

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Mark Newhouse, Estella Frantz, Michelle Ilsley, Stan Cole, Arnie Kindt, Mark Moll, Linda Kindt, Sally Kosloski, Greg Rouleau, Val Urban, Dennis Diamond, Jeanna Wirgau, Pete Creguer, Annette Wade, Flora Kniffin, Bernice Menck, Jean Shugert, Tim Lamp, Carol Brooks, Marty Conrad, Annette Jones, Jennifer Jones, Hazel Howard, Don Wyman, Gary Nicholls, Geri Wyman, Thelma Connolly, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** Rachael Mayes, Spencer Newhouse, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Hoeksema, Cody Schmidt, Wyatt Boboltz, Alexander Gould, Alex Klonowski, Courtney Marie Moore, Christopher Howard, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Michael Yeager, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Shawn Miller, Adam Schmidt, Justin A. Smith, and Aaron Larson.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:

* Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Pastor Thomas O. Mammoser

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Justice & Peace Efforts at First Congregational UCC Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Irma Kindt who passed away May 8, 2006 from her family.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday (04/29) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (04/30) 9:00 a.m.

Total

About St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministry: We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. If you have any questions please contact Bernie at 595-6835.

BLOOD DRIVE! St. Paul will be sponsoring our annual **Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 10**, at the First Presbyterian Church from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you are able to help the day of the Blood Drive with registration, handing out refreshments or escorting donors to the refreshment station, please call Ann Hardesty at 471-5304. *Thank you!*

This Sunday, May 7th we will kick off our gardening season at Tendercare Alpena on Long Rapids Road. Join us for some light clean-up/gardening for a couple hours after Sunday services. As the old saying goes, "many hands make light work. Some tools will be provided by Tendercare, but bring gloves, water, and any favorite gardening tools if you wish. We are pleased as part of the 'God's work our hands' to adopt part of the beautiful gardens at Tendercare.

We welcome Rev. Gene Bacon, retired pastor of First United Methodist Church, as our worship leader this morning. Pastor Shirley will be back in the office the week of May 15th. If you have a pastoral care emergency after church office hours please call Sister Mary Hughes, (H) 356-1038 or (C) 657-5444; Pastor Chrisy Bright (C) 464-8296 or (H) 471-1045 or Pastor Richard Clapp (C) 464-0431 or (H) 766-8049.

Come join us today after worship for the Adult Sunday School class. *Please note that there will be no class next week, May 14th.*

We welcomed into the kingdom of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (April 29th) **JOHN WILLIAM HOEKSEMA**, son of Geoffrey and Chevie Hoeksema. His sponsors were John Plotzke, Chelsey Schultz and Kim Peralta. His grandparents are Rod and Denise Borchard and Jeff and Amy Hoeksema.

Start saving your treasures for St. Paul Lutheran Church's Garage Sale, which will be held June 9 & 10. This will be a "no clothes, no stuffed furniture, no mattresses, no computers or TVs" garage sale. You may drop off your items anytime and put them in the multi-purpose room closet. Please close boxes so they are stackable and mark "fragile" if necessary. Questions? Call Andrea at 354-3651.

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE to all the members of **St. Paul Lutheran and Grace Lutheran** for making the **2017 Community CELEBRATING and SHARING DINNER** such a joyous occasion! What a wonderful way to foster our mission of sharing God's love and compassion with others. Special thanks to **Jon Benson** and his staff, committee members who began working on this in January, and all of you who supported this endeavor with items for the auction and raffle, pies for the 'Pick-a-Pie,' silent auction, dessert donations, and monetary donations for this celebration. It is with gratitude and appreciation that we acknowledge all that you do to share God's love with one another and extend that love by reaching out into our community...this year's dinner supported the Friendship Room and the Foster Closet!

The total amount of Noisy Offering collected so far, September – April, is \$1849.19. If we are able to collect \$350 in our May offering on May 20/21, we'll be able to send **four** foster children to camp this summer!

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 7 - 14, 2017	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.; Catechism (at Grace Lutheran) – 12:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Stewardship – 5:30 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts - 7:00
<u>WED.</u>	Red Cross Blood Drive at First Presbyterian – 12:00– 6:00 p.m.; Worship Committee – 7:00
<u>THURS.</u>	Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
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