

The Messenger

a monthly newsletter



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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm
May be closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm

September 2024

 Find us on Facebook @StPaulAlbion

Kid to Kid Shop

Open Saturdays
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(not on holiday weekends)



Gently used, clean kids clothes sizes 0-16

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 Luther Blvd, Albion

We accept donations of good, clean, children's items. Thursdays 9-11am, & Saturdays 10am-2pm.

Some of our infants & toddlers enjoying the outdoors!



Office hours may vary, please call us at 517-629-8379 to make sure we're open before you come in. Thank you!



**"Jesus said,
'Let the children come to me.'"**
Matthew 19:14

Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

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Albion, MI 49224
517-629-7699
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Amber Perry, Director
Jenny Woods, Asst. Director





September Birthdays

2	David L. Seedorf, Gage Tanner
3	Carol Wilson, LoriRene' Koehn
5	Sandra Mauntel, Joe Patterson
7	Bob Slaughtner
15	Meghan Abbee-Loubert
16	Phyllis Hoffman, Nancy Lutzke, Jaden Ericson
18	Suzanne Paugh
19	Mark Anderla
20	Pat Fischer
21	Tewodros Starr
22	Jim Nash
23	Heather Shedd, Tessa Tanner
24	Rob Porter Jr.
26	Danielle Twiss

September Anniversaries

5	Steve & Carol Abbee
9	Tom & Sharon Rumsey
12	Brian & Susan Obert
13	John & Jan Shedd
17	Todd & Lori Crysler
23	Justin & Mercedes Perry
30	Jeff & Jody Young



Articles, ads, & information for the October issue of The Messenger are due at the church office no later than September 20



Upcoming Events

September 1 & 15	J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
September 2	Labor Day, Office Closed
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Prayer Time
September 7, 14, 21, 28	Kid-to-Kid Shop
September 9	Morning Walkers resume
	Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
September 10 & 11	Preschool Starts
September 10, 17, 24	The CHOSEN—Season 3
September 20	Newsletter Deadline
September 21	Saturday Life Worship
September 22	Fall Begins
September 22	Back to Church, Food, & Fun
	10:00 am Outdoor Worship Service
September 29	Voters' Assembly

I would like to thank the church for having the cake party honoring my High School graduation. Also, thank you all for the cards, gifts, and prayers.
Alliyah Clark



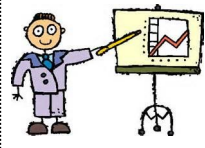
YOU'RE INVITED!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
September 22, 2024
Outdoor service at 10 am
Lunch and Fun

More info later!

One service that day!

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
Sunday, September 29, 2024
9:10 a.m.
in Luther Hall (*snacks provided*)



St. Paul members are encouraged to attend.

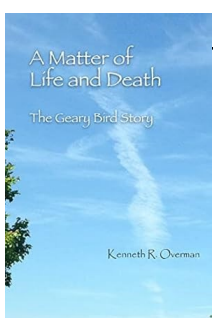
Agenda packets will be available in the narthex soon.

An update to St. Paul's Constitution will be voted on during this meeting.



I am looking for one of the original "white" cookbooks. If you have one or know of someone who doesn't use theirs anymore, I would LOVE to have it. To me and my family, it's the best! Please let me know and I will arrange to meet up with you.

Thanks so very much, Sue Clark



Available now in our library:

A Matter of Life and Death
The Geary Bird Story
By Kenneth R. Overman

Growing up the firstborn son of fledgling cattle ranchers in the tough environs of northeast Oregon, Geary Bird knew all about hardship, hard work and perseverance. But one night when he was told his unborn child was dead and his wife could be soon, his self-reliance and grit were not enough. It took the prayer of a local minister, and a miraculous healing, to open the door to new life for Geary Bird.

This is the true account of a man, his family, his God, and a journey that will carry the reader to the brink of death and the joy of life.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Paul's 17th American Red Cross Blood Drive was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

27 units of blood were collected, including 4 "double red." Each unit can help 3 people, so up to 81 people may be helped by YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who gave their precious time including Ruth Clark, Jo Hess, & Dana Anderla who were our greeters!!



A Word from the Pastor

Dear Saint(s) through faith in Jesus Christ,

It is good to be reminded of who we are and of Whose we are! We are still in this physical, material world and we are still human beings. "There is not a just person upon the earth who always does good and never sins." (Eccl. 7:20) We are sinners but, through faith in Jesus we have full forgiveness, so we are "saints"! And we are His! "See how great a love the Father has for us, that we should be called the children of God!" (1 Jn. 3:1)

As we are nationally into the "back to school" mode, are you ready to renew your commitment to follow Jesus – to be a disciple/student of His? His invite is always to "Follow Me"! If folks don't follow Him, which way are they going? "There is a way that seem right to a man, but end of that way is death." (Prov. 14:12) Jesus, who came that we might have life and have it abundantly (and eternally!), would instruct us/school us from the Scriptures in how to live, how to think, how to respond to various situation, how to serve, how to endure, how to overcome, etc.

For the rest of the calendar year we are going to walk with Jesus through the Gospel according to Mark. Each Sunday for 16 out of 17 weeks between September 8 and December 29, we will dwell on one of the 16 chapters of Mark and then get a message from it that will apply to our lives. Please join me in reading that week's chapter every day of that week leading up to the Sunday where the message will be from that chapter. For example, read Mark 1 every day from Sunday, September 1 through Saturday, September 7 and hear the message on that chapter on Sunday, September 8. Next, start that Sunday, September 8 and read Mark 2 each day through Saturday, September 14 and so on!

The Apostle Paul encourages us to "let the Word of God dwell in you richly!" (Col. 3:16) Just think how well acquainted we can get with Mark's Gospel and the life of Jesus the rest of 2024. We need that guidance as much as anyone in these crazy days in our wild world of politics, inflation, war, confusion, and anxiety. God will give us clarity, peace, perseverance and power to make difference in our world and in the lives of people – only as we follow Jesus, walking with Him in the instruction of His Word.

Are you with me?

Join us for a Virtual Vision Trip to



Join our Indian travel hosts live via Zoom for 30-45 minutes as we travel to India, go behind the scenes and meet people whose lives have been transformed through your support.

Register now to reserve your space!



3 easy ways to register:

1. Scan the QR code to the right
2. Email us at info@indiatransformed.org

Tuesday, September 24 at 7pm MT



Forever His student, aiming at faithfulness, and appropriating the peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn

PS. – I want to offer special encouragement/thoughtful instruction to you in this voting season with the presidential election – and all the other ones are important too! What would you think of me if you knew that I was going to support a person running for office who promoted the enslavement of minorities? You'd be horrified! You'd wonder if I could be your friend, let alone your pastor. How would you feel if I was going to vote for a person who advocated for same sex marriage, abortion, and gender transitioning (without parental notification!)?!?! None of these things – slavery, homosexual relations, abortion, or gender confusion – will be present in the Kingdom of God. If you are praying, as we do in the Lord's Prayer, for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, you can't vote for or support people who approve of such things. We, as God's children, must look beyond political parties, personalities, and politics and vote based on **politics**, based on what is God-pleasing and aligned with His Kingdom of righteousness. To that end, God will only bless America if His people take the right(eous) voting stance this Fall. Lord, have mercy on us all!



SATURDAY LIFE Worship

Third Saturday of the month
September 21, 5:00 pm

SATURDAY LIFE Worship! -

Once a month, on the third Saturday at 5pm you can join us in the Living Room (the old choir room – so nicely redone!!!) for worship, the Word, and the Sacrament/Holy Communion. This is a kid-friendly 45-50 minute time of faith building. If you can't/aren't making it to church on Sundays, please consider this invitation to something new!

prolife update

This past July, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its annual abortion report for 2023, which provides details about abortions performed in our state. Of course, these are not mere statistics. Each "number" represents real **people—real women and real children**.

Sadly, in 2023, there were 31,241 abortions performed in Michigan, which marked a 29-year high. The MDHHS report also revealed a **dramatic spike in serious abortion complications, up a shocking 38%**! These "numbers" force us to face the catastrophic impact of the past few years of reckless pro-abortion leadership in our state.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and radical abortion-obsessed legislators in Lansing ushered in a slew of dangerous legislation last year, making abortion even more dangerous for women.

Abortion clinic **health and safety regulations are GONE**. These clinics are now unregulated and unlicensed. It is no longer a requirement to give women who are considering an abortion basic medical facts about the procedure, including common risks and complications. Worse yet, non-physicians can now perform abortions in Michigan.

Prayer List Updated: August 27, 2024

Homebound

Ginette Burlingame
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
Rosemary Chapman
Shirley Claucherty
John Geyer
Don Hickey
James Hull
Leona Kissinger
Charles Krenerick
Jim & Dolores Manthei
Jim Nash
Lorraine Posenke
Carolyn Rimer
Keith Swathwood
Ray Zick



Public Servants

Lindsey Bergeron-Anderla (wife of Michael Anderla)
Joshua Boel (son-in-law of Pastor & LoriRene')
Eric Clark
Sarah Duff (daughter of Dale & Lori Duff)
Rob Lightfoot (grandson of Cliff & Alice Bush)
Miranda Seedorf
Jacob Sommer (grandson of Jean Sommer)
Terrel "Dion" Williams (nephew of Lou & Annette Lerma)
Jeremy Woods

Sick and Injured

Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
Misty Brooks (friend of Carol Miller)
Judy Calderone (friend of Gloria Hunt)
Jennifer Dryer (friend of Alice Wochholz & Dawn Hernandez)
Bill Duggan (friend of Harry & Dawn Martin)
Carolyn Fox
Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)
Linda Geyer (former member of St. Paul)
Jim Hunt
Mike Kissinger (son of Leona Kissinger)
Jerry Martin (father of Matt (Michele) Mentink)
Martha Ortiz (friend of Carol Miller)
Tim Osborne (friend of Shirley Smith)
Kent Phillips
Geraldine Remington (friend of Carolyn Fox)
Jackie Ringle (aunt of Tim Paugh)
Juanita Siefert
Tyler Smith (grandson of Bill & Lois Haeske)
Stan Sommer
Russell Spanninga
Ilene Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
Jim Wilson
Vickie Yankee (former member of St. Paul)
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Milkessa Gemechu's father in Ethiopia.

Kurk Metzler, friend of many St. Paul members, who passed away on July 27th.

Jim Chard, best friend of Pete Smith, who passed away August 3rd.

Deb Herwarth who passed away August 11th.

Lawrence Slaughter, former St. Paul member and brother-in-law of Lucy Slaughter who passed away August 12th.

Arminda Lerma, mother to Louis (Annette) Lerma, who passed away on August 21st.

John Phillips

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



**Deborah Lee Herwarth
May 3, 1957—August 11, 2024**

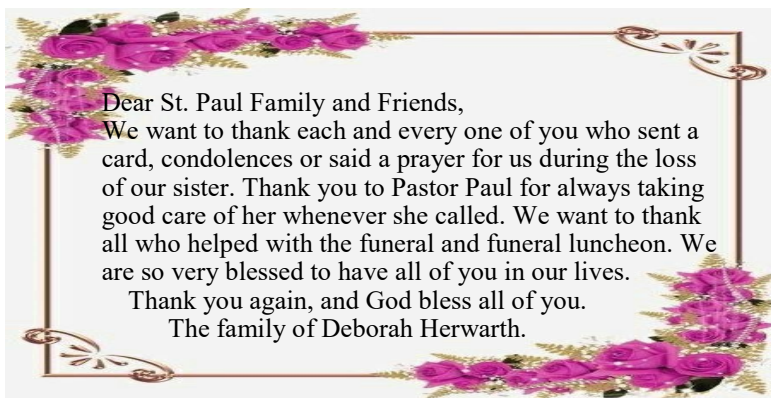
Deborah passed away on August 11, 2024. She was born on May 3, 1957, in Albion, Michigan, to Billy and Dolores Hurdelbrink. On March 29, 1985, Deborah married James C. Herwarth I. He preceded her in death on March 19, 2024.

Deborah enjoyed bowling, golf, and volleyball. Deborah was an avid volunteer and well-known in the community. She was a member of the Professional Business Women and Albion Rotary Club and worked for BlueOx Credit Union. She was also a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Deborah found enjoyment when she was surrounded by people.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristy (Bob) Hemminger; son, James (Jenny) Herwarth II; granddaughters, Ashley (Zachery) Potter, Chelsea Hemminger, and Chloe Hemminger; mother, Dolores (Jim) Manthei; sisters, Dana (Terry) Anderla, Dagmar (Dave) McKinney, Dawn Hawks, and Diana (Bob) Siscoe, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Deborah is preceded in death by her husband; father, Billy Hurdelbrink; brother-in-law, Ed Hawks; and brother, David Hurdelbrink.

See the full obituary on the Luther Hall lobby bulletin board.



Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,
We want to thank each and every one of you who sent a card, condolences or said a prayer for us during the loss of our sister. Thank you to Pastor Paul for always taking good care of her whenever she called. We want to thank all who helped with the funeral and funeral luncheon. We are so very blessed to have all of you in our lives.
Thank you again, and God bless all of you.
The family of Deborah Herwarth.

Congratulations to Meghan Abbee and Dominic Loubert, who were married on July 27, 2024 in Steve & Carol's backyard.

May God bless you as you make this new beginning together.



Roving Reporter

Welcome to the month of September! Where has the summer gone? I would like a few more warm weather days before the cooler temperatures arrive. Whoa, the leaves on the trees are already turning color.

With fall approaching, things are starting to happen here at St. Paul. The Chosen will start back up in the Living Room on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. All are welcome to come, even the men. Come have a snack, cup of coffee, and enjoy the show.

Sunday, September 22, will be our **Back to Church Sunday** celebration. It's going to be a big deal! There will be a dedication at the Memory Garden of the beautiful new bench Harry Martin made. There will be only one church service that day, and it's going to be OUTSIDE by the garden. We're getting a large tent, in case the weather isn't the greatest. The service will be at 10:00 am with preservice music at 9:30 am. And, of course, we will have a meal afterward. Stay tuned for more information.



Sunday, September 29, there will be a **Voters' Assembly** meeting, 9:15 a.m. in Luther Hall. Lots of business will be discussed. Please plan to attend and find out all the things that have been done by the Trustee's this summer; they have been very busy.

Watch the newsletter and inserts for starting times of Bible studies and maybe some new events here at St. Paul.

If you have been a little neglected in your giving over the summer, now is the time to get back on track with your tithes.

Regular **Church services** are at 8:15 am, this is a modern service, and interactive with the Pastor. There is still our 10:30 am service, which is traditional. We also have a Saturday Life Worship on the third Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm. Please check them out, there is one that will fit everyone.

Keep St. Paul, Pastor, sick, shut-ins, our Little Lambs, schools, and teachers in your prayers.



Enjoy the beautiful weather and fall color!!



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center



Greetings from the Center:

It's been awhile and much has happened since we last communicated. The changes have been mostly for the best, although change can also bring obstacles to overcome as well. Ms. Chelsea is officially gone and Ms. Amber has taken over the reigns! She is doing a great job albeit she's had her share of obstacles in her path. Her husband has been hospitalized for a month with surgeries, infections, etc. and that's put extra pressure and stress on her (as it would anyone). But, she's been doing the best she can and we have all tried to step up and help carry the load.

We recently also had a large exodus of staff that left for a variety of reasons. We are slowly rebuilding that staff back up and God has blessed us with some good ones. Keep praying for that to grow.

Ms. Salena is going to remain on our childcare staff for the 4-5 year olds, but she is also taking over teaching the 4-year-old preschool class too. She will be great. The 3-year-old teacher has yet to be determined. Prayers on that too.

We recently had some major repair/replacement expenses on our building and such. 2 air conditioners went out, and that wasn't cheap, and also came with unexpected other repairs too. We have been "upgrading" things and trying to spruce the entire center up again. Things wear out, toys break, paint on the walls gets marred up and sometimes you just need to change it up. So, we have been! It's looking great!



The kids recently enjoyed a foam party outside and that went well. All of the kids that were age ready for kindergarten have left. Seems quieter without them. We pray for success for all of them.

We have openings in our 2 1/2- 4-year-old rooms if you know anyone that needs full time childcare.

A HUGE thanks to Mike Slaughter and crew for helping get SO much done up here. I cannot tell you how awesome it is to make a phone call and help arrives! Thank you. Thanks again to John Shedd for taking our mower to get fixed (again.) Also, kudos to the Weston's for the toys! You all spoil us and we so appreciate it.

We aren't perfect nor are we without fault or blemishes. But, we try hard. We pray daily for wisdom, patience, strength, and guidance for our staff and families. Would you please pray for that too?

In Christ, Jenny



My family and I would like to thank our Church family for the luncheon for George's service. Pastor, the service spoke wonderfully of the promise we have from our Savior. I am thankful for the time I had with George, and will look forward to being in glory with the Father.

Beth Williamson and family



Door collection for Charitable Union's COINS FOR COATS



The month of September, there will be a basket set out at each service for your loose change. Charitable Union provides coats for the children of Calhoun County. They are in desperate need of our help to keep the children warm this winter. Thank you for any help you can give!

Welcome Jameson Lane Shirley June 4, 2024

Newborn son of Sam & Tessa Shirley. Born 7 lb. 15 oz.



Sam & Tessa bought a house in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, August 2023, and they're doing well.



The Memory Garden committee would like to thank Mike Slaughter for the wonderful new watering system.

You're an angel who made our lives so much easier!



Greetings to our church members— We want to thank all who serve us the treats and drinks during Fellowship Time on Sundays! You have been very loyal with your treats. God bless you! Bud & Carolyn Fox



We now have **Online Giving** at St. Paul

You can use this for sending us offerings or Memorials.

Simply go to our website, click on our Online Giving tab, and choose the proper link. It will take you to a page where you can enter your information.

You may pay by Debit or Credit card. *(a small fee will be charged, St. Paul will not receive the full amount of your donation.)*



ALBION RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 26, 2024
12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Albion.
Please help by giving the gift of life.

Healthy Babies Day



Saturday, September 28, 2024
10am to 12pm
Harrington Elementary
100 S. Clark St., Albion

Free stuff and educational materials

Families will learn about nutrition, safe sleep, breastfeeding, and child growth and development.

Questions? Contact amanda@albionhca.org or call (517) 629-5080.



September 21, 2024
Downtown Albion, MI



Lutheran Women in Mission Fall Rally
October 20, 3:00-5:00pm
St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage

Bring a salad for potluck dinner. We would love to see you!

St. Paul Members College Scholarship Opportunities

You may qualify for 1 or more of the scholarships offered at St. Paul. Eligibility requirements are listed on the forms. Pick up all forms from the church office NOW!

College Book Scholarship
College Memorial Gift

Deadline is October 15, but you must have attended church at least 12 times this past year.

Administered by the Board of Christian Education.



HOSPITAL REUNION ANNOUNCED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 Luther Blvd, Albion

Staff members, service league, medical staff, and ambulance service for Sheldon, Albion Community, and Trillium Hospital, come and share your fond memories of our past.



Potluck (bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Drinks and meat provided). Socialize 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm.










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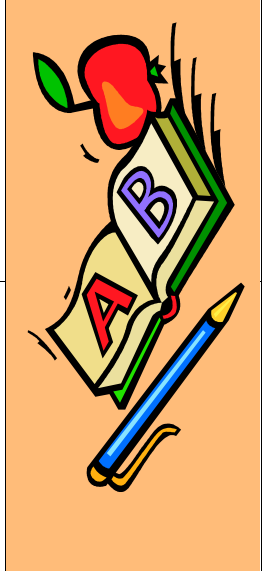
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1 GREEN-15 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship & Communion 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion & J.A.M.	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	3 8:30am Morning Walkers 9am Preschool starts 9:30am The CHOSEN 	4 8:30am Morning Walkers 8:30am Preschool starts	5 Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	6 8:30am Morning Walkers	7 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
8 GREEN-16 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship & Communion 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	9 8:30am Morning Walkers 4pm Stewardship & Outreach Mtg	10 8:30am Morning Walkers 9am Preschool starts 9:30am The CHOSEN 	11 8:30am Morning Walkers 8:30am Preschool starts	12 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	13 8:30am Morning Walkers	14 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
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22 GREEN-18 aft Pentecost BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 9:30am Preservice 10am Special Worship 11:45am Back to Church Luncheon 	23 8:30am Morning Walkers Fall Begins 	24 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN	25 8:30am Morning Walkers	26 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	27 8:30am Morning Walkers	28 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2				

August 2024

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2024



Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship

Sunday Morning Worship *(In person & Facebook Live)*

Saturday Life Worship (3rd Saturday of the month)

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

(Holy Communion is offered every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month.)

Mission Statement

*Our Mission is to focus
on the community through Christ.*

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

We would like to share a copy of our monthly newsletter with you. We invite you to join us in any and all events mentioned within.

*“Come to me all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

- Spoken by Jesus, Book of Matthew 11:28

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