

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Sally VanMassenhove, Dennis Johnson, Janet Tomalia, Connie Kirchoff, Larry Ewing, Mark Moll, Jennifer Jones, Fannie Diamond, Larry Sumerix, Chuck Timm, Ruth Nensewitz, 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. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Bill Welk, Ruthelma Smith, Edna Miller, Earl DeRosia, Vivian Straley, Ruth Robb, Betty Kollin, Virginia Kraft, Ilse Kuhl, Marion Seguin, Virginia Beaulieu, Clarice Belaire, Alice Haddy, Flora Kniffin, Alfred and Anna Mae Boboltz.

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:

* Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaleva, Rev. Zachary Nelson

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Prayer Chain at First Congregational UCC.

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

The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for September 29th. Plan now to attend. You may get your tickets at the church office. 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.

We will have our fifth annual **Blessing of the Animals Service** in the St. Paul parking lot next Saturday, **October 7th** at 10:30 a.m. Plan now to attend.

The date for the Annual Meeting has been set for October 15th. A potluck brunch will be held after worship with the meeting following. *Plan now to attend.*

Stewardship Season is a very special time of year when we prayerfully plan for God's ministry in the coming year. This Stewardship Season, let us take a heartfelt look at the God who works in our lives daily, powerfully, and often very quietly, and learn that we really can trust God! Please prayerfully consider your giving and plan for our commitment weekend September 30 and October 1. Commitment cards will be distributed and collected during each service.

Time to get working on your donations for the Chinese Raffle at the annual church Bazaar. Homemade items, themed baskets, and gift cards are some ideas. Call Kendra at 989-657-3875 if you are planning to donate anything or if you have questions on items that could be used.

Please get all those unused board games and books to the church for the book nook at the Bazaar in November. Children's toys and books are always a big hit with the smaller shoppers! If you have stuff you can't get to the church you can call a Bazaar Committee member and they will arrange for someone to pick it up. Thank you!

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 1, 2017	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.; 30 Days of Peace “Sacred Creation” at First United Methodist Church – 5:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts–7:00 p.m. (Pack Meeting)
<u>THURS.</u>	Stitched Together (Lounge) – 11:00 a.m.; Choir – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Harvest Dinner – Two Seatings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m. (Stewardship)
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