



The Parish Word



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September – October 2025

The Reformation: A Big Deal?

It is hard to believe we are already moving into the Fall of the year! Confirmation classes begin soon. Maybe Sunday school shortly after. Fall events are advertised all around us.

For Lutherans (and all protestants, really) October often brings to mind German food and the events leading up to and following Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses (questions) to the door of the church. We commemorate this event with special emphasis on October 31st (the actual date) or on the Sunday prior.

Be sure to see to note later in this newsletter about the special Wednesday evening Bible study on the Reformation. Yes, the protestant reformation is a big deal and it is still all about Jesus!

Pastor Phillips

News from St. Matthew LC

Our Service & Picnic in the Park was a HUGE success with 48 people attending. The Men's Club grilled burgers and hotdogs. We will serve the 5th Tuesday Community Meal at the Mancelona United Methodist Church at 5pm on September 30.

News from St. Paul LC

Fall is approaching and the St. Paul Ladies Guild is planning a Reformation Sunday Luncheon after the church service, on October 26. We invite St Matthew to join us! We are eager to continue this tradition. Watch for sign-up sheets and more as the date draws near!

St. Matthew Ladies Guild (LWML) News

by Louise Hinds

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 11a.m followed with a pizza and salad lunch. Our meetings are open to all ladies of the congregation. We would love to have your input and support.

Our next meeting is Sept. 3, at 11a.m. We will begin the Quilt projects for Lutheran World Relief after our meeting.

We also have upcoming dates for our Michigan District LWML:

September 20th: the event At Mt. Hope Grayling 9:30 – noon the Michigan District LWML is putting on a state-wide servant day. Trinity Gaylord will be facilitating the event at Mt. Hope, Grayling. This will include a light brunch a servant activity (packing school kits for Orphan Grain Train), a devotion and a make and take craft. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The idea is to have the opportunity for ladies from all over come together at the same time doing the same thing, at a location convenient to them.

October 4, at St. Paul, Kalkaska is the Land of Lakes Prayer Service/Servant Event Day. This will include the prayer service, service project, business meeting, and lunch. We will also be electing officers for President and Secretary. If interested in either of these positions please contact Carla Elenz at Carla.elenz@gmail.com.

It's Pasty Time at St. Matthew's!

St. Matthew will be making pasties on October 11, at 9am at the Mancelona Senior Center. An order sheet will be on the table in the fellowship hall. Place your order soon! Thanks!

Learn by heart...

¹⁵And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will glorify Me.

Psalm 50:15 ESV

For the time being, please send your items for the November 2025 "Parish Word"
No later than October 15th to: ***Rev.Phillips.STL91@gmail.com***

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism...

A "catechism" is a book for teaching, usually in the form of questions and answers. We study the catechism (and the Scriptures!) all during our life.

The Lord's Prayer: The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy Name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us do this, dear Father in heaven. But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

New Bible Study Opportunity: Reformation Recap

On June 25th 1530, the Imperial Diet (meeting) at Augsburg was held to resolve "the German problem" in the Roman Catholic Church. This year marks the 495th anniversary of the date when Martin Luther and his like-minded German theologians presented the Augsburg Confession, a summary of what they believed, taught, and confessed.

On the five Wednesdays of October, at St. Paul – Kalkaska, Pastor will lead a study of the main events and controversies of the Protestant Reformation and the rise of the Lutheran Church. This one-hour class will begin at 6:30pm to encourage folks to attend who work during the daytime. Everyone is welcome, we hope you will join us!

What is the Lutheran Witness magazine?

The Lutheran Witness is an official magazine of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Every issue is chock full of great articles on interesting topics of our day and what our Synod teaches on those topics. Sample issues are on the table in the narthex. We will be taking subscription orders soon.

It's Pasty Time at St. Paul Again!

by Marge McVey

The Ladies Guild of St. Paul will be making pasties on Friday, September 26. We will start at 8:30am with peeling and cutting potatoes. We will proceed with making the dough and then assembling the pasties and baking them.

Any and all help will be needed and appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet posted (at St. Paul's) for donations and help.

Pre-order today! Order forms are on the SPL Bulletin board. Price is the Same as 2024: \$6.

New Men's Fellowship!

Calling men of all ages! In the coming weeks we hope to have

our first (in a while) Men's Club event. This will likely happen on a Saturday (morning or evening). Events will include study & prayer, food, fun activities, and service projects. *If you have ideas or can help, please speak with Norm V.*

Ladies: encourage the men in your life to get involved in the men's club!

The Recipe Corner: Alice's Butter Dips

(Alice Phillips-Pastor's mother)

Ingredients:

- ½ c. butter or margarine
- 2¼ c. flour
- 1 T. sugar
- 3½ t. baking powder
- 1½ t. salt
- ¾ c. milk

Grated parmesan cheese for topping (optional)

Preheat oven to 450. Put butter or margarine in 9"x13" baking dish and place in preheating oven to melt. When the butter is melted, combine remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl. On a floured board pat dough out to ½" thick and cut into 1" strips about 5" long (a pizza cutter works great for this). Dip each strip in the melted butter, turning to coat all sides, then place side-by-side in the baking dish. If desired, sprinkle with parmesan. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown on top. Serve them with stew or chili or soup or anytime you would serve biscuits.

On your radar... planning ahead

- Junior Catechism begins September 7th. We will meet at St. Paul on Sundays at 6pm. This is a 2-year program for youth entering the 6th-8th grade. Please speak with Pastor Phillips to enroll!
- Sunday School We need your help! Everything from teachers to helpers to music leaders to students (yes... let the little children come to Jesus!) Help us encourage our young families.

It's STILL all about
JESUS!

For Your Weekly Devotions...The readings for Sunday worship
Try to read the lessons before the date listed (then you will be familiar with the weekly theme!)

September 7
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-35

September 28
 Amos 6:1-7
 Psalm 146
 1 Timothy 3:1-13
 Luke 16:19-31

October 19
 Genesis 32:22-30
 Psalm 121
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

September 14
 Ezekiel 34:11-24
 Psalm 119:169-176
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

October 5
 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
 Psalm 62
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:1-10

October 26 - Reformation
 Revelation 14:6-7
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 Matthew 11:12-19

September 21
 Amos 8:4-7
 Psalm 113
 1 Timothy 2:1-15
 Luke 16:1-15

October 12
 Ruth 1:1-19a
 Psalm 111
 2 Timothy 2:1-13
 Luke 17:11-19

November 2 – All Saints
 Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm 149
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

“Thy Word is lamp to my feet and light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

St. Matthew's Officers

Chairman – Dennis Schlak
 Vice Chairman – Joan Tewes
 Treasurer – Patty Atkinson
 Recording Secretary – Edith Plumb & Louise Hinds
 Financial Secretary – Ed Sell
 Elders – Don Hinds (Head Elder), Ed Sell, Chuck Smith
 Trustees – Chuck Smith, Roger Smelker

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Chairman – Bud Burns
 Vice Chairman – Adam Kuuttila
 Treasurer – Patti Ritthaler
 Recording Secretary – Pam Burns
 Financial Secretary – Pam Burns
 Elders – Norm Volz (Head Elder), Bud Burns, Adam Kuuttila, Gary Ritthaler, Dennis Quast
 Trustees – Gary Ritthaler (Head Trustee), Bud Burns, Scott Risinger

The Parish Classifieds / Idea Corner

The 2025 Cub Scouts Pack 629 Popcorn Sale runs Sept-Dec. This year's goal is to raise \$2,000. 70% stays locally. Order now (on bulletin board) and payment is due November 1. See Nathan Graham for more info!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: We need 2-3 volunteers to work with Pastor Phillips to re-build our Sunday School Ministry at St. Paul. Please speak with Pastor.

Items needed for the Orphan Grain Train layette kits: cloth diapers, light-weight dark washcloths/towels, soap-box holders, individually wrapped toothbrushes, ½" to ¾" band-aids and new or gently used "onesies". Bring items to the box in the narthex at St. Paul's!

Men: it's your turn to be an usher in our Sunday service! Training provided and flexible schedule! For more information, speak with Norm Volz

Wanted: folks to co-op on bulk food purchases. Maybe make purchases through Azure Standard or similar. Speak with Pastor P.

Everyone a Greeter: How do you welcome those who come to worship? If it was your first time visiting our congregation, how would you like to be welcomed?

St. Matthew's Bulletin notes: Send your item for the weekly bulletin, no later than Wednesday morning, to:
 emrhplumb1@gmail.com

St. Paul's Bulletin notes: Send your item for the weekly bulletin, no later than Wednesday morning, to:
 stpaulkalkaska2470@gmail.com

Area LCMS Congregations within 50 miles... We are not alone!

(This section is under construction... can you help provide information?)

Circuit 31 (our Petoskey Circuit)

Boyne City - Christ Lutheran Church

1250 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, MI 49712
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Pastor Chuck Hoffman

Charlevoix - Bethany Lutheran Church

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(Vacant)

Gaylord - Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor Kurt Klingbeil

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Pastor Tom Phillips

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Pastor Tom Phillips

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www.zionlutheranpetoskey.org

Pastor Matt Peters - Circuit Visitor

Emeritus - Retired Pastors (home church)

Pastor Ken Bernthal (Gaylord)

Pastor Paul Schneider (Gaylord)

Pastor Daniel McVey (Kalkaska)

Pastor Don Nemec (Gaylord)

Congregations in neighboring circuits

Bellaire - Hope Lutheran Church (English District)

Cadillac - Emmanuel Lutheran Church

11198 E M 55, Cadillac, MI 49601-8474

(231) 775-3261

<https://emmanuelcadillac.org/>

Pastor Brennan Woell

Cedar - St. Paul Lutheran Church

Elk Rapids - Grace Lutheran Church

Houghton Lake - St. John Lutheran Church

Interlochen - Redeemer Lutheran Church

Leland - Immanuel Lutheran Church

Mesick - Faith Lutheran Church

Traverse City

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

The Parish Word – Calendar

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day - office closed	2 11am Ladies Guild (SML)	3	4 Pastor's day off	5	6
7 9a Worship (SML) 930a Ladies Guild (SPL) 11a Worship (SPL) 1230p Bible Study (SPL) 2p Adult Instr (SPL) 6p Confirmation (@SPL)	8 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML) 6pm Cub Scout Open House (SPL)	9 930a Joint Circuit Winkel (@SPL) 430pm Elders (SML) 530pm Council (SML)	10	11 Pastor's day off	12	13
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28 9a Worship (SML) 11a Worship (SPL) 1230p Bible Study (SPL) 2p Adult Instr (SPL) 6p Confirmation (@SPL)	29 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	30 5pm 5 th Tuesday Community Meal @ Mancelona UMC				
	SPL Boy Scouts Mondays @ 530pm		SPL = St. Paul – Kalkaska SML = St. Matthew – Mancelona	SPL Alcoholics Anonymous Thursdays @ 8pm		

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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		SPL = St. Paul – Kalkaska SML = St. Matthew – Mancelona	1 630pm Reformation Recap (SPL)	2 Pastor's day off 930a Dual Parish Meeting (@SPL)	3	4 930a LWML Zone Rally @ SPL
5 9a Worship (SML) 11a Worship (SPL) 1230p Bible Study (SPL) 2p Adult Instr (SPL) 6p Confirmation (@SPL)	6 ALL Pastors Conference (Boyne) 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	7 ALL Pastors Conference (Boyne) 11am Ladies Guild (SML)	8 ALL Pastors Conference (Boyne) 630pm Reformation Recap (SPL)	9 Pastor's day off	10	11 Pasty Sale (SML)
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26 9a Worship (SML) 11a Worship (SPL) 1215p Ref. German Food Potluck (SPL) 2p Adult Instr (SPL) 6p Confirmation (@SPL)	27 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	28	29 9am Elders (SPL-Big Boy) 630pm Reformation Recap (SPL)	30 Pastor's day off	31 Reformation Day!	
	SPL Boy Scouts Mondays @ 530pm			SPL Alcoholics Anonymous Thursdays @ 8pm		

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