

From the Pastor's Desk

November 3rd is an important day in the life of this congregation this year. We gather for one service for two reasons 1) to remember the Saints that have died in the past year 2) to hold our annual congregational meeting following worship. I'm so glad that we will be together for one service on this day. It gives us the opportunity to be reminded of the body of Christ gathered as one to support one another as we grieve the saints that have died this year. It has been a rough year for so many of us and to be surrounded by our "church family" will be comforting on that day. Please be sure and submit the names of family and friend who have died this past year so they can be included (they don't have to have been members of St. Paul).

It is also a day that we look to the future of St. Paul as we gather for our annual meeting. The Annual Report that was mailed to you shares all the incredible ways we are serving one another, our neighborhood and our world. The proposed budget reflects your generosity and the promise of mission and ministry in our neighborhood and around the world. We will be electing new Officers and Committee Representatives to lead us in the coming year. I am grateful to all of you that have agreed to run for a position on Council. This is an exciting time in the life of our congregation as we look to the future.

Please plan to join us on November 3rd as we support one another in looking back and looking forward.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Time and Talent Worksheet

Please complete the worksheet included in this newsletter. There is something for EVERYONE!!

And bring it to church on Sunday, November 10, for God's blessing! If you have any special needs with regards to these, please note that on the form. Please be sure to indicate which service you'd like to do these for. You may wish to have further training. Write it on there.

All volunteers are welcome!

Updated Pictorial Directory-

Our photography dates (Nov. 6 & 7) for our upcoming directory event is fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need all families to sign up. Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected. Photography times are still available – visit our website <https://www.stpaul Lutheranph.com> or call the office to sign up now.

Every family will receive a new directory, a free 8x10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Receive a \$10 off coupon at check-in. Seniors over 60 will receive an additional 20% discount. Plan for around an hour. We can't wait to see you.

Wake-Up Team

Our Wake-Up team (Rich Cochrill, Linda Barker, Carol Warwick, Marilyn Knak and Pastor Bonnie) have been meeting regularly to listen to God through Bible study and conversation. This is part of the LEAD process that we used for our Tune-In team. We will be looking at our congregation's core values and discerning our current mission and vision statements. This will prepare the congregation for imagining our needs for a building expansion in the future.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 14, 2019

Cathy started our October meeting off with wonderful devotion.

We had a guest attend our meeting, Jacques Merkau.

Jacques was at the meeting to inform the council of the candidates of Congregational officers for council seats and committees.

The council made a motion and passed the Nominating Committee ballot for the election of officers for 2020. This will be voted on at the Nov 3rd Congregational meeting.

We talked about Read for Life program. This is a program for afternoon school literacy for youth at local schools. Signup sheets are on the table. Alex's Eagle Scout project is almost complete. The photo directory is up and running. Appointments are being taken now.

We had a correspondence from Wreath Across America for US Veterans. You can purchase a wreath for a veteran for 15 dollars and it will be placed on a grave site on Dec. 14 at noon.

The 2020 Budget was discussed and approved by council and will be voted on Nov 3rd at the Congregational meeting.

We talked about a gift card for Clean Cut Maintenance for \$200 for all the extra work that is done all year long. Motion was made and approve for the purchase of the gift card.

It was brought up about moving our CD money out of our saving account and placing with Mission Investment Fund for a better interest rate on that money for one year. Motion was made and approved.

A line will be created on the treasurer's report under capital outlay for funds coming in for future building expansion.

Congratulations to John Reno! He won the silent auction for a golf outing! The proceeds will go to the Hand Bell Fund. **Thank you** to Lisa Schleicher for donating the outing!



A Big Note of *Thanks....

*To the following St. Paul members who volunteered to help maintain the flower beds and herb garden throughout the summer: **Cathy Matts, Diane Welsh, Jane Dennis, Mary Leitch, Joan Fleming, Mary Faulkner, Rouseys, Bill & Judy Boldizar, Marilyn Beals, Donna Sanderson.**

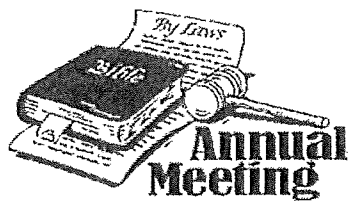
**To all those who supported the St. Paul Women's Ministry mum sale. We raised \$214 for WELCA to disburse at their January meeting.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Curious about the inside of the newly renovated St. Clair Inn?? Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7pm at we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have been given as a community in St. Clair County. The ecumenical worship service will be held at the St. Clair Inn. The service is hosted by the Blue Water Area Churches in which Pastor Bonnie serves on the leadership team. Pastor Bonnie is in charge of hospitality that evening. As a good Lutheran, food is always part of our gatherings. She is planning a potluck pie social time following the service and is looking for some help with hosting. If you are interested in helping, please let Pastor Bonnie know.

All Saint's Worship on Nov. 3

We come together for one worship service at 9:30am to remember all the saints that have died since November 2018. It is customary for us to light a candle in remembrance. This year we are inviting people to submit the names of family and friends who have died since November 2018 to the church office. There are forms available in the narthex. Their names will be read as part of All Saint's Worship on November 3 at 9:30 a.m.



There will be one worship
service on Sunday,
November 3, 2019 at
9:30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting will
be immediately following
worship.

FOOD TRUCK REPORT 9/19/19

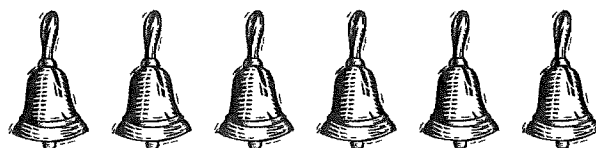
A huge thank you to the 26 great volunteers who helped with the food truck. We had 115 families come to get food for 353 individuals. Twenty-two families came to a food truck for the first time and 70 families were over the age of 60. The excess food was donated to Harbor Impact for distribution to more people. There was 12,550 pounds of food on this food truck plus we donated 500 pounds of cabbage from the garden. Comparing this food truck to our 8/22/18 food truck which had 6,593 pounds of food that was distributed to 67 families, we did great all around.

This food truck was paid for with a \$900.00 grant that was made in memory of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church which faithfully ministered to its members and to the community of Northeast Detroit for 73 years. It is an expression of the continuing ministry and faith of the former Mt. Zion Community.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

We are still **collecting** and returning **pop cans and bottles** to raise money to support our high school youth. Please place any cans or bottles in the designated box in the entryway of the church, and the youth will return them regularly. **Thank you for supporting youth ministry!**

The Bells Have Arrived



A special thank you to these people who continue to donate so that we reach our goal of \$5,000. The bells and supporting materials have arrived and the bell choir is busy getting acquainted with bells that are both deeper and higher in pitch. As you read this, anticipate hearing a musical arrangement this month that puts some of the new bells into practice. Thank you to the following people who have made recent donations.



Shelly Sloan



People who attended the Progressive Dinner
as the proceeds were given to the bell fund



Dale & Bonnie Klos



Charles & Alice Gordon



Mary Leitch



Mark & Leann Smith



Jacques & Diane Merkau



John & Denise Reno – golf package winner



Judy Halamka



Those who donated to September's 5th Sunday
loose change collection for the bell fund

The Goal Has Been Reached !!!



Decorate for Advent

Join us on Sun, Nov. 24 at 5:00 to
decorate the sanctuary for Advent.
We will have a pizza party as we
work together to create a beautiful
sanctuary.



The Blue Water
Global Mission
Team (BWGMT)

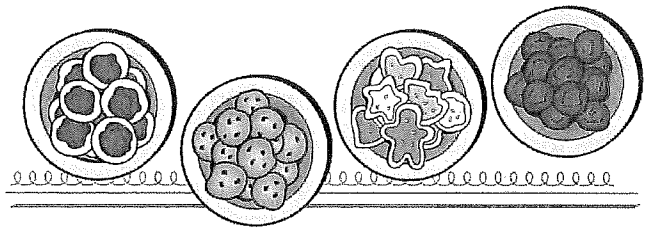
Is Having a Chili Cook-Off!
Sun., Nov. 10, 2019 at 12:00pm
St Paul Lutheran Church,
Port Huron

The BWGMT is looking for those of you who have a delicious chili recipe to enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. We are also looking for those who love to eat chili to taste test and help us vote on the winners. A free will offering will be taken as entrance fee for those tasting. There will also be an awesome gift basket raffle. All money raised goes to supporting global mission work. Entry forms are available in the Narthex. They are due by Nov. 3!

Church Council

Jim Weston, Council President
Linda Barker, President Elect
Cathy Stuewer, Council Secretary
Diane Merkau, Treasurer
Paige Koglin, Financial Secretary
Donna Sanderson, Asst. Financial Secretary
Ruth Reim, Financial Representative
Laurie Morris, Evangelism Rep
Amy Lutz, Parish Education Rep & Chair
Chris Matts, Properties Rep & Chair
Kay Schnur, Stewardship Rep
Sue Wilson, Worship Reps
Alex Stuewer, Youth Representative
Heather Rousey, Youth Team Chair

You have an order form for St Paul T shirts, Sweatshirts and hoodies in the Ray this month.. Please bring your order to church in the next week or two! Make your check out to St Paul Lutheran Church, or pay cash to any stewardship committee member. It takes 2 or 3 weeks to get them. We will put in one order by **November 17**, in time for Christmas presents! You can wear them for "wear RED" Sundays, church functions, missions, you name it! And you can have your picture in one on the website or it may POP UP anywhere...



Holiday Cookie Walk

DECEMBER 7th, 2019

10 a.m. until Noon

\$7.00 per pound

REMEMBER.....we will need at least 2
batches of your favorite cookies please.

Our faith that our congregation will bake
and provide us with cookies is
unfaltering!

In all these years we have never been
disappointed thank you to all.



A Note from the Treasurer

Bills and payroll are
scheduled to be paid

November 6th & 20th. Please submit
paperwork at least one day prior to these
dates in order for checks to be issued.

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. 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 2019 to May 2020. Our NPO
number is RK460. **Registration is online
only.** Last quarter 31 households earned
\$101.57 in rewards for St. Paul.

2) Newsletter: The newsletter deadline
for the December Ray is Sunday,
December 15, 2019. Articles may be
submitted via e-mail
(stpaulww@comcast.net), on a disk (IBM
Format) or in writing.

3) Please make sure that if you need to
borrow something from the church that
you check the rental 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. The rental book is on
top of the filing cabinet in the church
office.

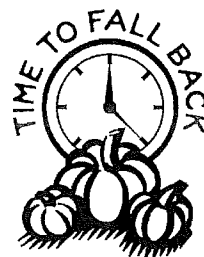
WHEN DROPPING ITEMS OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE: PLEASE

leave a note indicating for
whom the items are intended.
Thank you!

Diane,
Church
Secretary



Church Secretary Hours:
Monday – Friday 9am to 1 pm
Office will be closed:
November 8, 11, 28 & 29



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour on
Saturday, November 3
before you go to bed.

Time and Talent – St. Paul Lutheran Church

**** Please write your name on the line next to the opportunities that you are interested in learning more about or joining****

Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee

____Dorchester Bingo
____Elementary School Read for Life
____Food Truck
____Mid-city Nutrition

Landscaping Committee

____Weed flower beds

Music and Worship Committee

____Choir
____Bells
____Special Music
____Usher
____Lector
____Communion Assistant
____Worship Assistant
____Greeter
____Acolyte
____Bread baker for communion
____Altar Guild

____Social Hour Host/hostess

____Technology Team (run Powerpoint)

____Sunday Driver

____Lent worship leader

____Note Writer

____Puppet Ministry

Property Committee

____Repairs as needed (electrical, plumbing, carpenter, etc.)

____Spring clean up

____Sanctuary/special event set up

Stewardship Committee

____Stewardship Education

____Progressive Dinner Host/Hostess

____Labay, Tanzania correspondent

Youth and Family Education Committee

____Sunday School Teacher

____Christmas Program

____Adult Bible Study Leader(Sun am)

____Adult Bible Study Participant (Sun am)

____Adult Bible Study Leader (evening)

____Adult Bible Study Participant (evening)

____Beyond the Bible Study

____Youth Bible Study – leader

____Youth Bible Study - participant

____Sat. am Book Discussion

____Paul's Guys

____Confirmation Mentor

____Vacation Bible School

____Youth Group

____Mission Trip

WELCA – Women of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

____Bible Study

____Mum Sale

____Cookie Sale

____Apple Pie Sale

____Bold Women's Sunday

____Women's Retreat

____Summer Picnic

****Please turn over – more on the back!**

_____ **Office Assistant**

_____ Newsletter Mailing Assembly

_____ **Historical Archives**

_____ **Other Opportunities**

_____ Heartworks – knitting, crocheting,
sewing

_____ Funeral Lunch – server

_____ Funeral Lunch – provide a dish

_____ Men's Cancer Support

_____ Community Garden

_____ Relay for Life

_____ Habitat for Humanity

_____ Church Council

_____ Blue Water Global Mission Team

_____ Corn Roast

_____ Small dinner at church Host
(Lent/Advent/Potlucks, etc.)

_____ Building Expansion Committee

Family Name _____

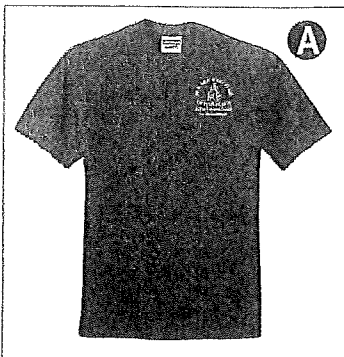
Phone # _____

Email _____

Worship Service usually attend:

_____ 8:00 _____ 10:30

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN APPAREL SALE



**A. 50/50 Quality T-Shirt with
print on LEFT CHEST.**

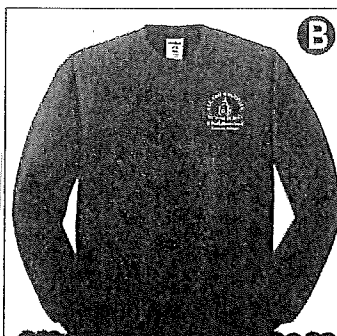
Color: RED

YOUTH: S(6-8) M(10-12) L (14-16)

ADULT: S M L XL

\$10.50

Adult: 2XL \$12.50



B. 50/50 Sweatshirt with print
on LEFT CHEST.

Ribbed collar, cuffs and waistband.
Coverseamed neck and armholes.

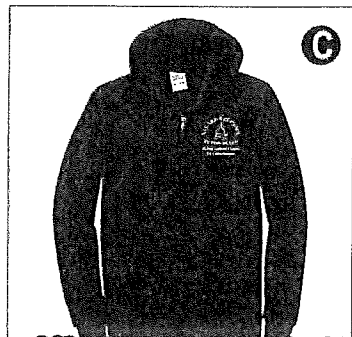
YOUTH: S(6-8) M(10-12) L (14-16)

ADULT: S M L XL

\$16.00

Adult: 2XL \$18.00

YOUTH RUNS SMALL



C. 50/50 FULL ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRT with PRINT on LEFT CHEST.

Color: RED

YOUTH: S(6-8) M(10-12) L (14-16)

ADULT: S M L XL

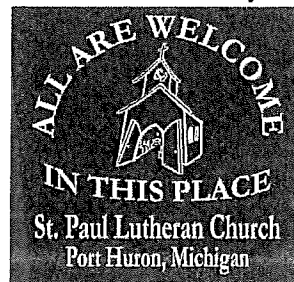
\$32.00

Adult: 2XL \$34.00

YOUTH RUNS SMALL

Left Chest Print

Actual Size: 3.8" wide by 3.8" tall

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Make checks payable to: St. Paul Lutheran Church

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Turn in by November 10 to Stewardship mailbox in hall by the office.

Thank you!

Payment Must Accompany Order