

Spirit of St. Paul



St. Paul Lutheran Church, East Lansing, MI

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Pastor's Page **Rev. Richard A. Moe**

It is hard to believe that summer has come and is now drawing to a close. It was such a short time ago we were looking forward to vacation trips and a more relaxed time. Well, we are now looking at getting ready for the new school year and getting back into the routine that evolves. There are still a few items on our agenda for August.

On Sunday, August 9th at 9:30 AM we are planning another Service of Prayer for Healing. If you or someone you know need healing, please come. We are commanded in Scripture to anoint with oil and pray over those who are sick and in need of healing. *James 5:13-16; Isaiah 61:1-3; Mark 2:1-12*. This long standing tradition within the church has been used more and more in our Lutheran Church in the recent past. All you need do is come forward at the appointed time and have one of our Assisting Ministers pray with and for you. Also this Sunday we will feature a Classic Worship Service with older hymns and style of liturgy featuring music on the organ. Come try this older form of worship and see if you like it. Susan Jacobs will be doing special music on the organ for this service.

Training Session for Worship Servants - assisting ministers, readers, counters, ushers and sound mixers will be held on Saturday, August 15th at 11:00 AM. If you want to find out about any of these positions this would be a great time to check it out. Please let the Pastor or office staff know if you are interested.

Sunday, August 16th at 10:45 AM following worship we will have another Open Forum Conversation on the financial health of our congregation. It was recommended at the last meeting that we provide an update for members at this time.

On Saturday, August 22nd there will be a Conference, Grounded in Justice, Ministry to the Incarcerated at University Lutheran Church, 1020 Harrison, East Lansing. It will run from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you are interested in attending please let me know or contact ULC at 332-2559. With the upcoming closing of prisons and release of the incarcerated it may be good to know if there are some things we can do to be proactive.

On Sunday, August 30th we will hold LSSM Sunday. It will feature a guest speaker, Rev. Ben Baldus, along with a Craft and Bake Sale following worship. Come and find out about the ministries you support through Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Did you know that the Lutheran Social Services network across the country is the largest social service provider in the United States? You help a lot of people that you may never meet through the work of LSSM.

I had a fun, but tiring, week with Vacation Bible School over at University Lutheran Church. Kay Meints and Emma Grooms helped out throughout the week also. There were about 75 children registered. Much of that ministry is to the international student community in East Lansing. Not all the children may know English but most have some ability that way. It is a great way to make a connection with children throughout the world and let them know about God's love for them. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to share with them. One of the things I did besides being a teacher's helper was to greet the children and their parents outside the front doors of the church and invite them in. I hope it made them feel welcome and more relaxed in coming to a strange and new place. So now I have had some experience at being a Wal-Mart type greeter when the time comes for me to retire. Have a great rest of summer.

Pastor Rick Moe

Mark Your Calendar for

August

- 02 Pantry Offering
- 09 Service of Prayer for Healing & Classic Worship
- 15 Training session for worship servants
- 16 Open Forum Conversation on financial health of congregation.
- 22 Prison Ministry Workshop @ ULC
- 30 LSSM Sunday Craft and Bake Sale

September

- 13 Rally Sunday at Lake Lansing (stay tuned for more details)

Last call to submit pictures for the picture directory. If you were not able to be photographed at the church, you may submit your own picture. Professional pictures will need copyright permission. If you do not have one and would like someone to take your picture at church (very informal) please contact the office a.s.a.p. Any questions contact Melissa Bloomfield at 482-2287 or Julie in the office.