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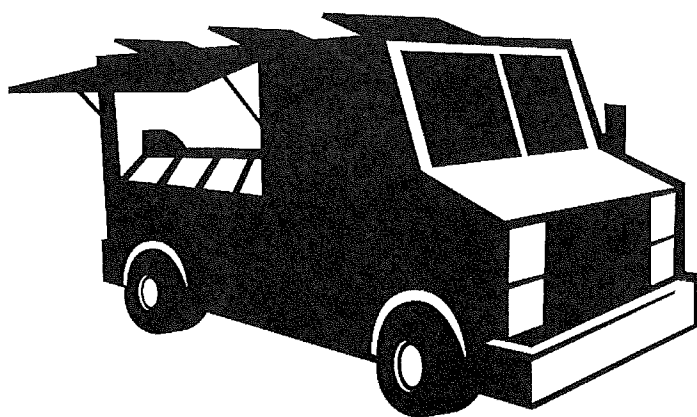
What do you think Heaven is like?

In the Lutheran church, we don't have the conversation about heaven that much. We talk about it at funerals, and we know that we will be with Jesus when we die, but what all that looks like it not something that is often brought up. There are descriptions of heaven as many different rooms in John 14 and a description of the holy city having pearly gates and streets of gold in Revelation 21. I really appreciate it when the idea of a heavenly banquet is brought up in scripture. A chance for people to join at the table to eat and drink. But what about you all? We know that we are saved by grace and that the death and resurrection of Jesus have opened the gates of heaven to us. But what does all that look like to you? Will you see loved ones there? Will pets be there? (Of course) What do you think eternity means? Will we be doing all the same things? During this month of August, I invite you to have a conversation with your family or friends about how you understand eternal life in heaven to be? As Lutherans, we should not fear the afterlife, but trust in the promises that we receive in our baptism and know that God keeps them.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Branden



Did **that Vacation Bible School** is coming soon? Please mark **August 7-10, 2023 5:00-7:30 p.m.** on your calendars and plan on joining us. Our theme this year is **"Twists and Turn: Following Jesus Changes the Game"**. This is for ages 4-Adult (Adults do not need a child to participate.) We will begin each night with a light dinner and the while adults participate in bible study, students will enjoy bible stories, crafts, music, games, and more snacks. Register at stpaulslutheranph.com or vbspro.event/p/e88470. Spread the word, bring a friend. We also welcome more volunteers. Contact Leann Smith, leann57@iwarps.net or #810-488-5829



Food Truck on September 21st, 2023

Workers need to be at the church by at least 10 AM with Distribution starting at about 11 AM. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have grocery bags and Cardboard Boxes, please bring them.



Contribution statements for contributions made January through June were mailed in the first few weeks of July. If you did not receive yours, please contact the church office (810-982-9853) and we will put it in your mail box or mail it to you.

Beyond the Bible – New Book!!

In June, Beyond the Bible (book club) finished "Wholehearted Faith" by Rachel Held Evans. The group has taken a hiatus during the summer with only one task—pick a new book for the fall. If you have any suggestions for a book or would like to join the group this fall for our next book, please contact Lisa Schleicher (lj Schleicher@gmail.com)

August 6, 2023 @ Noon

Joint Church Picnic

St Martin, St Paul & Our Saviour

Fellowship, food & fun

CHURCH

The pool will
be open

Picnic

Bring a dish to pass
chicken, cold
refreshments and
paperware will be
provided

Cathy & Buck Rose's home ~ 1155 Watson Dr, Fort Gratiot
Watson Dr is one block north of Kraft Rd at Fairway Dr (Fort Huron Northern & PH Golf Club)



HARBOR IMPACT
— MINISTRIES —

**LOVING VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED NOW!**

This is your opportunity to impact the hungry and the hopeless alongside a team of wonderful people. Here at the Harbor, we have opportunities to compliment your interests and time commitments. Serve in any of our thirteen available services, from our food pantry to our resource center. Volunteers can commit to whichever day(s) they would like.

Come. Serve. Be blessed.

(810) 662-3936

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1963 Allen Road, Kimball, MI 48074

Church
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2023

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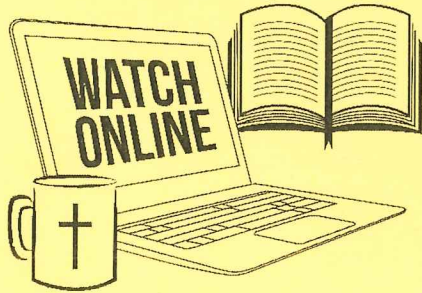
Ann Preimesberger, Worship Rep



Heart Works will be meeting on Tuesday, August 1st...a great way to get the month started. We will meet in the Activity Room at 10:00 for a couple hours of knitting, crocheting, and looming...and lots of fellowship!! We create hats and scarves to share in the cold months with those in need, as well as Prayer Shawls which act as God's loving arms wrapping folks in a warm embrace, giving comfort, love, strength, and courage that only comes from Him. Please consider joining us to see what we're all about. We hope to see you on August 1st.

Kroger Community Rewards Program. For the quarter ending July 31st from 34 families St. Paul has received \$85.06 from your rewards on purchases at Kroger. To use the rewards program you can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. All **current participants** in the Kroger Community Rewards Program **do not** need to re-enroll this year in order to earn funds for St. Paul. The rewards program runs from May 2022 to May 2023. Our NPO number is RK460. **Registration is online only.**

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline for September Ray is August 16th, 2023. Articles may be submitted via e-mail (stpaulww@comcast.net), on a flash drive or in writing.



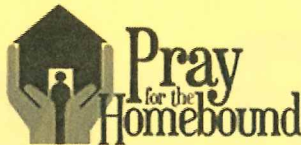
While all are not able to be face to face in worship in our Sanctuary, there are still opportunities to gather to hear God's Word, to pray, to sing and to be encouraged. Please join us at 10:30a.m. on our Facebook page for our livestream service.



Prayer List



Prayer requests are welcomed and can be made on our Facebook page, by emailing the church office at stpaulww@comcast.net, or with our connection cards. To keep the list current, please make your request each week you wish to have your loved one's name included in the prayers.



Melba Bartley



Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:45-1:45
Tuesday & Thursday
9:30- 11:30



Sunday Services
10:30 a.m.