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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

CREATES AND SHARES GOD'S LOVE
AND COMPASSION

727 South Second Avenue



2025 Theme:
Lord Lead Us in Faith

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Personnel Committee



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Special points of interest:

- **"Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and angels know of us."**
- **"When the name, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church," is spoken in our community, what do people hear?"**
- **"Speak the name of Jesus knowing his name is above all names, in all seasons which will inspire each of us to a life worth living."**

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St. Paul Epistle

What Is In a Name?

Saints at St. Paul,

Isaiah 9:6 states, *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* *"The name of Jesus is above all names,"* Philippians 2:9. So what is in a name?

My brother's name is Michael, and he served for 20 years in the USAF as a Physician Assistant. In one tour he served in RAF Menwith Hill, England. When people heard his last name (Shipman), they would invariably ask, "Are you related to Harold Shipman?" When he first heard the question, he didn't know who Harold Shipman was, but after a quick internet search he found out that Harold was a prolific serial killer. After a brief time, and this question being asked of him almost daily, he started to say, "Do you mean Uncle Harold?" This comment was meant to inspire

laughter, but it usually inspired fear.

When your name is spoken, what does it inspire? Laughter, fear or respect? What is in a name?

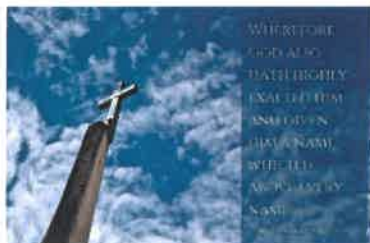
Thomas Paine was a founding father, inventor and a philosopher. He stated, "Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and angels know of us." If there is a large disconnect in this understanding from reputation to character, I ask that you pray for God to inspire your life and the name you bear. Al Kirchoff said that his name was a burden, and that he felt he needed to live up to expectations. I celebrate his comment because there are people who cannot see the importance of their name and live a life without integrity.

My grandfather-in-law, Marvin Davis, had a name and a reputation of being

honest, fair, and faithful. He served on various boards in central Wisconsin, and he lived his life knowing he made a difference. In his final years of life, a fencing company took advantage of his medical condition and erected a fence that was much different than that

which was advertised. His son spoke with him about the shoddy workmanship and the lies in advertising. His son told him to stop payment on the check. Marvin stated, "Please don't take that action for it is my name and my reputation that are on the line when I signed that document to erect that fence. They have to live with their shame."

When the name, "St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church," is spoken in our community, what do people hear? Do you speak our name at all? I have been approached by so many people with words of thanks and praise about all we are accomplishing and few people with negativity and anger.



What Is In a Name? Continued

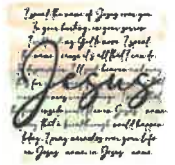
Several years ago we had a billboard proclaiming grace and mercy as people entered our community. We are called in the name of Jesus to be active in faith and celebrate the ministry and mission given to us through genera-



tions of service and sacrifice who bear the same name. St. Paul and our Scouting America group were honored by our community for being a beacon of hope. We had 184 people (average) in worship in the

month of June, we had multiple events to inspire our Congregation and our community in faithfulness. Speak the name of Jesus knowing his name is above all names, in all seasons which will inspire each of us to a life worth living.

- Pastor John



CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jessica O'Neil - President (Education)
Val Urban - Vice-President (Stewardship)
Donna Kensa - Secretary (Property)
Bernadine Wagner - Treasurer
Andrea Dutcher (Personnel)
Scott Brooks (Outreach)
Cathy Kieliszewski (Worship)
Danielle McDonald (Small Group Ministry - Women)
Scott Parkham (Property)
Phil Wickstrom (Small Group Ministry - Men)

Their area of responsibility is in parentheses.

Church Council monthly reports are available in the office.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Hi, my name is Andrea (Werner) Dutcher. I'm 69 years old and retired from Dr. Geoffrey Carter's office, where I worked for 40 years as a dental assistant.



I have been a member of St. Paul all my life, I was baptized here, confirmed, and married Steven Dutcher on June 7, 1980. My parents, siblings, grandparents, husband, husbands' parents, his grandparents and our children have all been a part of St. Paul history. So, I am a lifelong member and happy my ancestors choose this church!

Over the years I have been an active member. I was serving on the church council when we went through the split and I was

appointed by Bishop Schleicher to a committee, regarding combining the Michigan synods. My leadership vision is extensive having served on the Outreach, Education, Property committees, Trust and Endowment Fund, and four different Call Committees. In my time at St. Paul, I taught Sunday School, was superintendent of the Sunday School, led Vacation Bible School, and served on Altar Care, and as an Usher.

Currently I serve on the Worship, Personnel, and the Bazaar committees, the Crafters, and the Kitchen Krew. I lead the rummage sale, and co-chair the Harvest Dinner. I'm a Eucharistic Minister,

help in the Little Worship Center, and sing in the choir.

I served for several years on the Personnel committee, which we can agree is an important responsibility. Based upon information from other council leaders, we decide on salaries and other personnel issues that are important for the future of the ministry at St. Paul.

Outside of church, Steve and I enjoy lake life, boating fishing and enjoying nature. I travel to Grand Rapids frequently to see my children and grandchildren. I enjoy reading, crocheting, knitting, baking and getting together with family and friends.

Andrea Dutcher
Council Member





Nena's Notes

As August approaches I am getting ideas together for the upcoming planning retreat where activities, movies, Bible Studies, etc. are planned for September 2025 thru August 2026. I am reminded of the music composed by Wilhelm Richard Wagner titled, "Flight of the Valkyries." The music starts slowly and then builds and builds into a musical movement with



great force and intensity. Similarly, I am quietly assembling ideas and beginning to prepare for this upcoming year, with the hope that the planning will result in an increased vision and passion for sharing God's love with each other and in our community.

I encourage you each to look at your plans for the remainder of this year and

into 2026. What are you planning to do to deepen your faith, share the love of Christ to others, and enrich your areas of ministry at St Paul? As the music in "Flight of the Valkyries," let God's love in your heart increase in force and passion, and you will be surprised where God will lead you. Children of God, "Turn up the volume!"



Jackie's Jump Start

My Jump Start for August is using your gifts and talents for the glory of God. My sisters and I spent a couple of days last month at Houghton Lake, the town we grew up in and where my parents' house is. My Father passed away in February 2024 and my mom in January of this year. As we were in their house trying to figure out our next steps, we had a wonderful time of reflection, tears, laughter, filled with thankful-

ness for both of our parents' lives! They were amazing people who loved God, their family, and friends (and people in general) wholeheartedly. They showed extreme hospitality and were always there to help anyone who needed it.

So, I have been challenged once again to use my talents for the Lord, as our lives are short... There are so many

ways at St. Paul to serve our church family and community. We have a "Dynamic Ministry Opportunities" brochure, located in the foyer, which has a comprehensive list of the ministries to get involved in here at St. Paul.

Please check it out.

As always, if you have any questions, you may con-

tact me via email or call me at the office (989) 356-1658.

jumpstart



Ray of Sonshine

The Ray of Sonshine sends out cards of encouragement to 52 congregational members monthly. If you have a

few spare minutes a month and would like to help encourage others, please contact Diane Busuttill (586-

612-7081) or Shirley Kowalski (989-351-9643).



Adam's Advice Hub (AHH)

People of St. Paul, Do you have a difficult time hearing people or shows? Did you know your iPhone can help you hear more clearly in group settings—especially when there's no microphone or sound system in place?

Live Listen is a built-in feature on iPhones that will allow you to use your phone as a remote microphone, sending sound directly to your AirPods, select Beats earbuds, or Made for iPhone (MFi) hearing aids. It can be incredibly



helpful during meetings, Bible studies, or even worship settings where the speaker is a bit hard to hear.

Here's how to turn it on:

Make sure your earbuds or hearing aids are connected via Bluetooth.

Go to Settings > Control Center.

Scroll down and tap the green plus (+) next to "Hearing" to add it to your Control Center.

Open Control Center (swipe down from the top-right corner of the screen). Tap the ear icon and select Live Listen.

You can now place your phone closer to the speaker, and it will pick up the audio and transmit it to your

earbuds—letting you listen from across the room (within Bluetooth range). Different earbud models vary in how far they can stay connected.

As our devices continue to evolve, they offer more tools for accessibility, communication, and connection.

If you'd like help setting up Live Listen or want advice on making better use of your tech for ministry or personal use, feel free to reach out!

Contact: media@stpaul.org



A Salute to our Veterans



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran is sponsoring, "A Salute to our Veterans."

On Saturday, September 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. a free meal will be provided to all veterans. Zoo's Tasty Eat'z will be set up in our

parking lot.



July Servant Leaders

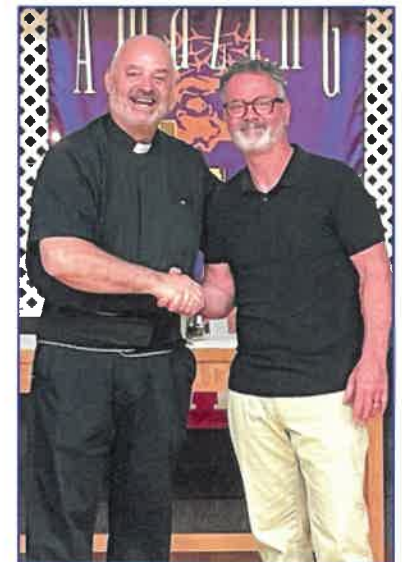


Zully Dameworth



Christina Kihn

Our Servant leaders of the month of July are very special, and they inspire the church to greater heights. We celebrate with Zully Dameworth, Christina Kihn and Rob Elder this month. They all received a coin to celebrate this special moment.



Rob Elder



Seek and Find Adventure

Come out to the County Fair this year from August 9th-17th. Pastor John is hoping to have some fun as you find him there. Much like a living "Where's

Waldo," without glasses or stripped shirt... If you find Pastor John you will win an elephant ear. Pastor John will put the information on Facebook when he arrives and

when he departs. Hope to see you seek and find me there.



Adopt-A-Highway

Please save the last date of the season for our ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY MDOT clean up. It will be on Sunday, September 28th.

We will meet at our church to view the video at noon, prior to venturing out for the clean up at our



location on M-32.

Hope you can be there to help with this project! All are welcome!!!

Stephen Ministry

Several of the Stephen Ministers have recently attended workshops on Dementia and have relayed information back to the group in continuing education sessions.

The Stephen Ministry Team is assembling servant leaders to train as new Stephen Ministers to



meet the needs of our congregation. Please be in prayer for those God is prompting to provide hope to the hopeless, vision for the spiritually blind, and care for a person in need that they will listen to God's call. Stephen Ministers

come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Please contact Sue Keyes, Shirley Jones, or Nena Shipman for more information on this vital ministry.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2

Misplaced Printer

If anyone has relocated a printer from the Vestry, please put it



back in the Vestry or

call the church office. Thanks so much.

Dorothy Carr Fridays

St. Paul is happy to announce a special event happening every Friday (in the summer) from 10:00-12:00. Dorothy Carr is coming to the office to share stories,

talk about old times, and to share the love of God with everyone who would like to come to the church office. Dorothy served as our church secretary for many years. Please come

and make this time special.



Exploring Possibilities

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is an amazing place of growth and opportunity. Three sons and a



daughter of St. Paul are exploring the possibility of serving as a Pastor in the ELCA. Scott, Phil, Jared and Danielle ask for your prayers as

they continue their journey into God's future. We rejoice that Jared and Danielle had the opportunity to lead worship. If you are interested/feel called to serve in this capacity, please speak with Pastor John.



Confirmation

Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you." Confirmation is the rite at which a baptized person, especially one baptized as an infant, affirms Christian belief and is admitted as

a full member of the Church. Classes begin in September. Please contact Pastor John if you/your child



will be attending this year. Classes are for 7th and 8th graders, but special allowances can be made to accommodate other students.



August Service Activity - Besser Elementary School

The August Service Activity is Besser Elementary School. Items needed: Expo markers, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, glue, water bottles, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, headphones, Post-it notes, colored popsicle sticks, manilla folders,



Ziploc bags (snack or sandwich size), red pens, pencil cap erasers, brown or white lunch paper bags, stickers, Dum Dums suckers, snacks, Playdough, paper towels, sponges, ice packs, band aids, coffee filters (to hold

snacks), Dollar Tree gift cards (used to purchase incentives for the classroom), socks, underwear (all sizes) hair ties, sweat pants (smaller sizes) and plastic folders with three prongs in the center. Please leave your donations on the altar.



4th of July Float

We celebrate all the hard work in association with the 4th of July Parade this year. What a joy to be part of this ministry expression.





SMALL GROUPS

Sharing Life, Living Christ's Love



Small Groups - Women



The Breakfast Belles

meet each week at JJ's. All women are invited to be at JJ's, on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Remember the first breakfast is free!

Attention All Women — If you are interested in Fly Fishing please contact Pastor John.

"The Forget Me Nots" (Women 70 and

older) will next meet for a picnic lunch and conversation on Tuesday, August 5th at noon at the church picnic grounds. Please bring a lunch and beverage and join us for food, fellowship, and enjoyment of the out-of-doors. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, call Ann at 989-590-2055.

"The Soul Sisters"

(Women 50-70) The Soul Sisters are kayaking on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month this sum-

mer. In August we will meet at 5:30 p.m. on August 12th and 26th at Sytek Park, by Bagley Street Bridge. All women are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please call Sue Robb at 989-590-7611.

SALT Sisters Adoring Light and Truth (Women 18-45) will meet soon. Please watch your bulletin and Facebook for more details.

Come and be inspired, share your ideas and be open to God's possibilities.

Small Group - Men



The Men of St. Paul and friends are still meeting at JJ's at 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This has been a great time of

discussion and celebration of God at work in the church. Come and be part of

this gospel expression.

BoB (Band of Brothers)

is currently meeting quarterly and is for men who are 18-45.



Small Group - Singles



Singles at St. Paul are meeting the first Thursday of the month. So, in August we will meet on August 7th at 5:30 p.m. in Pastor John's office.

We will have a short time of study and then we will travel to a local business, restaurant, etc. for some time of relaxed conversation.

Please come and be part of this ministry and invite your friends. It is open to all singles from 18-100.

Dynamic Duo—Couples

The Dynamic Duo Ministry (Couples Focused Small group events) will meet each quarter to have fun together as couples. Mark your calendars for our Couple's Events throughout the year.



Join the Dynamic Duo Couple Ministry at the Shipmans (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a Wine Tasting on Friday, August 22nd, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite

bottle of wine (or 2) and an appetizer or dessert to share. Questions: Contact Karen Wekwert or Amy Wickstrom.

You can register with this QR code.



August Birthdays



August Anniversaries

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Christmas Bazaar Meeting



The first Christmas Bazaar Kick-Off meeting will be

on Monday, August 11th at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the lounge and everyone is welcome.





The month of August we will focus on the Personnel Committee. These servant leaders ensure those who serve at St. Paul (as employees) are supported and inspired in their Ministry within our congregation.

God's Work. Our Hands

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

annual day of service, "God's work Our hands."

to serve and love our neighbor.

Be sure to save the date and check [ELCA.org/DayOfService](https://elca.org/DayOfService) for updated resources soon.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 7, 2025, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA—one church, freed in Christ



Hope Shores Alliance

Hope Shores Alliance is an agency in Alpena that helps in our community, supporting of people who have experienced violence in their homes or lives. St Paul

Lutheran has opened our doors to be a drop off point for this organization (on the third floor).



Thanks to everyone who is part of this important ministry.



Adult Education Opportunities

Please contact the office if you would like to



study a certain topic or book within

the Bible in the academic year of 2025 - 2026.

Home Visits

Pastor John would like to visit with you in your home. He has visited many people already and now he wants you to call the office and schedule a time for him to come to your house. The visit is

usually no more than an hour. This is a special time to talk about whatever is upon your heart and mind. Our administrative assistants have Pastor John's calendar and they will work with

you to find a time. Pastor John will meet with you in the afternoon or early evening as well. Pastor John looks forward to time together with you.





Worship on the Beach

We will celebrate Worship on the Beach two more times this summer at our beach property. Join us the last Saturday of each month (August 30th, and September 27th) at 7:00 p.m. This service will proclaim the gospel and celebrate

the promises of God outdoors. You are invited to bring a friend, a beverage of choice, a lawn chair, snacks and a joyful spirit. Saturday night services will continue at 5:30 p.m. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30 p.m. The service and time of fellowship will last from

7:00-9:00 p.m. If there is rain, we will reschedule. If you would like to help in this process, please speak with Pastor John. We hope you will take part in this worship experience.



Fireside Chats

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Rd.) for fireside chat on August 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life,

hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). This is a gift from Nena and me, so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15

minutes or for 2 hours.

See you for the next chat on Sunday, July 27th!



40th Wedding Anniversary

Please mark your calendar...Pastor John and Miss Nena are celebrating 40 years of Marriage in September. We are inviting everyone we know to come out for the fireside chat (September 28th) at

our home, 1921 Long Rapids Road. Come and celebrate with us. Food, drinks, laughter and sharing stories will be provided. If you would like to bring a dish to pass we would celebrate this gift.



New Members Classes

New Members Classes will take place as needed/requested. We rejoice in the people who

want to join our congregation and take a greater role in leading this congregation forward into God's

future. Please call the church office to make an appointment to speak with Pastor John.



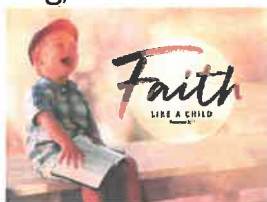


Children's Church and Little's Worship Center

During the Contemporary, 10:30 a.m. service we have Children's Church (another name for Sunday School). Parents and children are invited to the 10:30 a.m. service and after a prayer and a song, the children will go with Miss Nena and the Children's

Church Team for Children's Church. This learning opportunity is a time of learning, cele-

bration, and fun while allowing parents to worship. The children will meet for about 40 minutes and then return to the 10:30 a.m. service for the final song. Please share this opportunity with your friends and family.



St Paul "Little's Worship Center" is also open during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

This Worship Center is available for our Little Ones under 3 years of

age, where they can experience God's love through our Servant Leader's care and compassion.

If you have small ones that would like to participate, please swing by the Worship Center located across from the little chapel in the lower level. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping to care for these small ones.



Friendship Room

The Friendship Room is currently in need of volunteers. You will need a background check. Please call the current Director, Christina Kihn if interested, at 989-884-1060.

The Friendship Room is a soup kitchen in Alpena where one can receive a meal and a warm, welcoming environment of friendship where all are welcome at the table to be nourished in both body and soul.

The staff and volunteers welcome over 75-80 people each day.

For more information about service hours, volunteering, and other resources, please contact the Friendship Room: (989) 354-8018.

"Strikes" Spark Compassion

Join us for a Bowling Event "Strikes Spark Compassion" on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Thunder Bowl Lanes. Please come out to bowl (\$60) 4 - person team, be a lane sponsor (\$75) or an event sponsor (\$100). There will be a prize for the individual for most additional funds raised.

With the bowling you get a pizza and a pitcher of pop. There will also be a Chinese Raffle and 50-50 during the event.

This is a fund raiser for St. Paul Church to raise \$60,000.00 to preserve the 100-year old brick exterior of the church from further deterioration. This needs to be done to keep the moisture out of the

brick and mortar, which is leaking into the church. Please contact the church office or Val Urban, 989-916-5560 if you have any questions. You can register online - see QR code below.



Stitches of Joy

"Stitches of Joy" will not meet during the summer months. They will resume gathering in September. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, which will be September 18th. This group gathers to sew projects that will be distributed

throughout the community in honor of Joy "Shirley" Brooks. Joy's faith and generosity was witnessed throughout our church and we want to continue that gift. We create things such as bags, blankets, pillowcases for those in

need. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 989-464-0204.



Fellowship

The fellowship for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday night service meets at 4:30 p.m. for drinks and baked goods until 5:20 p.m. The fellowship for the 9:00 a.m. service and the 10:30 a.m. service will occur in-



between the service times. Come and share your life with the people with whom you worship. This ministry is celebration and I ask that you help by leading a fellowship time.

Volunteers are needed to host this ministry at our church. If you are interested please contact Janice at 989-356-4834



Engage Your Enthusiasm

E.Y.E. (Engage Your Enthusiasm) ministry - Everyone has a vision for the ministry at St. Paul. I hope you will share the events of the church through

your eyes. Please appoint an E.Y.E. representative for each event so nothing will be



missed and your event will be promoted on our various digital sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

Pastoral Acts



Thank you to the following people for their donation in memory of:

Don Urban Sr.
Skeeter & Val Urban

Wayne Bobolz
Lois Brockenbrough
Jerry & Bonnie Gougeon
Janice Boboltz

Memorials

Elaine Medor
Patti Byce

Ralph Diemond
Patti Byce

Also, a donation was made in honor of Richard and Phyllis Genschaw, on their 60th year Wedding Anniversary.



Congratulations!



Celebrated the promises of God with Justin and Samantha Timm on July 12th, the day of their wedding. Continue to pray for them and their life together.

Date & Service	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Fellowship Volunteer	Children's Church and Little's Worship Workers
AUGUST 2 & 3					10:30
5:30 p.m.	Phil Wickstrom	Phil Wickstrom	Dawn Grzeskowiak Michael Yakes	Sue Robb	Children's Church: Karen Wekwert, Amy DeRosia, Sue Robb Little's Worship: Andrea Dutcher Evie & Mia Bicker
9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones	Shirley Jones	Dennis Dziesinski Barb Szczesniak Owen Werth Paul Kieliszewski		
10:30 a.m.			Karen Wekwert		
AUGUST 9 & 10					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Myra Gapske	John & Linda Snyder	Joan Smolinski	Children's Church: Joanne Huggler, Rita Chase, Ashley MacKay, Jean Johnson Little's Worship: Danielle McDonald & Youth Group, Cathy K.
9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham	Scott Parkham	Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Ryan Panknin Kathy Burton	Joanne Huggler Rita Chase	
10:30 a.m.			Janet Freeman		
AUGUST 16 & 17					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Sue Keyes	Tim & Barb Smith	Patti Byce Myra Gapske	Children's Church: Jesse & Jessica O'Neil Cathy Kieliszewski Nena Shipman Little's Worship: Joanne Huggler Rita Chase
9:00 a.m.	Dawn Grzeskowiak	Dawn Grzeskowiak	Cathy Kieliszewski Roy Wekwert Tim Moggie Richard Miller	Laurie Stafford	
10:30 a.m.			Carla Steinke		
AUGUST 23 & 24					
5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt	Carol Kindt	Bruce Anschuetz	Anita Laub	Children's Church: Sue Robb, Kathy Burton, Nena Shipman, Bonnie Duby Little's Worship: Ophelia Steinke Ashley MacKay
9:00 a.m.	Phil Wickstrom	Phil Wickstrom	Jeff Ciupka Ryan Panknin Paul Kieliszewski Barb Szczesniak	Janice Boboltz	
10:30 a.m.			Saydee Cline		
AUGUST 30 & 31					
5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur	Iris Arthur	Patti Byce Jimmy Nensewitz	Janice Boboltz	Children's Church: Ashley MacKay, Cathy Kieliszewski, Nena Shipman, Bonnie Duby Little's Worship: Jesse & Jessica O'Neil
9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones	Cheri Fletcher	Roy Wekwert Kathy Burton Jesse & Jessica O'Neil		
10:30 a.m.					

We are looking for Assisting Ministers and Lectors, Acolytes and Ushers for our worship services.

If you are interested in serving at either service, please contact the church office at (989) 356-1658.

Altar Care for the month of August – Patti Byce and Carol Kindt





Community Outreach

...Building Bridges of Hope



The worship on the beach was a joyful expression of hope. Thanks to everyone who came out for the worship and fellowship.

Teaching fly fishing was a joy. The B.O.B. fish fry was truly special. Thanks to Roy, Tom and Phil for their culinary expertise.



We thank God for Laura Peterson and her family. This was their final Sunday at St. Paul. Please keep them in prayer during this transition time.



Dick Parfitt

Jean Johnson



Sports Unlimited is celebrating 50 years of service to our community. I stopped by to offer a blessing on them during this time of celebration.

Colton stopped by to talk and he gave me some, "Awesome Sauce," goldfish and he received some Kids of the Kingdoms tee shirts (thanks to Sandy Samp).

Jeanne Teshka

Linda Collins

Shirley Jones

The RACK M (Random Acts of Caring/Kindness Ministry) rejoiced several times in June/July with people celebrating significant milestone birthdays! Wish them a happy birthday.

(Right) Celebrating 10 years on July 4th. Way to go Jessica and Jesse!



Janice Boboltz and Juliana Specht



Thank you leaders for helping prep for the parade.



More work accomplished on the float. Thanks to these Servant Leaders.



Nena and I celebrated the day God called Tami to life with family and friends. Please wish Tami a birthday blessing and keep her in prayer.

I had a wonderful time visiting with members recently and sharing sacred moments. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in strength and courage.



Shirley Burnham

Geraldine Rhoads

Mabel Townsend

Ryan Panknin

Joan Smolinski

Jean Johnson

Rickie Kindt



Karen Wallace

Gus Schultz & Grandchildren

Norm Dutcher

Dorothy Carr

Geraldine Wyman

Evelyn Green



Lee & Ann Werth

Scholarship from St. Paul Ev. Lutheran was awarded to Katie Bushey. I celebrate her hard work and her desire to continue on in the educational process.

We remember our friend Bodo on the anniversary of his passing. Please keep Geri in your prayers during this time of remembrance and sorrow.

The County Commissioners honored our Scouting America Troop for their efforts during the ice storm. Give them a huge shout out. Thanks to Jessica O'Neil for representing the church.



Nena and I celebrated with Evan McDonald at his Graduation Party. Please keep all our graduates in prayer.

Please be in prayer for this outstanding servant leader (Phil Wickstrom). We gathered for lunch to speak about ministry.

The Outreach Committee met to discuss the mission for 2025. Please keep these servant leaders in your prayers.

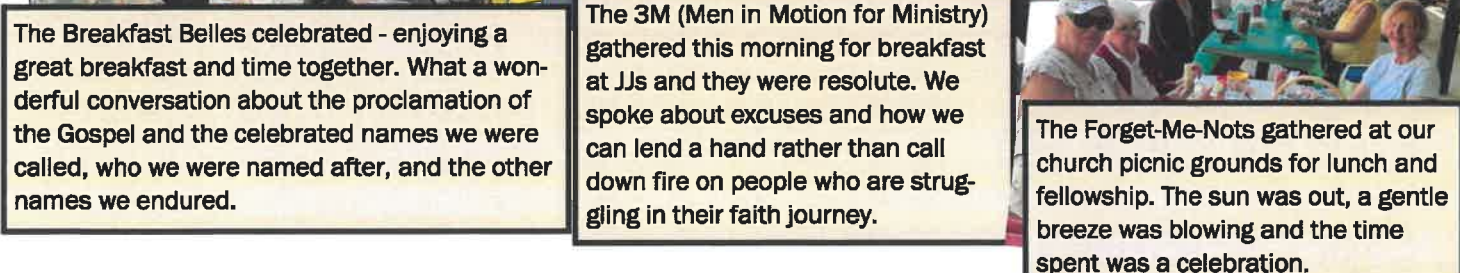
The County Commissioners honored St. Paul Ev. Lutheran for their efforts during the ice storm. Give a huge shout out. Thanks to Jessica O'Neil and Scott Brooks for giving their time.



The Breakfast Belles celebrated - enjoying a great breakfast and time together. What a wonderful conversation about the proclamation of the Gospel and the celebrated names we were called, who we were named after, and the other names we endured.

The 3M (Men in Motion for Ministry) gathered this morning for breakfast at JJs and they were resolute. We spoke about excuses and how we can lend a hand rather than call down fire on people who are struggling in their faith journey.

The Forget-Me-Nots gathered at our church picnic grounds for lunch and fellowship. The sun was out, a gentle breeze was blowing and the time spent was a celebration.





The Ecumenical Clergy gathering happened. We had the opportunity to have a wonderful lunch at the Blue Moon Cafe. Please keep all deacons, Pastors, Bishops in prayer.



Your Stephen Ministry Team met in June for Continuing Education and Supervision. Please keep them in your prayers as the minister to our community.



Thanks to all of our servant leaders who make a difference each week. Lori and Sue, you are amazing.

Thanks to Chris Lozen for her gift of a stained glass works of art to share with people during our RACK M visits.



The Country Chicks were at it again—this time dancing their hearts out for the residents at Besser Community!



Our book study, "The Remarkable Ordinary" reminded us of sacred moments and the hope that helps us through our journey of faith. This book study was celebrated by all who were part of this summer educational experience.

Right: We celebrated out time with Emma Hudson. She was a vibrant member of our congregation, and she is moving on to Arkansas. Please keep her in your prayers.



A huge shout out to Gary and Jimmy for their efforts installing the water heater this morning. Please share your thanks with them.



The Veterans of Alpena met in the "Art in the Loft." I presented a special coin of thanksgiving in honor of Memorial Day to those who missed last month.



It was a fun time at the first Fireside Chat. Great people, wonderful stories and laughter filled the air.



The Friendship Room Ministry makes a difference as they feed people in need 6 days a week. Thanks to Christina Kihn for leading this ministry forward and to Dennis Dzieszinski and Tim Moggie for their leadership with our Baked Potato/Ice Cream outreach event. \$500.00 was given from the proceeds from this ministry to support this worthwhile organization. Thanks to Andrea Dutcher's leadership with our Rummage Sale. \$1,650.00 was given from the proceeds from the Rummage Sale and a gift from the Trust and Endowment Fund.



Children's Church is a celebration! Please pray for our children as they grow in faith.





The Trust and Endowment Fund gathered to consider support for our community, our nation, our world and the ELCA. Their leadership is vital making a difference in the Name of Jesus.



Celebrated with Kyllian today on his first birthday. Please keep this wonderful child of God and his family in your prayers.



The crafters make a big difference at St Paul. Thanks to Esther Kindt (not present), Andrea Dutcher and Lori Dziesinski for leading this ministry forward and to Dennis Dziesinski and Tim Moggie for their leadership with our Baked Potato/Ice Cream outreach event. \$600.00 was given from the proceeds from this ministry to support the crafters.



What very special days. In June, the Gratitude Lunch Ministry Team prepared and delivered lunch to the leaders of the Huntington Bank and the Habitat for Humanity Resale Store. In July, Besser Senior Assisted Living Community.



(Left) Celebrated a wonderful meal from Scouting America June 29th. A breakfast of champions.



We hosted the AuSable Inclusion Center Pop-up Hygiene Closet, for those in need. Thanks to Deacon Beck LeClaire, Scott Brooks and our whole team of servant leaders for their help and vision.



Cathy visited with us and she dropped by with a gift of food for people in need. Please give her a shout out.

Below Right: The "Taste From Home," Ministry reaches around the globe with care packages of love (and food) to our military members serving in our nation's defense. *Above Right:* Katie and Jake received their gifts.

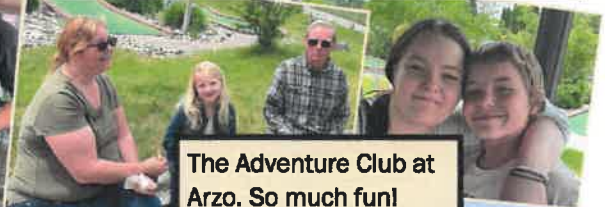


Scott and I visited the Arthur Ohlrich from the Northern Michigan Veterans Coalition (NMVC). We presented him with a check for \$500.00.

Dedicated workers making St. Paul a place of celebration.



I love this opportunity for people to play the game, "Guess who?" Who do you think this little girl is?



The Adventure Club at Arzo. So much fun!





The Summer Fellowship Picnic was enjoyed by 70+! Thanks again to Jeff for painting the gate.



Met with the leadership of the Alpena Baby Pantry (Deb Werner) and presented them with gifts. Thanks to the people of St. Paul and their focus on the little children in our community.



Now it's a party! Dorothy remembered all she was about as Church secretary, even how she answered the phone. Karen brought home made apple muffins to make the day even a greater celebration. Join us on Fridays from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



It was a beautiful evening Kayaking with the Soul Sisters. Join us the second and fourth Tuesday's at 5:30. p.m.



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is an amazing place to worship, serve, and have fun. The Line Dance Club meets on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Come, join them.



Celebrate with the *Finding your Tribe* Bible Study Group as we finished the study. Great group of ladies!



The newsletter team arrived on Friday to ensure the July Newsletter arrives, on time, through the mail. A great team effort.



The Country Chicks have been busy sharing joy through dance! This month, they brought smiles and toe-tapping fun to the residents of MediLodge, Besser Senior Living, and Turning Brook.

Top Left: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is an amazing place. We hosted a photo shoot fundraiser for the Foster Closet. Jim took photos of 83 families/individuals. The Foster closet supports Foster Children and Parents in our community. Thanks to Amy DeRosia for leading this program forward.



The Church Council met to discuss the future of the church. Please keep these leaders in your prayers. Remember that this meeting is open to the congregation.



Our Stephen Ministry Program gathered at Pompeyos for a celebration dining expression hosted by Pastor John. Please keep these Servant Leaders in your prayers.

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