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The Good News

September 2018

PASTOR K.C. LAZZARA

Fall is finally here! Not only does it mark my first anniversary at St. Paul, but it also ushers in the season of football, all things pumpkin spice, and the joy of a much cooler sanctuary. And how can I forget the Renaissance Festival where monks, jesters, knights abound and throughout the day shouts of “Long live the Queen!” can be



heard. Fall brings new sights, sounds, and calico leaves—all blessed signs of rhythm, waves, and motion. We are riding some big waves here, particularly in September with our rummage sale and a wedding, all in the same day! We’ve initiated some change in our liturgy with the church bells ringing 10 minutes prior to the service to let the community know worship is about to begin. Just as all things are connected, these small changes can have a big impact on all of us.

This first year of serving as Pastor, the process of accomplishing the “tasks” of shepherding has become more efficient. Having established this process, I have time to schedule office hours for those who want to pray, talk, or discuss topics from the Spiritual Reflections group or the sermons. Of course, spending time with those in nursing facilities and those who can’t make it to church are also priority. I appreciate how some of you have visited our members along with me, as well as on your own. This demonstrates your love, your sustenance, and your genuine willingness to “be the church.”

We are the body of Christ and our actions reflect this unity. While our time alone with God is critical to discerning the Call on our individual lives, growing in faith alongside each other offers nourishment unapparelled by a solitary walk. Now that September has arrived, our committees will resume in addition to the Spiritual Reflections group. I’m excited not just about the Fall season—which is ripe with change—but more so how it signifies new beginnings for all of us. We are deep in the Gospel of John right along with the crowds following Jesus, the beloved disciples confused by Jesus, and even those who conspire against Jesus.

Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” ^{John 6:35 NIV} *Do you believe him? I do.*

**SEPTEMBER 17
SEPTEMBER 24
6:30 PM**



CHURCH PICNIC

I know that over the next few weeks we will be busy working on the Sept 22 rummage sale, but only two weeks later will be our picnic held on Sunday, Oct 7. If weather permits, we will have it outside under tents; otherwise it will be in our large dining room. Our church will be providing hot food which will include BBQ pulled pork, grilled hot dogs, sloppy joes and baked beans. You are being asked to provide other items such as salads, desserts, relish trays, chips and other snack food. These items should be brought to the kitchen on Oct 7 to be stored in the refrigerators, as needed. There will be a sign-up sheet on the blacktop starting on Sept 16 to indicate which item(s) you will be contributing to our picnic. All paper products and drinks will be provided by the church. If you prefer to have pop, please BYOB, but there will be ice and large cups available. If you have any questions contact Marge.



**National
Grandparents Day**



Sunday, Sept 9

BRANDON EBEL

Dear Members of St Paul,

So as you all know, I've gotten to spend a great amount of time with Terri! It has been so amazing to just be with her and I really cannot explain how much it helps. There have been so many moments to cherish and build on. So, I just am so thankful for the entire ministry of St. Paul. This ministry has contributed, in such a major way, to saving my life. The hope I have in my life comes from so many factors.

That leads me to updating you all on my college endeavors. I recently received my Associate's Degree and it was really inspiring to see something with my name on it that was positive and completed! So I've since moved onto my Bachelor's Degree at Adam's State University in Colorado. Thankfully, they accepted each one of my credits that accounted for my Associate's Degree. My Bachelor's will be in Business Administration with a minor in Psychology. Two fields I love to learn about. I've already taken one class at Adam's State and what a change of pace that has been. I'm usually really hard on myself about grades, but in all honesty, I was so happy to see a C for my final grade. This was a hard C for me to work for. But, I'm going to tighten up now that I've officially experienced the transition.

God just continues to reveal His grace in my life and I know He makes the future so bright for my life. God bless all of you and it's so great to know so many of you individually. Thank you for your welcoming spirit.

This is also a good time for me to wish Terri Bracy & Barbara Stephens a Happy Birthday! I would not be writing St. Paul without you two.

If you would like to write to Brandon or send him a card, his address is:

Brandon Ebel #752523
Thumb Correctional Facility
3225 John Conley Drive, Lapeer, MI 48446



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
WED, SEPTEMBER 5—4:30-6:30 PM



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Sunrise of Troy
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Troy MI 48098

Anne Pyciak
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CHURCH CHAIR STAIR LIFTS

Please DO NOT USE the chair stair lifts for transporting items. We are having problems with the electronics in the lifts due to them not being balanced when used. The sensors on the footpad must be engaged when the chair is in motion. The State of Michigan Safety Inspector and Maintenance Technician asked us to stress that only people are to use the chair.



- 1 BARBARA STEPHENS
- 8 BILL THOMPSON
- BARBARA RADKE
- CHRISTINA GRAWBURG
- 9 BONNIE BURK
- 19 TRUDY CALABRESE
- 22 REV MARY ALICE PURCELL



Sept 5—Dick & Diane Schuster
Sept 5—Gary & Jan Coleman

GAIL POPYK

As of July 31, 2018, St. Paul UCC no longer owns the Warren Union Cemetery. It is owned by the City of Warren, which will be responsible for all regular and special upkeep on an ongoing basis. This change ensures that the cemetery will remain one of the city's historical, beautiful landmarks while protecting the church from having to make any additional financial expenditures. It is the culmination of a four year joint project by the City, the St. Paul Consistory and Cemetery Committee and the St. Paul attorney, Lucy Benham, Esquire. A hearty congratulations to all concerned in this complicated undertaking.

BARBARA STEPHENS**Psalms 13**

How long, my Beloved? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear this pain in my soul, and live with sorrow all the day? How long will fear rule my life? Notice my heart and answer me, O my Beloved; enlighten me, lest I walk as one dead to life; Lest my ego fears say, "We have won the day;" Lest they rejoice in their strength. As I trust in your steadfast Love; my heart will rejoice, for in You is freedom. I shall sing to the Beloved, who has answered my prayers a thousand fold! Come, O Beloved, make your home in my heart.

Psalms for Praying—Nan Merrill



FALL RUMMAGE, SOUP, BAKE AND CHRISTMAS SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018



It surely has been a very warm summer. But, we have so much to be thankful for judging by other parts of the country. We count our blessings and pray for others that are fighting fires, floods and other disasters. There is cooler weather right around the corner, which brings us to the fall season. And, the fall season tells us the Rummage, Soup, Bake and Christmas Sale is very near! The date is SEPTEMBER 22, 2018. We are famous you know. Everyone, when leaving at previous sales ask, "When is your next one?" Please mark this date on your calendar! Our rummage rooms are filled and overflowing. We are so very sorry, but, we are asking to hold off bringing any more rummage in until after the sale. The preparation schedule for the week is:

Sun, Sept 9	After service	Set up tables/racks in large dining room, move some rummage in
Mon, Sept 10-Fri, Sept 14	9:00 am	Sorting
Mon, Sept 17	9:00 am	Sorting
Tues, Sept 18	9:00 am	Sorting
Wed, Sept 19	9:00 am	Sorting and soup making
Thurs, Sept 20	6:00 pm	Prepare bread for baking
Fri, Sept 21	8:30 am	Bread baking
Sat, Sept 22	Arrive early to prepare for "early bird" sale	
BIG SALE	8:00 am-9:00 am	\$1 admission
	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Free admission
	2:00 pm-3:00 pm	Fill a grocery paper bag for \$3
Sun, Sept 23	After service	Take down tables/racks

Please keep this schedule in a handy spot where it will remind you of the much needed help for our "Famous Sale!" At the end of the sale, we will need your help, once again, to pack up all the "leftovers" – pack time is 3:00 pm. Come early! Trinity St. Mark's will appreciate them.

Don't forget to make your most delicious desserts for the Bake Sale!

P.S. We no longer take large furniture. It does not sell. Sorry.

