

The Masthead

“Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us!”

JULY 2021



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JULY SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

July 5	Independence Day Observed— Church Closed
July 12	Preschool Staff Meeting
July 13	PTL Staff Meeting
July 18	Pastor 1 Year Anniversary Celebration
July 19	Yearly Calendar Planning Meeting & Council
July 24	CareNet Walk for Life at the Zoo

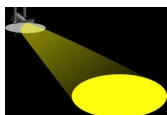


The Basics for Perfection

C.S. Lewis (Clive Staples Lewis) was born on November 29, 1898 in Belfast, Ireland. The Lord called him home on November 22, 1963. He was a scholar, novelist, author, Christian apologist, and a child of God. He held academic positions in English Literature at both Oxford University and Cambridge University. He knew a lot, said a lot, taught a lot, and loved a lot. While C.S. Lewis is well-known for many things and favored by many people, I personally knew him for writing this line: *God has infinite attention to spare for each one of us. You are as much alone with him as if you were the only being he had ever created* (“Mere Christianity, 1952.) The was the first line that I came across from C.S. Lewis which sparked my curiosity in Christian apologetics (a defense of the Christian faith) that would soon form my theological thinking that exists today. And while Christian apologetics certainly does have its place in theology, the ultimate purpose is not to berate, rebuke, or hate those which do not agree with Christianity, but rather to lay the foundation of the love of God and open eyes to see what that means for the world. Sometimes, we forget that. We forget the basics. We think too hard on questions that can never be answered (in this life). We preoccupy ourselves with the problems in this life rather than the answers in the next one. There are times when we even begin to question whether or not God is really listening to us, answering us, watching over us, and guarding us. This is due to the simple fact of our fallen nature. We are not perfect. We will not think perfect things. We cannot understand perfectly the things that are perfect. And when we feel that kind of imperfection taking a toll on us- go back to the basics. Because there you will still find the perfect One.

C.S. Lewis articulated this perfectly in his quote above. God, who is perfect, knows our imperfections and still loves you the same. God, who is perfect, knows our sins and forgives you all the more. God, who is perfect, knows your needs, wants, desires, hurt, joy, heartaches and headaches, and gives you all the attention that you could possibly need- as if you were the only person being he had ever created. *Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you* (1 Peter 5:6-7). Not just some, not just one, not even a lot, but all your anxieties. For he will not delay in answering you. *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit* (Psalm 34:17-8). Even in your most imperfect moments, surrounded by imperfect people, living in a very imperfect world, the Lord is near. For he will “comfort you in all your afflictions” (2 Corinthians 1:3) and “uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10). An infinitely perfect God... for a finite, imperfect people.

Remember the basics. The Lord, our God, is there too.



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP—

Often when one refers to Jesus' promise in Matthew 28:20 ("I am with you always, to the end of the age."), they are thinking of it as a comfort in times of trouble. Yet this promise starts before we were even conceived, as stated in Jeremiah 1:5 ("Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you") and in Psalm 139:13 ("For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb"). Passages like these give comfort and joy to new and expectant parents. They know that their little one is indeed a blessing from God, and that He will be helping them through labor, birth, and raising their child.

St. Paul members provide additional help through two outreach programs. We support **CareNet Pregnancy Centers of Berkley/Detroit** and **Operation Layette** sponsored by the Council of Lutheran Women of Southeast Michigan.

CareNet provides its clients with pregnancy tests, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, maternity clothing, and baby supplies free of charge. It is entirely funded by individuals and area churches. It does not accept any government funding. Some other services provided by CareNet are as follows:

Parent Program –

provides information on pregnancy, infant/toddler care and safety, and life skills for moms and dads.

Healing Hearts –

counseling care for people who are struggling with depression, anger, or other problems after an abortion.

Man2Man –

ministry to fathers.

Community referrals that may include housing, job seeking, food assistance, pre-natal care, and adoption services are yet another part of this program.

St. Paul supports CareNet through their donations in the Baby Bottle Boomerang and the Annual Walk for Life programs. In addition to raising funds for CareNet, the Walk for Life helps raise awareness in our community about sanctity of life issues.

Operation Layette's goal is to help new mothers who have little means to provide for their infants. Layettes are donated to southeastern Michigan organizations which provide a range of pre-natal and post-natal services.

These organizations distribute the layettes to the recipients. Since the program's inception in 1983, Operation Layette has distributed over 3,000 layettes.

Donations are received from individuals all over southeastern Michigan. New and gently used items are accepted. The materials are collected here at St. Paul. Twice a year we have an assembly event, typically on a Thursday evening. All the materials are sorted, laid out on tables, assembled, and wrapped in a plastic bag. Layettes consist of the following:

1 crib blanket	2 gowns or sleepers (3-9 month size)	2 diaper pins
2 receiving blankets	2 wash cloths	1 sweater set (when available)
6 cloth diapers	2 pair of socks	Any extra items (when available)
2 undershirts or onesies (3-9 month size)	3 bottles (one 4 oz. & two 9 oz.)	

As you participate in these two programs, remember to keep them in your prayers. We thank Lee Anne Millinger (Care Net) and Pam Stasko (Operation Layette) who serve as contact persons to these important agencies.

Attention College Students! Tuition Loan Funds are available from the Lydia Goff Fund, and for those pursuing a career in full time church work, from the Lydia Wiebusch Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the church office. Deadline is July 31, 2021. Any questions please contact Brian Hermann, 248-855-1703 or email, brihermann@comcast.net.



Arts, Beats & Eats-It's that time of year again! Only this year we are looking for your help to volunteer with parking. We will not be doing the recycling as in years past but we do need time slots filled to park vehicles in our lots. Please consider volunteering for this outreach event. Sign up sheets will be in the lobby soon. The event takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6. Thank you!

MINISTRY

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

JULY Collection for 'Operation Christmas Child'

We will be collecting a different item each month needed for the shoebox Christmas gifts distributed to children around the world through the organization, Samaritan Purse. **Small Toys** for the month of July are now accepted. These items may be placed in the wood box located in the coatroom in the lobby. You may also wrap shoeboxes in Christmas paper and drop off. Please wrap lid separate from box bottom. Thank you.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS



We are excited to announce that the Walk for Life will be meeting at the Detroit Zoo again this year to help raise funds for CareNet of Berkley/Detroit on Saturday, July 24 at 8:00 a.m. It is our long term goal to create a Walk for Life that unites the entire pregnancy center community across Metro Detroit. Walk For Life is a fun, family-focused celebration of LIFE! It is the most important walk you will ever walk because of the impact it will have on saving lives! Money raised during our annual WFL impacts thousands of families in our community and beyond each year. Whether our client is a mother-to-be facing an unplanned pregnancy, a family wishing to deliver their baby in a loving,

medical environment, a teenager who is learning the impact of their choices on their future, or a single mother looking for a place to call home – we are here to support these precious lives and help lead them toward a bright future.

Funds raised help to underwrite these free services: Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, Parenting Program, Man2Man program, Baby Boutique, maternity clothing, abortion recovery series, and youth development programs in our local schools. Your steps DO make a difference for LIFE!

Help raise awareness and funds to help moms and dads. To register to walk or donate, please go online and visit www.carenetberkleydetroit.org/events/walk-for-life. Our team is STP-RO, contact Gay Eskew, (314) 368-5471 for questions.

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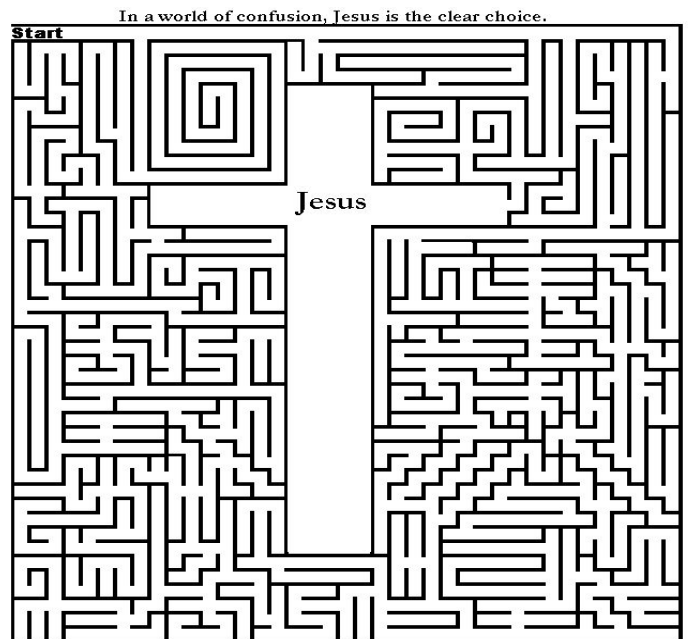
Let's Celebrate Pastor Andrzejewski's One Year Installation Anniversary of June 28th

A special celebration event will follow the late service on July 18 for Pastor. All are welcome to attend! Refreshments served. We are so thankful that God placed Pastor here at St. Paul Royal Oak to shepherd HIS flock.

If you are interested in donating money towards the gift, shown above, a chasuble, please bring your donation to the church or school office labeled "Gift for Pastor". Make your check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you.

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MINISTRY

REMEMBER, REJOICE, RENEW



ATTENTION MEN OF ST. PAUL! Since 1946, laymen of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have gathered annually at Camp Arcadia for fellowship, recreation, relaxation, and most importantly praising God and growing their faith. Whether you are a first timer or returning, you are invited to this multigenerational retreat. Special contributions as well as Sunday's worship offering will be sent to Lutheran Hour Ministries. This years **Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.** He began serving with Lutheran Hour Ministries as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour in October 2018. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church and assistant pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church, both in St. Louis. Before becoming a pastor, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer in the Air Force.

Activities begin at check-in Thursday night with a Welcome reception and continue through the weekend including a golf game on Friday and the annual Softball game on Saturday. For more information on the weekend contact Camp Arcadia @ **231-889-4361** or go online to **camp-arcadia.com** or watch the news & notes and upcoming mastheads for further information. Date of weekend retreat: September 9—12, 2021.

St Paul Current Protection Guidelines

Church Protocol's - Please see below for the most current safety protocols you may follow.

1. Safety Protocol

- We will continue to encourage the sick, compromised, and those who are uncomfortable to stay home and watch our Livestream worship service.
- With the mandates lifted, masks will now be optional.
- Green tape will still mark the pews to encourage social distancing.
- The Lutheran Service Books, attendance cards, and pencils are placed back into the pews.
- We will leave the offering plates in the narthex until further notice. You may still drop off your envelopes there and/or submit your offerings online. Please drop your completed attendance card in the plate in the narthex as you leave.

2. Communion

- The Sacrament of the Altar will still be prepared following proper protocols for food preparation.
- We will maintain the "continuous line" method for distributing the Lord's Supper.
- Pastor Andrzejewski and the elders assisting him will be wearing a mask as they distribute the elements.
- The common cup will still be suspended until further notice.



Monthly Bible Readings LCMS Series B



			First Reading	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
	July 4 (Prop. 9)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 2:1–5	Psalms 123	2 Cor. 12:1–10	Mark 6:1–13
	July 11 (Prop. 10)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Amos 7:7–15	Psalms 85: (1–7) 8–13	Eph. 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
	July 18 (Prop. 11)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 23:1–6	Psalms 23	Eph. 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–44
	July 25 (Prop. 12)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 9:8–17	Psalms 136:1–9	Eph. 3:14–21	Mark 6:45–56
	or	St. James the Elder, Apostle	Acts 11:27–12:5	Psalms 56	Rom. 8:28–39	Mark 10:35–45

SCHOOL MINISTRY



St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

Our Mission

"Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us!"

Our Statement of Purpose

St. Paul Lutheran School equips children for a life of service with a foundation of academic, physical, spiritual, and social maturity centered around Christ Jesus.



From Rita McClatchey, Principal

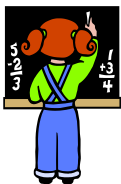
CHANGES

Change is inevitable. We all have seen that.

Think about our school here at St. Paul in the last few years, and you can't help but think about changes. Changes because of Covid and changes in the last ten years regarding leadership. With all this, our teachers and staff have continued to do their best as they work for the Lord.

With these changes in leadership, we have had to "think out of the box". This next school year, we will have two part time principals. Eric Pittman and myself (Rita McClatchey) will join together and fill the position of principal together. There are things to work out, but we are confident that we can do this successfully. We do have consistency, in that all of our teachers are returning, and for that we are grateful. The teachers are busy planning for next year in order to address the needs of our children.

We ask that you continue to pray for all of us here at St. Paul School. We pray for a year free of Covid fears, a year of returning social events, and as always, another year to continue spreading the Word of God. We rely on the one thing that we know will never change. God promises that He will always be with us. That is reassuring!



REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

We are accepting registration for the next school year (2021-2022). If you have any questions or want to enroll your child(ren) in our school, please contact the school office at 248-546-6555. Current families, in order to re-enroll, please fill out a Re-enrollment Form and a Smart Tuition Form and return it with your check to the school office. Drop in registration will be held on August 18, 6-8 p.m. and August 20, 9a.m. to noon.

Registration Fees (K - 8th Grade): \$400

Our Preschool Registration Fee is \$130.

Registration Fees are non-refundable.

Have a Safe and Blessed Summer!



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PRAYERS

Church Boards
Board of Education
Board of Elders
Board of Evangelism
Fund Operating
Music Ministry
Board of Stewardship
Board of Trustees
Women's Guild
Board of Youth
Communications &
Technology

Prayers for our Homebound

Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat
Charlette Schroeder
Ralph Schroeder
Kathleen Ulrich
Don Whitbeck

Prayer for our Missionary
Rachel Meyer in Uganda

Prayers for Military

Eric Banker
Mark Bowdich
Paul Bowdich
Matthew Canfield
Sam Eskew
Brandon Newton
Brendan Sharp
Hayden Sharp
Joe VanDamme
Tirzah VanDamme
Jason Zuniga
Gabrielle Zuniga

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St. Paul Church

In memory of *Elva Rosenzweig* by Don & Ethel Storck, Edna Lentner

St. Paul Choir/Music Fund

In memory of *Elva Rosenzweig* by Clara Lichtenberg, Donna Snell, Jeanette Till

WEDDINGS

Kyle Harris & Elli Jawor

Date

06-26-21

Place

Suttons Bay, MI

BAPTISMS

Aldon Andrew Jurvelin

Josephine Marie Witmer

Date

06-06-2021

06-20-2021

Parents

Brandon & Rebecca (Denison)

Matthew & Amanda (Nichols)


JULY BIRTHDAYS 2021

01	Bailey Pratt	21	Cheryl Geppert
02	Janet Dunker		Jacob Kneisel
	Chris Grider	22	Lynda Dirkse
	Krista Zenk		Edwin Horvath
04	Francis Meagher		Cheryl Morey
05	Bill Carpenter	23	Debra Kratt
06	Maryann Braun		Chris Schultz
	Karl Kienman		William Womack
	Deborah Lienard	25	Rebekah Harris
08	Julie Grider		Donna McMinn
	Rachael Shipp		Christine Petri
09	Evan Bowlds		Ruth Rice
	James Charnawskas	26	Natalie Garcia
	Laura Guilmette	29	Ben Schultz
	Monica Smyth		
10	Ivan Woelmer		
12	Louis Lefere		
14	Mia Cunningham		
	Curtis Eason, III		
15	Daisy Laird		
	Kurt Petersen		
16	Declan Ball		
	Heidi Bowdich		
17	Thomas Canfield		
18	Charlyn Fuchs		
19	Dave Eifert		
	Sheralyn Floyd		
	Alaina Muse		
	Debra Rauvala		
	Angela Shaw		



If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613

July 2021

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