

## From the Pastor's Desk

Last month I shared with you that we are beginning the Tune-In process with an organization called LEAD. The first step was to build a listening team. Through prayerful consideration our team has been invited to participate. I'm very pleased to announce that Mary Smith will be our "Facilitator" and Julie Lusk will be our "Communicator". Our team also includes Jim Ketchum, Carol Warwick and Leanne Fortushniak. We will also be working with Pastor Ken Staib from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in St. Clair as our coach. I am confident in the skills and gifts of the members of our team.

We attended training April 13-14 with three other congregations in our synod. The training was led by Jim Merhaut from LEAD. The training provided lots of resources for us. We began building a strong team to listen to God in scripture and prayer so that we can also listen to God in our congregation and in the neighborhood.

Our team will begin meeting twice a month in May. We will continue building trust with one another and improving our listening skills in general so that we will be ready to dig into Bible study and prayer. Our promise to the congregation is to share what we are learning and what we are reflecting on as we listen to God along this journey. Watch for updates as we move into listening to God in our congregation.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Bonnie*

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day weekend (May 27) through Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2) we move to ONE worship service at 9:30 am. There is no Sunday School during the summer. We look forward to gathering as the body of Christ together in one community and meeting some folks from the "other" worship service.



### **A Note from the Treasurer**

Bills and payroll are scheduled to be paid May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please submit paperwork at least one day prior to these dates in order for checks to be issued.

### **Church Council**

Julie Lusk, Council President  
Jim Weston, President Elect  
Cathy Stuewer, Council Secretary  
Diane Merkau, Treasurer  
Sue Atfield, Financial Secretary  
Paige Koglin, Asst. Financial Secretary  
Don Strauss, Financial Representative  
Laurie Morris, Evangelism Rep  
Amy Lutz, Parish Education Rep & Chair  
Chris Matts, Properties Rep & Chair  
Kay Schnur, Stewardship Rep  
Cindy Duncan & Amy Fabick, Worship Reps  
Alex Stuewer, Youth Representative  
Rich Cochrill, Youth Team Chair

### **Ice-cream Social**

Join our Sunday School on Pentecost, May 20 at 9:30 for our annual ice-cream social. They will be celebrating another year of learning and sharing. This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity to talk with our youth and eat some yummy ice-cream!

# Summer of Service Opportunities Needed

Summer of Service is being sponsored by the Youth Team. It will be an opportunity for intergenerational service for adults and youth of all ages instead of a traditional Vacation Bible School. Summer of Service is a challenge to the entire congregation in which families or small teams will get together and serve/volunteer a minimum of once a month during June, July and August. We need your help! We are compiling a list of possible summer service opportunities. There will be a sheet in the narthex to list agencies in need of volunteers, service opportunities at church, and individuals in need of assistance. Please include the name of the agency, a brief description of service activity and contact information OR a description of a need at the church and the person to contact OR the name of an individual in need of assistance, a brief description of the tasks needed and contact information.

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## SAVE THE DATE

*October 5-6 Women's Retreat*

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## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

We have GREAT news to share with all our Community Rewards charities, once again this year we will be suspending the re-enrollment process. This means members will NOT need to re-enroll their Kroger Plus card to continue to earn for the charity they have chosen. As always new members will be able to join the program at any time.

### 1) Kroger Community Rewards

**Program.** St. Paul will receive rewards from your purchases at Kroger. To use the rewards program you can register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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 2017 to May 2018. Our NPO number is 90228. **Registration is online only.** Last quarter St. Paul earned \$113.78 in rewards.

**2) Newsletter:** The newsletter deadline for the June Ray is Sunday, May 13, 2018. Articles may be submitted via e-mail ([stpaulww@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulww@comcast.net)), on a disk (IBM Format) or in writing.

**4)** Please make sure that if you need to borrow something from the church that you check the book and make sure no one else has reserved that item. If it is available, it needs to be signed out with the church office. I will leave the rental book on top of the filing cabinet in the church office so people know where it is.

**WHEN DROPPING ITEMS OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE: PLEASE** leave a note indicating for whom the items are intended. Thank you!

*Church Secretary Hours:  
Monday – Friday 9am to 1 pm*



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*The office will be closed May 28- June 5*

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**Beginning the week of May 27 thru the week of September 2, the office will be closed on Monday. The office will be open Tuesday – Friday 8 am to 1 pm.**

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 9, 2018

Amy Lutz started this month's meeting by teaching Council members half of the Lord's Prayer in sign language. We will be learning the second half at next month's meeting. We are certainly blessed to have her share this knowledge with us. Thank you, Amy!

We will be hosting the first of two food trucks this year on Saturday, May 19. If you are able to provide physical support on that day, it would be appreciated. The food truck costs \$850.00 and at the present time we have about half of that amount, so your financial support would be appreciated as well.

The Evangelism Committee has met and is looking forward to educating all of us on what evangelism means for our congregation. Their vision statement is "Equip, Go, Share". Our Stewardship Committee will be participating in the synod's "Stewardship For All Seasons" campaign and is looking forward to sharing this program with each of you. This program is a part of the offerings from the Rise Up campaign. The Properties Committee is looking into costs involved in completing the conversion of all of our lights to LED to help increase our savings on electrical bills. The sanctuary carpeting will be cleaned on April 21. The Youth and Family Ministry Team would like to remind you to provide contact information for possible Summer of Service opportunities we will all be working on this summer. They also invite each of you to join them on May 5 for a movie night (All Saints will be the movie) and nacho bar.

Thank you for supporting each of the members of our Council team through your prayers, as well as your participation in church activities.

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### Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

## Join us for a Movie Night Sponsored by the Youth Team

The youth team will host a movie night on Saturday, May 5 at 6:00pm. The movie shown will be *All Saints* and a pot-luck nacho bar will be available in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Jason Reim will facilitate a faith based discussion about the movie at the end of the event. Please sign up in the narthex for the movie and to bring an item for the nacho bar.

*All Saints* is based on the inspiring true story of a salesman-turned-pastor, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.



**Relay for Life Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Landmark Academy, 4800 Lapeer Road. The event will be held entirely indoors!**

You can sign up for hourly shifts to walk the track, you can help sell sun-catchers & luminaria at our site, maybe you would like to decorate our site, Disney is the theme this year. Luminaries will be available to purchase for \$10.

## THINK ABOUT IT -

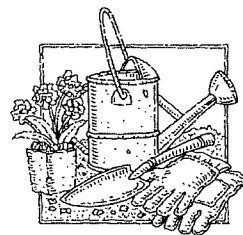
You have time to consider (take the time) to help **YOUR** church by offering to be nominated for a council position. Pay is not great but “smartification” is wonderful!  
Your brother in Christ,  
Jim Sanderson  
(My 2018 word - perceptiveness)

## CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

We are still **collecting** and returning **pop cans and bottles** to raise money to **support sending high school youth** on a mission trip this summer. Please place any cans or bottles in the designated box in the entryway of the church, and the youth will return them regularly through the month of June. Thank you for supporting youth ministry!

## Synod Assembly – May 11-12

Pastor Bonnie, Jacques and Diane Merkau (our elected representatives) will be going to Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. We will have the opportunity to vote on several resolutions presented to the assembly and nominations for various positions on the Synod Council. Rochelle Riley, Author and Detroit Free Press Columnist will be speaking on Friday night. We will celebrate the Eucharist on Saturday. A report will be given to the congregation when we return.



## **GARDEN VOLUNTEERS –**

It's that time of year again to use your green thumb to help **maintain the herb garden and geranium beds**. This includes weeding, clipping the grass, and watering at least once a week. Volunteers will be signing up for two weeks at a time beginning with the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Fleming at 984-4652.



Date: SATURDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>.

Time: Be there by 10:00

Distribution starts at 11:00

Place: St. Paul Lutheran  
Church

**WE NEED 25-30  
VOLUNTEERS ...**

To help register families,  
pass out food, and  
help take food to the cars.  
There is a signup sheet in the  
Narthex.



**Be A  
Volunteer**

## Where do you see God every day?

The mission of the Evangelism team at St. Paul is to Equip the people of St. Paul, to Go out into the world, and Share the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ. God has called our team to Equip the people of St. Paul through sharing with each other where they see God. As part of worship we will begin to share God Sightings with each other each week. We pray that this will be an opportunity for us to share with each other the big and little ways we see God in our daily life. This is Evangelism. As we become more comfortable with sharing with each other where we see God, we pray that we also become more comfortable with Going out and sharing where we see God with others we encounter in our daily life. We look forward to sharing and hearing all of the ways that we see God on a daily basis.