

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Becky Seabase, Glen Kett, Ken Weiler, Kayla LaHaie, Sally Muszynski, Judy Barry, Glen Radka, Kevin Kranzo, Bev Attwell, Dennis Johnson, Mark Moll, Jennifer Jones, Fannie Diemond, Ruth Nensewitz, Larry Lafleure, Cindy Nensewitz, Estella Frantz, Arnie Kindt, Sally Kosloski, 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, Abigail Miller, Adam Schmidt, and Justin A. Smith.

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

- * Bethany Lutheran Church, Ludington, Rev. William Huether
- * New England Synod, Massachusetts, Bishop James Hazelwood

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for all those who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of my grandparents, Dick and Clara Firsch, from Kathy Burton and family.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday (11/25) 5:30 p.m.
Sunday (11/26) 9:00 a.m.
Total

The Wednesday Advent services are December 6, 13 and 20. Worship is at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Put these dates on your calendar and take time to quietly and reflectively prepare your hearts for Jesus to be born anew in you this Advent/Christmas season.

An interesting and informative DVD presentation by Rick Steves, entitled **“European Christmas”** will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th at 12:30 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.**

Mark Your Calendars! The Children’s Sunday School Christmas program, entitled “The Greatest Story NEVER Told,” will be on Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m. Come out and enjoy this special service.

LARCC and Pax Christi of Alpena will sponsor an Advent Prayer Service entitled: Emanuel Come Into Our Lives, on Thursday, December 7 at 6PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Alpena. All are invited to attend.

A Blue Christmas Service will be Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. This service offers a sacred place for those who are grieving losses or struggling with difficulties during the holiday season. Come and experience the healing presence of God’s love.

The **Christmas Eve Services** will be at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24th. Holy Communion will be served at both services. We will also have services at 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Eve Day and New Year’s Eve morning, and Saturday services at 5:30 p.m. on December 23 and 30.

Pastor is aware of people who are in need of help during the Christmas season. If you’re able to help meet the needs of those in our community, a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund would be a wonderful and much appreciated way of sharing God’s compassion and love with others.

Our December Service Activity is Sunrise Mission. Items Needed: Deodorant, razors, shaving cream, hand soap (liquid), queen and single size sheets and pillow cases, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, garbage bags, laundry soap, fabric softener, dish soap, feminine supplies shampoo, diapers and wipes (any sizes), car donations, meat (for the freezer) or canned meat, Dial-A-Ride money, towels and wash cloths, coffee and creamer, and funds are always welcome for our General Fund. 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. Any questions please contact Mary Anne Kucharek at 354-3757.

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.

<i>WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 3 - 10, 2017</i>	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Sunday School– 10:15 a.m.; Catechism Class at St. Paul - 12:30
<u>MON.</u>	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts–7:00 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Advent Worship – 11:00 a.m. (followed by lunch); “European Christmas” DVD Presentation – 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Lois Circle – 11:30 a.m.; Samaritas/HC – 1:30 p.m.; Quilt Group – 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.; Blue Christmas Service – 4:00 p.m.