

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Val Urban, Glen Kett, Ken Weiler, Kayla LaHaie, Sally Muszynski, Judy Barry, Glen Radka, Kevin Kranzo, Dennis Johnson, Mark Moll, Jennifer Jones, 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.

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

* Emanuel Lutheran Church, Ludington, Rev. Domingo Shriver/Episcopal

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

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Fannie Mae Diemond who joined our Lord in eternity December 1, 2017. Her funeral service was held December 5th at St. Paul Lutheran.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of our Mom on her birthday from Geri & Bodo Hanson, Barb Crittenden, and Madelyn & Steve Precour.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday (12/02) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (12/03) 9:00 a.m.

Total

A Blue Christmas Service will be today 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 Wednesday Advent services continue on December 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.

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

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. in the morning on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Day, 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.

As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep St. Paul Lutheran Church in mind. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses – both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For the convenience of church members, we offer online giving. To donate visit the church website at stpaul.org, locate the link to our online giving page and follow the instructions, or call Linda at the church office, 356-1658.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 10 - 17, 2017

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.; Blue Christmas Service - 4:00
<u>MON.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Bazaar Meeting – 7:00
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Stewardship– 5:30 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts–7:00 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Advent Worship – 11:00 a.m. (followed by a luncheon); LARCC – 2:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	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. – Children's Christmas Program