

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Connie Kirchoff, Janet Tomalia, Larry Ewing, Mark Moll, Jennifer Jones, Fannie Diamond, Larry Sumerix, Chuck Timm, Ruth Nensewitz, James Gilmore, Caroline Weise, Shelby Seaver, Joan Mumford, Jerry Gougeon, Ann Arthur, Beverly Attwell, Larry Lafleure, Cindy Nensewitz, Estella Frantz, Stan Cole, Arnie Kindt, Sally Kosloski, Val Urban, Dennis Diamond, Jeanna Wirgau, Pete Creguer, Flora Kniffin, Bernice Menck, Jean Shugert, Carol Brooks, Marty Conrad, Annette Jones, Geri Wyman, Thelma Connolly, and Karen Wallace.

Please call the church office, or have a family member call, if you are in the hospital or need a visit, at 356-1658.

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

* Lutheran Church of the Savior, Kalamazoo, Rev. Andrew Tengwall

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Homebound Parishioners at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday (09/02) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (09/03) 9:00 a.m.

Total

The first day of Sunday School is today at 10:15AM in the multi-purpose room. At this time, you can register your children for Sunday School and meet their teachers. Breakfast will be served for the students and their families. This same weekend at the 9:00 a.m. service our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place.

Welcome new and old choir members. If you like to sing come join us. Rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday. Come join us!

The ELCA's GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Sunday is today. Tendercare Garden Work Bee - Alpena on Long Rapids Road; Please join us from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. for a Garden Work Bee and to socialize with the residents. Greg Altman will be there strumming and singing. Bring your lawn chair, garden tools, water bottle and smiling faces. ALL ARE WELCOME and encouraged to come out for this special day of service to our community.

The 2017 Fall Social will be held on September 16th following the Saturday evening service. There will be music by the Kirchoff Brothers and a baked potato bar and desserts. Join us for a relaxing evening of your favorite music and good food!

The ecumenical **Thirty Days of Peace Prayer Service** will be held at Grace Lutheran Church tonight at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Shirley will be preaching.

The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for September 29th. We could use some help in the kitchen and also with clean up. Call Donna Kensa (464-5385) or Andrea Dutcher (354-3651) to volunteer. If you would like to help in the dining room please call Lori Dziesinski at 590-8568.

Has This Ever Happened to You? The ushers come forward to begin the Offertory collection. You lean over and ask your spouse if he/she has the envelope? He/She replies that it was on the table to put in your pocket/purse. Ooops!! No envelope to give this week! In the rush of getting off to church, we all forget the envelope once in a while. Check out an easier way to give – **Simply Giving.** It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your list! As we move toward our Commitment weekend (September 30/October 1) please consider joining other members who use the Simply Giving option. Ask any Stewardship Committee member for information.

Attention Committees, Scouts, and Groups: The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, October 15, with a Potluck Brunch at 10:30 a.m. followed by the meeting. The deadline to submit your committee reports for the Annual Meeting is September 15th.

Everyone is invited to join us for an interesting and informative DVD presentation by Rick Steves entitled "Luther and the Reformation." It will be held on Wednesday, **September 20 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. Refreshments will be served

The September Service Activity is Bingo Prizes for Samaritas Affordable Living. The items we will be collecting are Smaller size canned food items (soups, fruits, etc.), pastas and snack crackers, single serving snack items (Jello, pudding, fruits), smaller packages of paper products (tissues, toilet paper, baggies, Ziploc bags), dish towels, dish cloths, greeting cards and stamps. You may include any other items you might think they would enjoy. Please leave items in the baskets provided in the Narthex, at the top of the stairs by the side entrance and in the Fellowship hall in the basement.

The September Newsletters are in the Narthex.

<i>WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 10 - 17, 2017</i>	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m. – Blessing of the Backpacks; Rally Day – 10:15 a.m.; God Work Our Hands Day – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 30 Days of Peace – Grace Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Spirituality Team Mtg. (Library) – 12:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Stewardship – 5:30 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts–7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Choir – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Newsletter Deadline
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.; 2017 Fall Social – right after the service
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.