



## Return to In-Sanctuary Services

As you know, the Building Re-opening Committee of St. Paul Lutheran Church was formed in June 2020 and has been diligently and faithfully meeting to monitor active COVID cases, vaccination rates in St. Clair County, and CDC guidelines. At the October 11th Council meeting, the Building Re-opening Committee presented a tentative re-opening date with guidelines for re-opening. The Council approved their recommendation and the tentative re-opening date has been set for Sunday, November 28th with services to be held at 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

This re-opening is wonderful news but please keep in mind the need for being respectful and responsible --- we've come so far and now is not the time to throw caution to the wind by not following the necessary preventive measures. Now is also the time to offer our sincere appreciation to each member of the Building Re-Opening Committee for their tireless efforts and for bringing us to this point---Thanks to: Linda Barker, Marcus Middleton, Laurie Morris, Cathy Steuwer, Chris Matts and Pastor Bonnie!

Let's follow the outlined preventive measures that protect the most vulnerable among our congregation, including our young children, the elderly and those with compromised immunities or underlying conditions, and the body of believers at St. Paul. We will continue to monitor our metrics and safety measures will be revisited as conditions change.

**In order for a safe, successful, and smooth building re-opening, we need everyone to do their part by kindly respecting these measures.** We will need three ushers per service to facilitate physical distancing of family groups as well as volunteers for cleaning the seats, surfaces, and bathrooms.

### **Preventive Measures For In-Sanctuary Services:**

1) **Properly worn masks (covering nose and mouth) are required at all times to protect the most vulnerable among us.** Those unwilling to comply will be asked to leave the building.

2) Upon entering the building, each member must complete a waiver form to hold harmless St. Paul Lutheran Church, its employees, agents and representatives, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to your participation in our worship services. This waiver will remain in effect through December 2022, at which time it will need to be updated as deemed necessary by our insurance company.

3) There will be a maximum of 34 people in the sanctuary with an additional seven (7) people in the Narthex. Maintain six (6) feet physical distance between family groups as assisted by the ushers.

4) Two worship services will be offered. **Pre-registration for worship will be required to achieve these limitations.**

Registrations will be taken in the order of call in. Please call 810-982-9853 by the Thursday prior to each service, stating your name, number of attendees and which service you want to attend. Please leave your phone number in case registrations exceed the limit per service.

5) No congregational singing will occur at this time. A soloist may be offered.

6) No coffee hour will be held at this time; fellowship will occur outside.

7) Communion bread and wine will be available at the back of the sanctuary to be picked up as you enter on Communion Sundays.

8) Offerings will be collected at the back of the sanctuary as you enter.

9) Attendees will **enter from the double doors**, filling the front rows first. Exiting will begin with the back rows first. The Pastor will maintain social distancing and not greet people following worship as in past.

10) Three (3) volunteers will be needed to usher at each service and three (3) volunteers will be needed after each service to wipe down chairs, bathrooms, doorknobs and other frequently touched items. Sign up by calling or emailing Karen Lee at 810-985-5539, 810-334-4478, or kalee4050@comcast.net

**SEE YOU IN CHURCH!**

**Don't Forget Daylight Savings Time on November 6th!**



## Outdoor/Drive-in Worship

Join us for Outdoor/Drive-In worship:

**November 7th @ 9:30 am** with  
The Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the service.

Bring your chair, masks are required until you get to your seat. All are Welcome!  
Bathrooms are open!

At our recent Church Council meeting, following a prayer, we shared how the prior day's drive-in service sermon and hymn of the day, "All Are Welcome", spoke to our hearts. As we read aloud key verses from this hymn, the song's relevance to where St. Paul finds itself currently is remarkable. Maybe it was a God sighting? Or at least a little reminder from the Holy One that worshipping in our sanctuary is His blessed gift intended for all of us, and we need to come together in His name, reunited in our faith with the same love, compassion and care for those around us that He shows us each and every day.

Within this newsletter, you've read that Church Council approved the Building Re-opening Committee's recommendation and re-opening protocols. Our tentative re-opening is set for Sunday, November 28th, provided we have sufficient volunteers for ushering and cleaning. That is unbelievably exciting! I'm volunteering for both ushering and cleaning duties and I'm looking for others to join me so that we can reunite St. Paul Lutheran Church and make this re-opening happen in a safe, respectful and smooth manner. Please look in your heart as you reflect on the building re-opening and the role you can play in making this successful. If you're willing to volunteer, call me at 810-985-5539 or 810-334-4478 or e-mail at kalee4050@comcast.net and let me know.

**"All Are Welcome" by Marty Haugen**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ, the feast that frees us.

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

## Council Highlights

October 11, 2021

**Reopening Committee:** The council approved reopening for November 28, 2021 with provisions.

**Nominating Committee:** The council approved the ballot for the November 7th annual congregational meeting. there are two open offices, president elect and treasurer.

**Annual Meeting Agenda:** The council approved the agenda for the November 7th annual meeting.

**Budget Committee:** Council has approved the budget for the 2022 year which will be presented at the annual congregational meeting.

## 2021 Church Council

Rich Cochrill, *Council President*

Marilyn Knak, *President Elect*

Marcia Conard, *Council Secretary*

Julie Lusk, *Treasurer*

Susan Koglin, *Financial Secretary*

Jane Dennis, *Asst. Financial Secretary*

Karen Lee, *Financial Representative*

Leanne Fortushniak, *Evangelism Rep*

Danielle Golubinski, *Parish Ed Rep*

Marcus Middleton, *Properties Rep*

Ann Preimesberger, *Stewardship Rep*

Sue Wilson, *Worship Rep*

Lucy Fabick, *Youth Rep*

Cathy Stuewer, *Youth Team Rep*



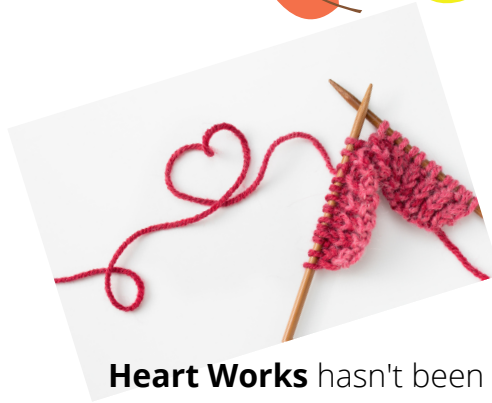
## Some of the special days celebrated in November are:

All Saints' Day — November 1  
Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 7  
Veterans Day — November 11  
Christ the King Sunday — November 21  
National Bible Week — November 21-28  
Thanksgiving Day — November 25  
First Sunday of Advent — November 28



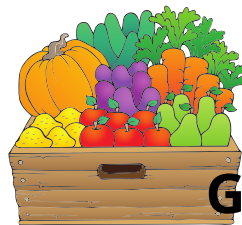
We have been reorganizing Sunday school storage areas in order to provide packets for our current Sunday school children. If you are making any donations to the Sunday school, we would appreciate you contacting us before just donating them to storage areas. We do not have any current needs and have an abundance of items in our storage areas.

Nancy Herber #810-984-8662  
Leann Smith #810-488-5829



**Heart Works** hasn't been able to meet since March 2020, but thankfully, many of you have continued to knit or loom at home. Our hats and scarves need to be collected the **week of November 15th**, so I can take them to Mid City nutrition the following week to be shared in Mid City's Christmas boxes. Margaret Hanselman has agreed to place our "Kiki's Hats" tub on her front porch every day that week, from 8am - 7pm. Margaret's address is 3318 East Charmwood. (Charmwood is about 1 1/2 miles west of St. Paul. Thank you Margaret! Please drop off your knitting projects during this time. If these times do not work for you, please call me at 586-914-1212, and we will figure out another plan. **Thank you so much for your contribution to help those in need stay a little warmer this winter.**

Kathy Strauss, Heart Works Ministry



## Garden Production

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have harvested over 10,330 pounds of produce from our community garden. All the produce is donated to Mid-City Nutrition for the Soup Kitchen. We give thanks for all the volunteers that help each week. If you would like to join the crew, please contact Don Strauss for the next harvesting day and time.



COMMUNITY GARDEN  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2021 Report



This was the thirteenth year for our Community Garden at St. Paul and it turned out to be our Third best year. This year our production was 10,330 pounds of produce that was donated to Mid City Nutrition, The Food Depot and S.O.S. in Marysville.

2009	860 pounds	2015	5500 pounds
2010	2800 pounds	2016	10,800 pounds
2011	4300 pounds	2017	8700 pounds
2012	8400 pounds	2018	6750 pounds
2013	5850 pounds	2019	5310 pounds
2014	7500 pounds	2020	14,500 pounds
		2021	10,330 pounds

The Grand Total is 91,600 pounds since the garden was started in 2009.

We rented out 10'X10' plots for a deposit of \$10.00 per plot. If the gardener wanted more than 1 plot, they could have more. We rented out a total of 68 plots to a total of 20 gardeners. The \$10.00 nonrefundable deposit per plot will help pay the garden operating expenses. We also received a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team grant to go toward the garden expenses. The gardeners were still responsible for taking care of their plot(s) and cleaning them up at the end of the season.

The Church's part of the garden was over ½ acre and we had a total of 28 great volunteers who helped with the garden this year. There were 18 members from St. Paul and 10 non-members who helped in the garden. Five were Master Gardeners. All help is greatly appreciated and I would like to give everyone who helped a big thank you. We can always use additional help next year. Please let me know if you would like to help.

We had a large assortment of garden produce consisting of green beans, lima beans, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, green peppers, potatoes, zucchini, yellow summer squash, acorn, butternut, hubbard, carrots, beets, sweet corn, tomatoes, broccoli and kale.

Every year we try some new things in the garden. This year we applied about 40 yards of composted cow manure and plowed it under. We used new plant spacings on the squash, cucumbers, cantaloupe, and watermelon which worked well. We used raised rows on some tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, corn and squash which worked out well for the second year. There were sunflowers for the bees. The weather was quite dry at the beginning of the season and then on about June 25th we had about 5" of rain with another 5" on about September 22nd. At this time the rain is slowing down the final cleanup, manure spreading and rye planting.

If anyone has questions about the Community Garden or how we do certain things, please feel free to call me at 810-434-2380.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Strauss



St. Paul Lutheran Church (Karen Lee) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Topic: **St. Paul Lutheran Church Annual Meeting**

Time: **Nov 7, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting Via Internet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6364930129?pwd=Q0FrUk2WlhkaExZTnBrMExXWlh6dz09>

Meeting ID: 636 493 0129

Passcode: qrFiT6

If Joining Meeting by Telephone only:

Dial by your location as follows:

Meeting ID: 636 493 0129

Passcode: 676721

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6364930129?pwd=Q0FrUk2WlhkaExZTnBrMExXWlh6dz09>





## Our Mission: Remember Honor Teach Wreath Sponsorship Form

\*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veteran's cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**Wreaths Across America**

Mail to:

Lisa Fountain - Location Coordinator  
2401 Wadhams Rd, St. Clair, MI 48079  
810-841-5472

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1500.00		
To order online go to this link to make sure your sponsored wreaths go to SC Allied Veterans Cemetery and Lakeside Cemetery. <a href="https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16200">https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16200</a>			

**\*\*SORRY- WE CANNOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS\*\***

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: MISCAP

Fundraising Group ID: MI0142P

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Total\$: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # Checks: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciled: \_\_\_\_\_

MO \$: \_\_\_\_\_

GEN: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered: \_\_\_\_\_