

*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, 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, 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, and Justin A. Smith. *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:

\* Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Kent City, Rev. Matt Deames, Intentional Interim

**This week we join in prayer** with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Howard Kelm who passed away on September 30, 1997 from his wife Harriett and daughters, Connie Blanchard and Pat Cornelius.

#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday (09/23) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (09/24) 9:00 a.m.

Total

**Our Fall Social was a great evening of fun and fellowship!** Thank you to the Kirchoff Brothers for the wonderful music. Thank you to Barb/Dick Parfitt, Bo/Geri Hanson, Annie Olsen, and Gary/Barb Spragg for all their work preparing & helping. To all who donated, brought desserts, and gifts for the raffle. We raised \$743 which will be used at the picnic grounds for sidewalks in the Spring.

**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!

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

**The adult discussion group is meeting in the lounge** following worship on Sunday morning. They will be discussing, "The Lutheran Deck of Cards – Playing Our Best Hand in the 21st Century." You're invited to join them for coffee, baked goods, and fellowship.

**The date for the Annual Meeting has been set for October 15<sup>th</sup>.** A potluck brunch will be held after worship with the meeting following.

**The Luther Movie Event will be held on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. *Come join us.*

**Who is afraid of change? Have you ever made a commitment and not been able to keep it?** We often find ourselves unable to try something new because we are not sure we understand a process. I'm sure we have all missed a Sunday from time to time, but have not set our pledge aside to give at a later date. Simply giving assures that your pledge is met, and the church budget is kept on track. It is as safe as your paychecks being deposited. **NO MEMBER OF ANY COMMITTEE** is able see any account information or amount pledged. Just contact the church office to set up this easy way of giving today!!

**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.

**The October Service Activity is Homeless Children of Alpena.** The items needed are warm winter clothing, such as socks, mittens, hats, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, for any school age child. 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.

**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 contact Bernie at 595-6835.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 1 - 8, 2017</b>	
<b><u>SUN.</u></b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m. (Stewardship); Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.
<b><u>MON.</u></b>	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<b><u>TUES.</u></b>	Esther Circle – 12:30 p.m.; T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 7:00 p.m.
<b><u>WED.</u></b>	Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.; Worship Committee – 7:00 p.m.
<b><u>THURS.</u></b>	Lois Circle – 11:30 a.m.; Samaritas/HC – 1:30 p.m.; Quilt Group – 5:00 p.m.; Choir – 6:00
<b><u>SAT.</u></b>	Blessing of the Animals – 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<b><u>SUN.</u></b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.; Education Committee – 11:15 a.m.; Catechism (St. Paul) – 12:30 p.m.