

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Maryann and Roger White, Val Urban, Glen Kett, Kayla LaHaie, Sally Muszynski, Judy Barry, Dennis Johnson, Mark Moll, Jennifer Jones, Ruth Nensewitz, 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. *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:

* Trinity Lutheran Church, Manton, Rev. Rosanne Anderson

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

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Barb Spragg who joined our Lord in eternity December 18, 2017.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday (12/16) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (12/17) 9:00 a.m.

Total

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.

Christmas Bazaar Update: THANK YOU for your time, donations, and support in making St. Paul 2017 Christmas Bazaar such a huge success! \$920 was tithed to Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. \$9500.00 was donated to the General Fund at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The Stitched Together group will not meet in December.

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 New Year's Eve Day, and Saturday service at 5:30 p.m. on December 30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Our Epiphany Candlelight Dessert** will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on *Saturday, January 6, 2018* at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to make a dessert or to host a table please contact Doreen Kriniak at 916-9172. Make plans now to attend and invite a friend. You won't want to miss it! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Please sign up by December 31st** as that will help us with the planning process. *Thank you.*

Thank you, thank you to the Decorating Committee for all their hours and hours of hard work in making the church so beautiful this Christmas season.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.

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. Any questions please contact Mary Anne Kucharek at 354-3757.

The Church Office will be closed Christmas through January 1st.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 24 - 31, 2017	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Christmas Eve Services - 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Merry Christmas!
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts–7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Lessons and CarolsWorship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.