

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Reed City, Michigan

1870-2020  
Celebrating 150 Years

## Mission Statement

We are called and gathered into this family of faith by God's Holy Spirit, to be equipped to be witnesses of His love and grace in our daily lives. We are committed to be a welcoming place where the love of Jesus is lived out in service to one another and to our community and world.

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Do not forget to check out our church on Facebook.

### AUGUST 2020

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
August 2	40	\$3,755
August 9	31	\$2,090
August 16	51	\$3,380
August 23	54	\$1,340
August 30	51	\$2,070

Average Weekly Attendance: 112

Average Weekly Expenses: \$ 4969.00

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM has been installed. Please switch your hearing device to T-Coil mode. If you do not have T-Coil mode, see an Usher about portable hearing device we have in the Sound Room.

You can now listen to the weekly sermons via Podcast or right on our website! Just go to [www.stpaulreedcity.org](http://www.stpaulreedcity.org) and click on "Sermons". From there you can listen to the sermons and subscribe to our podcast if you wish to have new content automatically downloaded to your computer or mobile device.

## Greetings from Pastor Kara

God's Work Our Hands... At the 25th anniversary of the ELCA, Churchwide instated a denomination wide day of service on the second Sunday of September. I am not sure if it was meant to be a one-time event or not, but it has become an annual event for congregations across the ELCA. On the second Sunday of September, congregations do things in and for their community locally, nationally, and globally. Some make quilts, some serve at food kitchens, some clean up parks, some pack kits for their local food pantry, but all of them use their hands to do something that proclaims the Gospel, the never ending, can't stop it, unconditional love which is the hallmark of the ELCA across the country and around the world.

This year of course there is challenges within person and hands on events because of the pandemic. So some pastors have gotten together to create and contextualize a month of daily service. The truth is, God's work does not just happen through our hands but our hearts, our pockets, and our daily choices day in and day out. The calendar is meant not to be a burden, but a duty and a joy that you can in all times and in all places praise and glorify God in your daily living. It is meant to help you reflect and pull you into a deep more active relationship with God through your neighbor. You can invite your family from the youngest to the oldest to be a part. It might be a good time to find a buddy to help hold you accountable to the daily task. What I know is that if you stick with it, not only will the world be better because of what you did, you will be better because of what God has done in you.

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God could choose to enter the world in a multitude of ways and the way that has been chosen is YOU. It is us, the people of St. Paul. Why may never know, but what we do know is that the power to show people why we are who we are comes from first showing them whose they are, beautiful children of God, just like us. And just like us, they need love, prayers, help for the highs and low, and the unending blessings that come from being called to God's work

Pastor Kara

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS....Lifetouch is shutting down until Spring 2021 due to the pandemic. There will be no directory this year and no photo sessions be held.

Prayer requests concerning our church family may be given to Wendy Brown. Prayer requests for Sunday worship need to be to Wendy by Saturday if possible.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-INS IN PRAYER

- Nancy Huss, 20499 29 Mile Road, Tustin, MI 49688
- Erma Martz, Spectrum Health RNC, Reed City, MI 49677
- Lavina McKay, 1799 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Hersey, MI 49639
- Cora Peterson, Cherry Hill Haven, 4885 North Long Lake Road, Traverse City, MI 49684
- Eleanor Pullen, Spectrum Health RNC, Reed City, MI 49677
- Mark Squires, 7394 Lakola Road, Reed City, MI 49677

## WELCA NEWS

- Just a reminder, WELCA will be collecting items for “Our Brother’s Keeper” in Big Rapids. A tub is in the vestibule (entrance to sanctuary) so you may drop items off there. We are grateful for any and all support for this project.
- Our Fall Festival is still just a plan at this point. We await the status from the Governor and the Synod as to what we can do. The raffle is proceeding though so make sure to get your tickets for chances at the beautiful items that are offered. Our thanks to all who worked so hard to make these items and share them with us.
- Many, many thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Kara for joining us at our last WELCA board meeting. She brought us new and fresh ideas and perspectives to our planning.
- THE LWR kit lists are available in the narthex so please take one and help make life maybe just a little better and easier for those who receive the kits.
- Our Blanket Offering envelopes will be collected in October and the Thankoffering envelopes will be collected in November. We will be including information about the reasons for and the uses of these practical items leading up to the collection dates. Your continuing support of these items will, as always, be much appreciated.

WELCA will again be collecting the kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Lists are available on the table in the Narthex and available from the Church Office. They need to be turned in NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> so they can be delivered to Traverse City in time to be shipped.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 1	Worship Team at 7:00 PM
Monday, September 7	Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)
Tuesday, September 8	Witness Team at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 15	Learning/Youth Team at 6:30 PM
Monday, September 24	Church Council at 7:00 PM

Circle One WELCA meets  
Wednesday, September 9 at 9:15 AM

Circle Two WELCA meets  
Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 PM

Circle Three WELCA meets  
Monday, September 14 at 7:00 PM

Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 8:00 AM.

Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 1:30 PM.

*\*Meeting to be held in the Adult Conference Room wearing masks, observing safe distance guidelines, and cleaning the space used after the meeting (disinfectant/paper towel are available in room).*

*Hand sanitizer and masks (if you forget yours) are also available in the narthex as you enter.*

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