out of luck! Tickets are on sale now at the church office, or any Bazaar member, and before and after church on Sunday morning in the Narthex.

Price: $16.00 Adults
Children under 10 - free

Menu: Turkey Casserole & Roll, Cranberry Salad Chocolate Parfait

Time: Serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Continuous Serving

Keep working on those projects by making all those wonderful crafts and goodies. Baked and canned goods ALWAYS sell very well. And, of course, those scrumptious COOKIES for the famous "Boxed Cookie Sale."

All donated items can be dropped off on Friday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

80% of our proceeds this year will be put in the general fund. We will also tithe 10% of the proceeds of that day's bazaar sales. That will be split between "Feeding Kids" and "Meals on Wheels."

The bazaar, which is sponsored by St. Paul Church, is a very big endeavor for such a small group of people. Won't you stop and consider what hidden talent you may have to help contribute to your church??? Please call Esther at 989-471-2274.

Bring a friend to lunch!
SEE YOU AT THE BAZAAR!



A special Thank You goes out to June Sylvester for helping the canners out with her jar donations!

Annual Meeting



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

The following members were voted in at our Annual Meeting, October 18th. Kari Bicker, Patti Byce, Scott Parkham and Fred Wegmeyer were voted in to serve on the Church Council. Jimmy Nensewitz was voted to serve on the Trust Fund Committee. Scott Brooks, Joanne Huggler, Jesse O'Neil, Val Urban and Gail Zbytowski were voted on for the Nominating Committee. Scott Parkham and Sue Robb were voted to be our Synod Representatives for 2027. We thank you all for your willingness to serve. Their terms will start January 1, 2027. Scott Brook's term is ending December 31st and we want to thank him for his faithful service on the church council.

Engage Your Enthusiasm



E.Y.E. (Engage Your Enthusiasm) ministry - Everyone has a vision for the ministry at St. Paul. I hope you will share the events of the church through your eyes via a picture. Please appoint an E.Y.E. representative for each event so nothing will be missed and your event will be promoted on our various digital sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc).



ANNIVERSARIES





BAPTISM

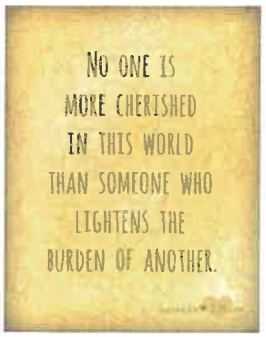
What a very special day in worship on October 24th as Archie Techel was baptized at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. service. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.













Harvest Dinner Thank You

Harvest dinner 2026 was once again a huge success. The generosity of the St. Paul congregations was overwhelming. From those who donated food items needed for the dinner, to all the wonderful pies/desserts that were made.

A special thank you to our hostess Kathy Burton who kept things organized in the dining room. To Shirley and Don Kowalski who took tickets at the door. We cannot forget the servers and Lori Dziesinski for getting the volunteers who kept the dining room flowing smoothly. The dishwashers and cleanup crew were awesome once again. To Esther Kindt who oversaw the donations of the pies and her helpers who made sure everyone received a piece of pie.

After expenses the Harvest Dinner made a profit of $4200.00. This will be placed in the general fund, and we are asking for trust to donate $800.00 to Toys for Kids in Alpena.

Andrea Dutcher and I cannot express our thanks to all who had a part in the Harvest Dinner.

Donna Kensa



November Service Activity

The November Service Activity is Thunder Bay Jr. High School. Items needed: Small Healthy Snacks – prepackaged snacks such as granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, pretzels, etc.

Hygiene Products – small shampoos, conditioners, small deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes

Clothing – black leggings/sweatpants, t-shirts – unisex, sweatshirts/warmer sweaters.

School Supplies – plain two pocket folders, binders, and notebooks.

Please leave items on the altar. Thanks you. for your generosity.



Feeding Kids Ministry

We are joining the Feeding Kids Ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church in supporting the kids in Alpena Community by doing a BIG CEREAL BOX DRIVE! The goal is to have 300 boxes by December 13th. You may drop off your cereal boxes in the labeled box in the Sanctuary by the altar. Thank you for your generosity.



Newsletter

There are some early newsletter deadlines coming up, due to the holidays. If you want to get something in the newsletter, turn it into the church office by:

December Newsletter - by November 11th

January Newsletter - by December 10th

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

The preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. St. Paul Lutheran Church is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings. Special pricing for $129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-324-9458 or go to https://www.llsa.social/hsba or text the word circle to 216-279-1607. Pre-registration is required.



"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."
Psalm 127:3

Kid's Korner

The children's church crew did some pretty decorating pumpkins for fall with some great thoughts/words on them. Great job kids!



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, 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.





Small Group - Women

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



"The Forget Me Nots" (Women 70 and older) meet on the first Tuesday of the month. So, for November, they will meet November 3rd at JJ's at noon. Please invite a friend and call Ann Hardesty at 989-590-2055 if you are able to join us. This helps the staff prepare for our arrival.

"The Soul Sisters" (Women 50-70) are inviting all women to join us for our annual *Christmas Card Signing* on Monday, November 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Water and pop will be available. Please feel free to bring a snack to share.



Small Group - 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.

BAND OF BROTHERS

BoB (Band of Brothers) will meet soon. Please watch your bulletin and Facebook for details.

Small Group - Singles

(Singles At St. Paul) meet the first Thursday of every month. In November, they will meet on November 5th 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.



Location of first Aid Kits



We would like to remind everyone of where the first aid kits are located so we will all be prepared if a need arises. There are three and they are clearly marked and located at the following places:

*In hallway closet between the Worship Center and Multipurpose Room. Between doors that lead out of Sanctuary and before door by organ.

*In the back of the Narthex, when facing sanctuary in right hand cabinet below glass window to sanctuary.

*In kitchen cabinet below Microwave next to large metal refrigerator.

Memorial Donations



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

Maxine Miller
Mary Zadow
Mariette Seguin
Bill & Shirley Cliburn
Myra Gapske
M & S Anderson
Jim & Doreen Kriniak
Mike & Denise Wekwert
Geraldine Mann

David McNeil
Iris Arthur
Marty Cantleberry
David Wyrick
Susan Robb
Mariette Seguin
Jerry Brasser
Robert Haldy
Griffin Smith
Mary Kuhl
James Hein
Gerald & Ann Hardesty
Choir

Jan Stafford
Early Birdies Golf League
Melvin Kirchoff
Tom & Lori Olsen
Gerald & Ann Hardesty
Pat Huggler
Melvin Kirchoff

Carolynne Wegmeyer
Alta Dimm
Cecilia Peasley

Thank You



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer.

Thank you for your love and support throughout Dave's illness. We appreciate the prayers, beautiful prayer shawls, dinners on a doorknob, kitchen help at the memorial service and all that you do for our family.

Affectionately in Christ,
Marvis and Family

Altar Flower Distribution

We are looking for someone who would be willing to stop in the church Monday mornings and see if there are any altar flowers left from the weekend, and if there is to arrange those in a vase and take them to a shut- in to brighten their day. Sandra Christopherson has been doing this for years, but is wanting to pass that on to someone else now. Thank you Sandra for your joyful service. Please call the church office if you are wanting to serve in this special way and brighten up someone's day!



Commitment Cards

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE
Stewardship
A WAY OF LIVING

The Stewardship Committee passed out Commitment Cards on Commitment Weekend. If you did not fill one out, there are some in the back of the church. Please fill one out and put in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. Thank you.

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

Date & Service	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Fellowship Volunteer	Children's Church
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
9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones	Barb Szczesniak	Jeff Ciupka Roy Wekwert Cathy Kieliszewski Owen Werth	Janice Boboltz	
10:30 a.m.			Karen Wekwert		
NOVEMBER 7 & 8					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Iris Arthur	Dennis and Sherry McDonald	Sue Robb	***Children's Church:*** Joanne Huggler Rita Chase Laycie Paquette
9:00 a.m.	Phil Wickstrom	Phil Wickstrom	Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Barb Szczzesniak Dennis Dziesinski	Joanne Huggler Rita Chase	
10:30 a.m.			Janet Freeman		
NOVEMBER 14 & 15					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Carol Kindt	MaryAnne Kucharek Jimmy Nensewitz	Joan Smolinski	***Children's Church:*** Jean Johnson Katelyn Sims Cathy Kieliszewski
9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak	Danielle McDonald	Joanne Huggler Richard Miller Owen Werth Ryan Panknin	Carla Steinke	
10:30 a.m.			Carla Steinke		
NOVEMBER 21 & 22					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Sue Keyes	Tim and Barb Smith	Patti Byce Myra Gapske	***Children's Church:*** Kathy Burton Bonnie Duby Dawn Yakes
9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham	Scott Parkham	Jeff Ciupka Tim Moggie Cathy Kieliszewski Kathy Burton	Janice Boboltz	
10:30 a.m.			Karen Wekwert		
NOVEMBER 28 & 29					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Myra Gapske	John and Linda Snyder	Anita Laub	***Children's Church:*** Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Laycie Paquette
9:00 a.m.	Dawn Yakes	Cathy Kieliszewski	Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Ryan Panknin Paul Kieliszewski	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 November – Marty Cantleberry and Pat Cornelius.



Community Outreach

...Building Bridges of Hope





Worship is for the whole family! At St. Paul Lutheran Church, children are welcome to come, learn, explore, and grow in God's love.



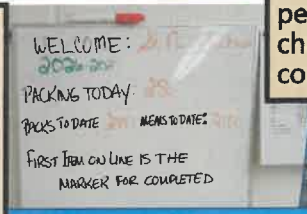
Volunteers came together through St. Paul's Outreach Ministry to pack food for the Feeding Kids Ministry!



Dinner on a Doorknob prepared and delivered meals to celebrate and share God's love to some people in need from our church and within our community.



Scott Brooks of St. Paul Lutheran Church recently presented a check to Christina Kihn for the Friendship Room Program at All Saints Parish.











Celebrating Children's Church! Congratulations to Jayzon on receiving the Children's Church Attendance Award for the last school year!

We had a wonderful time at the community Trunk or Treat on Friday night! Thank you to everyone who came out, volunteered, and helped make this a fun event for families in our community.

The CIA is busy at work with a few projects this fall! One project has been updating our trees. They were working to display these prayers for the congregation to see!







The Forget-Me-Nots attended the matinee performance of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at the Civic Theatre. Everyone enjoyed the excellent performances by the cast and a wonderful time together!

(Left) Pictured are Kathy Shiemke from the Baby Pantry and Scott Brooks from St. Paul Council as St. Paul makes a donation to the Baby Pantry, and Lincoln Elementary School *(Right).*

A huge thank you to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church - Alpena for a generous donation to continue supporting our hungry youth.
Feeding Kids Ministry at RLCA



St. Paul Lutheran Church's Gratitude Lunch Ministry continues to spread kindness throughout our community! Val recently delivered lunch to Stanson Furniture and Flooring *(top left)*, McDonald Cabinetry (*right)* and Ferguson Excavating (*bottom*) to show our appreciation and enjoy a moment of fellowship with the team.



These ladies have been hard at work this week canning sauerkraut for St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar! Their time, effort, and dedication help make this annual fundraiser possible.



The Breakfast Belles gathered for breakfast, as they do every Wednesday morning at JJ's! It's always a blessing to share good conversation, laughter, and fellowship with friends from our St. Paul church family.









The Taste From Home Ministry gathered to assemble six care packages for the military men and women connected to our St. Paul church family! These packages are a small way to remind our service members that they are remembered, appreciated, and cared for by their church family back home.

The Country Chicks were at MediLodge on Thursday morning, bringing smiles, music, and a little country fun to the residents!





The Harvest Dinner was a great success. Thank you for everyone who worked so hard and all who came and enjoyed the delicious meal!

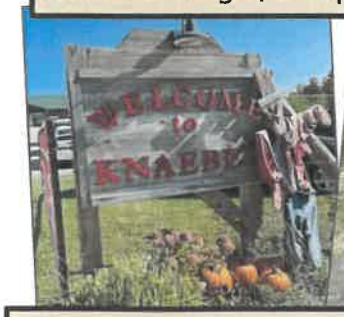






Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fall Festival out at the Johnson camp! It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, share some laughs, and spend time together as a church family.

Thursday Morning, the men met and discussed the message of, "who do you serve?" Join us for good fellowship and food at 7:00 a.m.





The Soul Sisters enjoyed a wonderful outing to Knaebe's Apple Farm! There was great conversation, lots of laughter, and plenty of fellowship on a beautiful fall day.



St. Paul Lutheran Church's Outreach Mission recently made a donation to the Pop-Up Hygiene Closet, helping support their efforts to provide essential hygiene items to those in need in our community.



A big thank you to the Johnson brothers for helping prepare the building for sealing! We appreciate their hard work for our

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