



Spirit of St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church, East Lansing, MI

September 2023

Dear friends at St. Paul,

Currently, we are taking the time to mourn the loss of my son, Brent. Thank you so much for prayers and thoughts and e-mails, cards, texts, Facebook responses, etc. They have brought comfort to us at this challenging time. I will write my next letter next month. From the calendar you can see Sundays will be quite busy and I look forward to seeing you.

Our love and the love of Christ,

Pr. Carl

Guiding Principles

We are a people who:

- ✿ Listen for God's Call
- ✿ Believe and Trust in God's Call
- ✿ Answer God's Call
- ✿ Support each other in times of joy and sorrow
- ✿ Live out our faith in prayer and service
- ✿ Share food with the hungry
- ✿ Believe the gospel is for all, not just Christians.



St. Paul Pantry

Food Pantry Report for September 2023 Newsletter

A total of 161 clients were served in July 2023, which meant 46 families were helped. So far since January 1, 2023, we have served 987 clients which means 310 families have been helped. We could not have accomplished this without the support of our congregation and the dedicated volunteers who work at the Food Pantry.

Between January 26, 2023, and July 25, 4857.7 pounds of food was donated for the Food Pantry from members of the congregation, as well as outside donors from the community. During the month of July, we received 505.6 pounds of food. We are very grateful for these donations.

During the upcoming Simply Giving campaign for St. Paul's Food Pantry at Meijer's on Lake Lansing Road, the Double Match Day opportunity will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20.00, bringing the total to \$30.00 for a single customer purchase.

We received word from Meijer's that the 2023 Spring *Simply Give* campaign was a success for raising donations for families in the Midwest. St. Paul Food Pantry received \$7,000. The total

amount includes generous contributions made by congregation members, local Meijer customers, their vendor partners, and Meijer's corporate donations. A large part of the donations came from the LPGA Classic donations.

The Food Pantry Garden has been producing an abundance of produce in the past few weeks, especially tomatoes. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered, including keeping it watered during the hot, dry days we have had. We also continue to receive donations from members' gardens, as well as a neighbor who has donated from her garden each week. The clients love fresh produce and we have arranged to take leftover produce and share it with MSU's Friendship House.

Volunteers are always appreciated who are able to work on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoon pantry distribution days. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Bev Johnson or Tracy Collins.



During August the Food Pantry continues to request donations of the following items, which are currently in short supply or unavailable from the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

TOMATO PASTE TOMATO SAUCE DICED TOMATOES KETCHUP MUSTARD
SALT SPAGHETTI SAUCE MACARONI SHELLS CAKE AND BROWNIE MIXES
CRACKERS LAUNDRY DETERGENT HAND SOAP DISH SOAP

Upcoming Events

We are looking to start our choir back up beginning this fall! All who are interested in signing up or learning to sing should contact Elene or Kathy Griffin as soon as possible. Be on the lookout for more information.



Look for the volunteer sign up form in the narthex!

We are looking for...

- Reader
- Assistant Minister
- Communion Set up/Clean up
- Power Point Master
- Acolyte
- Greeter

Look for the signup sheet after Sunday service.



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LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM



**JOIN THE REV. DR. KIT
KLEINHANS, DEAN OF TRINITY
LUTHERAN SEMINARY AT
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, FOR A
SIX-WEEK STUDY OF
LUTHER'S CATECHISMS!**

TUESDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 24

ZOOM

Register now for Adult Theological Education: Luther's Small Catechism

When Luther wrote that familiar question, “What does this mean?” he meant it! He wanted Christians to understand their faith and to see how God was at work in their lives, in the church, and in the world. Join the Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, Dean of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, for a six-week study of Luther’s catechisms. Let’s dig deep into what God means *for us!*

Before she was Dean at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Dr. Kleinhans taught religion, including Lutheran Confessions and History of Christianity, at Wartburg College for 25 years. A fifth-generation Lutheran pastor and a brilliant theologian and Luther scholar, Dr. Kleinhans cares about her students, the Church, and what it means to be Lutheran today. She has a pastor’s heart and is capable of both the deeply esoteric and the foundationally concrete.

The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET. This course is open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers, and is free of charge. Sessions will be recorded and available to registered participants. **Registration is required and will close on October 19, 2023.**



“God’s work. Our hands” Sunday on September 10th this year and is a day that is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, as each we serves their communities in a unique way. This year our Church Council has approved putting together Homeless Care Kits that actually help, which will be distributed by Advent House, which has people on the streets serving the homeless in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham and counties.

We will collect items at the church and assemble them on September 10th in the fellowship hall after worship for the homeless kits. Keep in mind these items will be in a one-gallon zip lock bag since room is an issue so travel size works well and all items should be alcohol free.

Homeless Care Kits

Socks

Gloves

Bandages-large used for blisters

Individually wrapped Wet Wipes-alcohol free

Tuna & cracker packs

Single serving snack-trail mix, nuts, crackers

Nail clippers

Lip Balm-alcohol free

Feminine

Hygiene products

Travel size toothbrush/toothpaste

We will also include a list of local resources (211, Christian Services, etc.) Handwritten note from Sunday School students and any others that would like to handwrite a note.



The fish fry happens on **Sunday, September 17th**, after worship, in the fellowship hall. The proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.

Bring friends!

Dates to Remember:

- **Sunday, September 3** - Adult Bible Study @ 9am, Worship @ 10am (In person and on Zoom)
- **Wednesday, September 6** - Food Pantry Distribution @ 5:30pm
- **Sunday, September 10** - Adult Bible Study @ 9am, Worship @ 10am (In person and on Zoom), God's work, Our hands @ 11am
- **Monday, September 11** - Worship Committee meeting @ 6:30pm
- **Thursday, September 14** - Food Pantry Distribution @ 1pm
- **Sunday, September 17** - Adult Bible Study @ 9am, Worship @ 10am (In person and on Zoom), Rally day @ 11am, Fish Fry after worship, CPR/AED/First Aid Training @11:30am, SS Teacher Installation
- **Wednesday, September 20** - Food Pantry Distribution @ 5:30pm
- **Thursday, September 21** - Council meeting @ 7pm
- **Sunday, September 24** - Adult Bible Study @ 9am
Worship @ 10am (In person and on Zoom)
- **Thursday, September 28** - Food Pantry Distribution @ 1pm

September Birthday Celebrations

- 9/02 – Jessica F.
- 9/06 – Carol B.
- 9/09 – Owen, Theo
- 9/13 – Nathan A.
- 9/18 – Ivy Jean M.
- 9/19 – David F.
- 9/25 – Caroline C.
- 9/26 – Jayne H.
- 9/28 – Lindsay K.
- 9/29 – Julie A.



*if you were accidentally omitted, please contact the church via voicemail or email.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship	4	5	6 Food Pantry 5:30-7	7	8	9
10 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship GWOH 11am	11 Worship Committee meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14 Food Pantry 1-4	15	16
17 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship Rally Day Fish Fry CPR Training	18	19	20 Food Pantry 5:30-7	21 Council meeting 7pm	22	23
24 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28 Food Pantry 1-4	29	30



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**Our Purpose: Feeding God's people both inside and
 outside while listening to what the people need.**