

The Messenger

a monthly newsletter



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



October 2024



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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

Check out our selection of
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

All in a morning's work!



Office hours may vary, please call the
office 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

615 S. Dalrymple St.

Albion, MI 49224

517-629-7699

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Amber Perry, Director
Jenny Woods, Asst. Director





October Birthdays

- 1 Peyton Anderla
- 2 Mark Oerther, Aliza Ruff
- 3 Phil Mason
- 4 Pete Smith, Donna Miller, Grayson Morgan
- 7 Janet Peckham, Cheryl Surprenant
- 10 Ronan Sackrider
- 13 Diana Siscoe, Christina Zerbe-Weicht
- 14 Sheryl Hunt
- 17 Katherine Heidenreich, Gloria Hunt
- 18 Keith Swathwood
- 21 John Grady, David Davis II
- 22 Valencia Seedorf
- 24 Betty Phillips, Brody Mentink
- 26 Eric Corey, Spencer Zick

October Anniversaries

- 6 Don & Rose Hickey
- 7 Matt & Ellen Pehrson
- 12 Bob & Diana Siscoe
- 15 Chris & Kara (Mackie) Conn
- 16 Roger & Betty Weston
- Thomas & Suzanne Paugh
- Ted & Amy Zerbe
- 18 Ray & Lou Zick
- Phillip & Joan Sumption
- 21 Scott & Sue Clark
- 26 Bob & Michelle Slaughter
- 31 Matt & Michele Mentink



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



Baptized at St. Paul
on August 25th:

Evelyn Sue Louise Portman

Her parents are Abraham & Abbie Portman.
Her proud grandparents are Tony & Anne Starr.

May it always be a memorable day for the entire family.



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
Third Saturday of the month
October 19, 5:00 pm

Once a month, on the third Saturday, join us in the Living Room 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!



- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 The CHOSEN continues
- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Prayer Time
- October 5, 12, 19, 26 Kid-to-Kid Shop
- October 6, 20 J.A.M. (*Jesus and Me*)
- October 6 Life Chain in Marshall
- October 14 Board of Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
- October 15 Parish Planning Council Meeting
- October 19 Saturday Life Worship
- October 20 Pastor Appreciation Potluck Brunch
..... Family Fun Time in the Gym
..... Newsletter Deadline
- October 23 Fall Family Fun Night
- October 27 Reformation Day
- November 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back

Don't Forget!!!

**Set your clocks back
Saturday night,
November 2nd**



October is Pastor Appreciation Month



This is an excellent time to demonstrate love, appreciation, and encouragement for our pastor.

Some suggestions are: **pray for him, express appreciation (in writing and verbally), respect his time, live in peace, encourage his personal interests, encourage time with his loved ones, and respect the dinner hour.**

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

Jeremiah 3:15

Pastor Appreciation Potluck Brunch
Sunday, October 20, 2024
9:20 am (between services)



Provided:
Pancakes, Link Sausage, Beverages
Plates and Silverware

Please bring whatever you like.
A brunch is a meal for every dish!!

A basket will be provided for cards of appreciation.



Hey, Dear Ones,

What's in the new month? Oktoberfest! The first frost and an "Indian Summer"? An "October Surprise" related to the upcoming election? Halloween! Reformation Day! More football! And early voting for the 2024 election?

What is in your heart? Hopefully, the Word of God. It is to be

"hidden" in our hearts – not so we can't find it! Rather, it is to be so familiar to us, anchoring our thoughts, words, and deeds that we "might not sin against" God or ourselves and our posterity! See Psalm 119:11!

I had the privilege of hearing a message from a man I revere as (and he is also nationally acclaimed as such!), "America's Historian", David Barton. He set forward the differences between the Jamestown "Christians" and the Pilgrims of the Plymouth/Massachusetts Colony in the early 1600's. The former had a Christian confession but lived the Old English style. It led them to embrace slavery, socialism, and classism and led to a terrible time of starvation and even some cannibalism. The Pilgrims had a rough go of things to start, but they were "Bible Christians". Almost every early American painting of the Pilgrims includes a Bible and/or shows them holding Bibles. That's what they treasured, along with the Bible's ways. They **bought** land from the Indians, rejected slavery, sought and found God's provision for their needs, and set up a system of free enterprise, business, and individual responsibility. With God's help through Samoset and Squanto, they eventually prospered and had a wonderful relationship with the indigenous community of native Americans.

We so desperately need God's Word. And He has given it/ Him to us! That Word has been personalized and "become flesh" – the Word Incarnate – Jesus! How He loves the little children (which certainly includes the unborn!)! How He loves family and marriage (we are adopted into the family of God, and Jesus is our heavenly Bridegroom, and we are His bride, the Church!)! How He hates death and sins, though He suffered death and became sin for us! How He despises slavery and injustice, and yet He came to set us free by suffering the worst injustice Himself (Governor Pilate declared Him innocent at least three times and yet surrendered Jesus to be scourged and crucified!)!

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL?

It is most important to be connected to Jesus! Being a member of a congregation, like this one, is like a "vote" to "keep it going"! If you are attending St. Paul and are not officially a member, that is fine, but we are also offering you the opportunity to become a member and "join" us.

Please let your interest be known to Pastor Paul along with any questions. A few gatherings for discussion with Pastor and interested folks will lead to the option of "membership"!



Will you follow Him, who is LIFE and gives life and gave His life for you and promises eternal life by grace through faith? What will that look like as the "Fight for the Soul of America" goes on for people identifying as Christians/Jesus followers? Will this November's election results at the local, state, and federal levels be inviting God's blessing on America or His judgment? Will we be helping to restore and secure, for our children and grandchildren, "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"?

If you think I am being "political," you are missing the real dynamic of the spiritual dimension. This is spiritual with deep Gospel roots. This is good versus evil. So much more than "Democrat" vs. "Republican". What would Jesus have us do? How would He direct us to vote? (We dare not sit out this election and not vote – "Silence in the face of evil is evil!" – over 30% of Christians registered to vote are planning not to vote this Fall! A travesty!) Persons or a political party whose policies support "the right" to choose to kill unborn children (it doesn't include the right to kill Gramma with Alzheimer's YET!), legitimize "marriage" between same-sex couples, and promote the idea that there are more than two genders are inappropriate for faithful Jesus follower to support with a vote. Those things may be culturally acceptable now, but they never were 50 years ago, nor have they ever been Biblical!

Let's be faithful Bible Christians, following Jesus in loving all people and never supporting that which is contrary to the Creator's plan and design!

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn

PS – Peace is the picture of an unborn child growing and developing in her mother's womb. Love is the picture of that man and woman devoted to each other for better or for worse, knowing God is always assisting to make things better!

PSS – Check out the preacher's message on YouTube entitled "The Fight for the Soul of America"!!!!!!



HOW'S YOUR PRAYER LIFE? –

A great little phrase in Psalm 109:4b has King David's word, "But I am in prayer." Hopefully you/we are too!

Remember in particular our Thursday prayer emphasis day – prayer times of **9:15am and 12:15pm**. Gather with others or set aside time by yourself but "ask, seek, and knock"!

Pray, praise, and give thanks!



DAILY READING OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK continues!

You are encouraged to read and reread the chapter during the week as the Sunday message will be from Mark 5 on Oct. 13, Mark 6 on Oct 19, and so on.

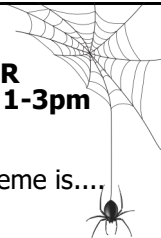
Sewing Class

5 Drawer Storage Caddy
 Taught by Doretta Wilson, in Luther Hall
 Saturday October, 19, 2024
 10:00 am-3:00 pm



There are many uses for this caddy. Doretta uses hers for sewing supplies she needs when she sews away from home. Call or email Doretta for supply list; Cell: 517-881-2910 or email: wilsondoretta@gmail.com

SWEETS ON SUPERIOR
 Sunday, October 27, 2024, 1-3pm
 Downtown Albion



Who you gonna call? Albion Chamber! The theme is... you guessed it, Ghostbusters!

If you are interested in being a vendor, Sweets on Superior Applications are available now! https://mcusercontent.com/ebb5b015824a9c93ef96f2ed9/files/96fc8190-b2e9-76a7-8699-5a969773baeb/2024_Sweets_on_Superior_Application_1.pdf

Submit your applications to bradley@greateralbionchamber.org. Application deadline is Friday, October 18.



ALBION RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, October 17, 2024
 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Albion.

Please help by giving the gift of life.

Your single donation may help save multiple lives. As thanks for your generous act, [you'll automatically be entered for a chance to win a \\$5,000 gift card when you come to give blood Oct. 1-31.](#) There will be three winners! Plus, you'll [get a \\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card](#) by email when you come to give during that same time!*

American Legion Post 55 Pancake Brunch

Sunday, October 27, 2024
 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Adults \$9.00
 Children 4-12 \$6.00—under 4 free

BAKED POTATO BAR

St. James' Episcopal Church-Albion

Friday, October 25, 2024
 4:30-6:30 pm

\$12 includes dessert and beverage



A large variety of toppings will be available to load your spud and create an amazing dinner!

Eat-in or make and take it.

AMERICAN LEGION Auxiliary Post 55

1230 Edwards St., Albion

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9 am to 3 pm

This annual event is a great place to see the handiwork of many of the area's best crafters and dare I say it?...Get a jump on your Christmas shopping.

As always the kitchen crew at the Corner Cafe! will be serving delicious food all day long. We'll see you there.....DOWN BY THE RIVER!!!



Free admission.



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!



Network Family Church Food Pantry

13600—28 Mile Rd, Albion

The FIRST TUESDAY of each month
 3:30-5:00pm.

Please tell all your friends!



Medicare



is October 15-December 7

For free help with Medicare, call the Forks Senior Center at 517-629-3842 and ask to make an appointment.



Come to the Community Table of Albion (CTA)

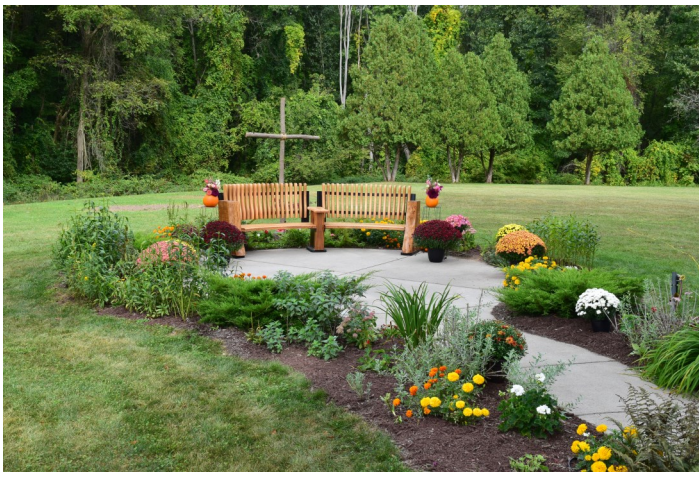
to receive FREE food
 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Tuesday of the month,
3:00 p.m. until gone.

We are located behind Albion College Wesley Hall (enter through the marked gate on Bidwell Street.)

We are invited to
 10:15am prayer at Caring Community Church
 1015 Irwin Ave., Albion.

You'll enjoy and be blessed with a couple songs and Scripture, private prayer in the sanctuary, and corporate prayer – all done in 15 minute segments.





Memory Garden



The members of St. Paul would like to thank all those who helped make our garden a reality:

- ◆ Pastor Dennis Matyas, for helping us get it started.
- ◆ Duane Ruff for tilling the land and other things.
- ◆ Mike Slaughter for the new watering system.
 - ◆ Harry Martin for the handmade bench.
 - ◆ Gary Ott for the ironwork on the bench.
- ◆ Members of the Memory Garden Committee and their spouses.
 - ◆ Everyone who helped plant, including the J.A.M. kids.
 - ◆ Everyone who donated plants/flowers.
- ◆ The families that designated memorials.
 - ◆ The grounds maintenance people for carefully mowing around the garden.
 - ◆ Anyone we may have forgotten.



The Memory Garden was dedicated during our special outdoor Back to Church Sunday worship service on September 22nd. Thanks to all that made this such a special day.

Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center



Greetings from the Center:

Fall is here, and so let the preschool fun begin. We have ten 4-year-olds and fourteen 3-year-olds enrolled. Yes, the numbers are low, but we are thankful for what we have. The 4-year-olds are busy learning to write their names and proper use of the pencil. They are busy getting all the essentials going to ready themselves for kindergarten! The 3-year-olds are learning about creation, shapes, and colors as well as the Pledge of Allegiance! They can be a squirrely bunch, but I sure love them! I am looking for people who would like to volunteer some of their time and talents to our preschool program. If you'd like to read a book or two, do a craft, play a game, do a presentation on something age-appropriate, etc, let me know! The time commitment can be as little as 5-10 minutes. I am trying to enhance their learning "in-house," as field trips are difficult.

Fall Family Fun Night is Wednesday, October 23, from 5:30-7pm @ St. Paul. This is for all Little Lambs and their families. Costume dress-up is optional. We are looking for volunteers to give out treats and help with food, games, etc. We are also looking for donations of bagged candy and/or novelty toys to give away. We are having a petting zoo and pony rides this year, weather permitting. I look forward to hearing from you if you can help with anything.

Swingin' at the Shell this summer was huge! Thanks to Harry & Dawn Martin, Deb & Darryl Meyer, Susan Obert, Cindy Geyer, and Lucy Slaughter, who helped make this so successful. Your help and devotion are so much appreciated; thank you. To the extra special bakers....Sam Markovich, Deb, Dawn, Carolyn Fox, and Betty Weston, you all rock! Your contributions helped make some major money for our Lambs. This was a record-breaking year, profiting well over \$3,000.00!!! Yes, you read that right. That's a lot of popcorn, drinks, and baked goods. We are blessed!

Still working on finding adequate staffing. I look forward to God blessing us with people who will work, show up on time, and benefit our program. Prayers that it happens soon.

Keep us in your prayers as we strive to do God's work with our youngsters.

In Christ, Jenny



Fall Family Fun Night
Volunteers needed
 Wednesday, October 23rd

Volunteers to hand out candy.
 (costume dress-up is optional.)

Help decorate or run a game.

To volunteer please talk to Jenny,
 or call the church office.



I would like to thank the St. Paul congregation for the Love Offering given to my family and me to help while my husband Brent was sick and hospitalized. We were overwhelmed and humbled by the gesture. Thank you. Brent is home and on a long road to recovery. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Thanks again,
 Amber Perry & family
 Director of Little Lambs of Jesus



FALL FAMILY fun NIGHT

Wednesday, October 23, 2024
5:30-7:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church

For all children/families of Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center and St. Paul families with children 8 & under.

5:30 pm Serving hotdogs, sloppy joes, and the fixings

Games & Trick-or-Treating

Petting Zoo and Pony Rides (weather permitting)

If you are interested in giving out candy, or attending the event, please let Jenny Woods know or call the Center @ 517-629-7699 by Sunday, October 20th.

See ya soon

ALL FREE

Please donate individually wrapped candy and/or novelty toys for our Fall Family Fun Night.

Please bring it to the Church by Sunday, October 20.



Roving Reporter

Welcome Fall!!! The last few weeks sure don't seem like fall. I wish we would get some rain, but with the rain will probably come colder weather. I like the warm weather, but whatever God gives us, I will be satisfied.

Morning Walkers have resumed the daily walk, Monday's-Friday's, 8:30-9:00 am. We would love for you to come and join us.

The CHOSEN, season 3 has started, it's Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Living Room. Give it a try; you'll enjoy it.



Back to Church Sunday, on September 22, was very nice. The service was outdoors, under a tent. The music was beautiful. Thanks to all who helped in any way. The Memory Garden and the beautiful bench made by Harry Martin were dedicated. A delicious lunch was served in Luther Hall after the service. If you missed it, your loss.

Thank you, Alice Wochholz, for your dedication to watering the flowers all summer.

There are lots of puzzles in the church Library. Come take a look to see what ones you would like to do. Winter is coming, and it helps to pass the time on cold days!!

Keep the sick, shut-ins, Pastor, Little Lambs of Jesus, and their staff in your prayers.

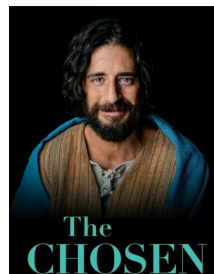
Voters' Assembly News:

- The Endowment Allotment for 2025 was accepted.
- New Constitution amendments, required by the District, were okayed.
- There were some budget revisions approved by the voters.
- Extra allotments were approved to cover the following: The parking lot needs some work, the parsonage roof is leaking and needs repair, the office air conditioner needed to be replaced, and the Education Building storm drain needed to be replaced because the Kid-to-Kid Shop was getting flooded when it rained. Also, funds were approved to reimburse Little Lambs of Jesus for two new air conditioners and an electrical problem.
- Church renovations are still ongoing.
- The Kid-to-Kid Shop has 3 people working. They could use more volunteers. Call the church office if you're interested.
- The Little Lambs of Jesus' new director, Amber Perry, appreciated the love offering taken by St. Paul. Her husband has been very ill, and this offering has helped a lot with expenses.
- Pastor reported that we have a few non-members coming to services on a regular basis. We would love to have them become members.
- Concordia University, Ann Arbor is having some difficulty.

Enjoy this nice fall weather, and Thank GOD every day for His many blessings!!



I ♥ Free Stuff
Check out the **FREE TABLE** in Luther Hall. It has many items, including birthday/holiday cards, 2024-25 calendars, and more!



The Chosen, Season 3
Tuesdays at 9:30 am
In the Living Room

Open to everyone!
Invite your friends!

COVID-19 Tests available!

BORROW A PUZZLE
The Church Library has a selection of puzzles for you to borrow.
Take some home today.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

– A volunteer is needed to refill the oil in the sanctuary candles. This is done about every two weeks.

If you would like to know more about it, please call the church office or talk to John Shedd. Thank you!



A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Steve Knuth, who has done it for many years. Thank you, Steve! You're the greatest!

Family Fun Time
October 20, 2024
After 10:30am church until 1pm



Join us for our monthly Family Fun Time after church! Lunch is provided with fun in the gym to follow! There are various options to enjoy such as:

Air Hockey, Basketball,
Table games, and More

We ask that at least 1 adult accompany their kids from each family. Thank you!

It's Back!! Family Fun Time!!

As I write this to the sound of rumbling thunder, the rain is pattering against the window, rain that is welcome and refreshing during these long, hot summer days. I gaze at the weather app on my phone, and sure enough, the heat and humidity will return soon. Unlike some, I do not welcome this. But I have no choice in the matter, short of relocating to the northern reaches of Canada or perhaps the state of Alaska. In the same way, those who hate the winter's cold and snow have no choice but to bear it, or attempt to escape it by heading south. Yes, man, for all his pomp and arrogance, has no control over the weather.

There are some things we *can* choose. We *can choose* where to live. We *can choose* whether to have pepperoni or mushrooms on a pizza. We *can choose* what color shirt to put on for the day. **But some things we cannot choose.** For example, we *can choose* whether or not to attend a Tiger baseball game, but we *cannot choose* to make the Tigers win. That is not in our power.

Think about this. **What does it mean to be pro-choice?** Well, it depends. Pro-choice *in what?* If it means the right for parents to choose what type of education is best for their children—which school, whether public, private, charter, or home-school—that is a *good* thing. **Parents** are the legitimate authorities over their children. They—and **not** the State—have the calling from God to determine what is best for their children, as well as the charge to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

But that is not the main way the phrase "pro-choice" is used today, is it? We all know what it means to be pro-choice. It is speaking of the right to choose an abortion, **the decision to kill one's child.**

"Well, I personally wouldn't have an abortion, but I think others should have the right to choose." We've all heard that before, haven't we?

But follow that logic through. Do you think a person should have the right to smother their Grandpa "Jones" because he has dementia? Should a person be able to do away with their 5-year-old child if that child is prone to constant illness, and has become too much of a burden on the parent's personal time and space? Would you say, "Well, I wouldn't do it, but I think anyone else who wants to make that choice should be able to?"

Yet, one of the underpinnings of many who currently lead this nation is exactly that—**it is the celebration of the right to choose to murder a human baby.** This forms the basis of their current campaign: "Restore Roe!" they cry. "A woman's right to choose!" they chant, as they angrily campaign across America.

As baby girls and boys continue to be massacred. In **Old Testament Israel**, children were sacrificed to the false god (*demon*) of Molech.

Anthony Esolen, in one of his poems, writes:

That was when Israel swarmed with evil,

Feeding children through fire to Molech,

While they shook their tambourines to drown the cries.

Nowadays, instead of Molech, we sacrifice our children to the altar of "**CHOICE.**" But let's be clear on what "pro-choice" means. Choice of **what?**

If a choice has no actual moral significance, like which pizza topping you choose, that is one thing. **But there is great moral significance when it comes to the choice to end an innocent person's life.**

Every life—created by God, redeemed by Christ—has immense value. Remember that, in this critical election year.

When someone says that they are *pro-choice*, we have to ask, what is that choice *between?* In the case of the current abortion debate, it is used to defend the choice to kill a baby, rather than let that baby live and be born. That is a denial of the basic human right to life of the unborn child. That *cannot* be good.

God, of course, can choose whatever He wants. God is God. He *alone* is the Author and Giver of life. No human being has the right to question His will. But though God can choose to do anything He wishes, He acts according to His nature. **God is just**, and must therefore punish sin. **But God is also love** and thus desires our eternal salvation. **That justice and that love come together in one place—THE CROSS.** Jesus, God's own Son, took the punishment for sin—*our sin*—and we are forgiven. God loves us in Christ. We are His people. We have been rescued.

Sadly, many people have abandoned any belief in God, or at least in the true God of the Bible. If there is no God, *then human life is cheap.* We are just freak accidents of an evolutionary enigma, with no real purpose to our existence, and thus no absolute morals of right or wrong, good or evil. In a godless universe, man is nothing more than a bag of chemicals. **Dr. Rodney Brooks**, with a PhD in computer science from Stanford, says: "*A human being is nothing but a machine or a big bag of skin full of biomolecules interacting by the laws of physics and chemistry.*" Of course, this begs the question of who designed those laws of physics and chemistry in the first place!

We know better. Human beings are *far more* than big bags of skin filled with biomolecules. **"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. ... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them.'"** (*Genesis 1*)

Do not think that you can sit this out on the fence, not when it comes to life and death issues such as abortion and euthanasia. As a Christian, **you cannot.** There is no grey area. You are either *for* God or *against* Him. And God is the God of Life. We are called to be those who promote and protect innocent human life. And, yes, that also means taking very seriously which candidates in every level of government will receive your vote. *Right To Life of Michigan* provides a helpful online guide to assist in knowing which candidates for each office are pro-life, or which ones openly support the killing of babies in abortion. *Check it out at <https://rtl.org/get-involved/elections/>.*

Well, the rain has stopped. I hear no more sound of thunder. The earth is refreshed with life. Crops grown, flowers bloom, cows graze, and man thrives in the world God has made, even though sin has altered that world greatly. Daily weather reminds us that **GOD**, not man, is in control. We *can choose* what clothes to wear, and what pizza topping to order, but we cannot select the weather, which is probably a good thing. We'd all disagree anyway.

But by God's grace, redeemed by Christ, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, LET US NOT CHOOSE moral and spiritual evil. But as Scripture says in Deuteronomy 30:19-20: **"Therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for HE is your LIFE and length of days."** Amen.

March to the Polls

As the second anniversary of Proposal 3 approaches, Right to Life of Michigan is organizing a March to the Polls event. It will take place October 26, 2024 @ 11 a.m. at your local early voting place. The following is from <https://rtl.org/event/march-to-the-polls>. Please visit that website for more information.

"On the one-year anniversary of the passage of Proposal 3 and the enshrining of abortion in our state constitution, 5,000 prolife Michiganders rallied in Lansing for the first ever Michigan March for Life. This year, to commemorate the second anniversary, we are marching to where it all started – the ballot box.

The **2024 March to the Polls** is an opportunity for prolife Michiganders from all corners of the state to speak with one voice and tell the world that we support the choice for life. Pro-abortion politicians have spent the last two years eroding the rights of women, men, children and parents and we have the opportunity to stop it. **We March to the Polls** because we believe in a Woman's Right to Know. We believe that health and safety regulations must apply to all medical facilities. We believe that parents have the right to be involved in their minor child's health decisions. We believe in supporting women in making a courageous, hope-filled choice for life.

So, gather your friends, family and neighbors and join us at 11 a.m. on October 26 as we march to our local early voting place and cast our ballots for life.



We are **looking for volunteers** to help out with J.A.M. Even if you can only do it once a year, it would make a big difference and lighten the load for all of our volunteers. Please let the office know if you can help out.

Voter Guides – Available at the back of the church/ outside the Living Room. It is not about supporting "Republicans" or "Democrats"! It is about aligning with the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (seek those FIRST! – Matt. 6:33).

There is no gender confusion in the Lord's Kingdom, nor is there slavery, class distinction, abortion, racism, or homosexuality; rather "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17). We think we are voting for people or a political party, but it is the **POLICIES** and not the personalities that our vote support.

What kind of vote will invite God's blessing on America and your children and grandchildren, and what vote will invite His judgment on this nation and our posterity?



J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
October 6 & 20, 2024
During the 10:30 am service sermon

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, the children go to another room to hear a message of their own, plus they can enjoy crafts and snacks.

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.



The **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Is the 20th of each month

Please turn in your items by then so we have plenty of time to get the newsletter ready to print.

Thank you for your consideration!!!



We now have
Online Giving
at St. Paul

You can use this for sending us offerings or Memorials.

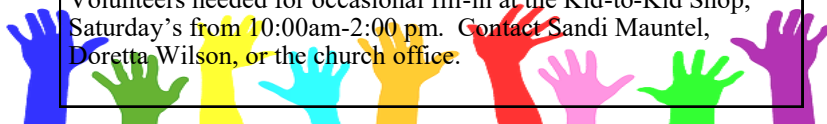
Simply go to our website, click on our Online Giving tab, and choose the proper link. It will take you to a page where you can enter your information.

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.)



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers needed for occasional fill-in at the Kid-to-Kid Shop, Saturday's from 10:00am-2:00 pm. Contact Sandi Mauntel, Doretta Wilson, or the church office.



Prayer List—Updated: October 1, 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
Juanita Siefert
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)
Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)
Linda Geyer (former member of St. Paul)
Jim Hunt
Kate Klein
Phil Mason
Christiana Matthews (sister of Jim & Candie Nash)
Dave O'Dell (nephew of Alice Wochholz)
Martha Ortiz (friend of Carol Miller)
Tim Osborne (friend of Shirley Smith)
Frank Passic (friend of St. Paul)
Kent Phillips
Geraldine Remington (friend of Carolyn Fox)
Jackie Ringle (aunt of Tim Paugh)
Char Sandusky
Tyler Smith (grandson of Bill & Lois Haeske)
Stan Sommer
Russell Spanninga
Ilene Stroebe (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:
Donald Beattie, uncle of Ella Larder
Bill Duggan, friend of Harry & Dawn Martin
Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Please pray for our church leaders

Leadership of St. Paul

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| President: | Brad Shedd |
| Vice President: | Tom Zander |
| Treasurer: | John Shedd |
| Asst. Treasurers: | Sue Clark Barbara Slaughter |
| Financial Secretary: | Ginny Schultz |
| Congregational Secretary: | Dana Anderla |
| Bd of Early Childcare-Chair: | John Shedd |
| Bd of Elders-Chair: | Barry Beilfuss |
| Bd of Education-Chair: | Doretta Wilson |
| Bd of Fellowship-Chair: | Barbara Slaughter |
| Bd of Stewardship & Outreach-Chair: | Sue Clark |
| Bd of Trustees-Chair: | Mike Slaughter |



Life Chain
Sunday, October 6, 2024
Marshall, MI 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Bring folding chairs if standing is difficult.
PRAY, MEDITATE, SING!



Portals of Prayer
A daily devotional with a really nice assortment of prayers that inspire you to live each day as a disciple of Christ. They are available in regular and large print. You may pick one up from the church, or one can be mailed to you by request, please call the church office at 517.629.8379.











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2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| September 2024 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 GREEN-20 aft Pentecost 7 | 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN  | 1 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN | 2 8:30am Morning Walkers | 3 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm | 4 8:30am Morning Walkers | 5 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop |
| 6 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Worship & JAM 2pm Life Chain-Marshall | 8 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN | 9 8:30am Morning Walkers | 10 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm | 11 8:30am Morning Walkers | 12 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop | |
| 13 GREEN-21 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion | 14 Columbus Day 8:30am Morning Walkers 4:00pm Stewardship & Outreach Meeting | 15 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN 6:30pm PPC Meeting | 16 8:30am Morning Walkers | 17 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm | 18 8:30am Morning Walkers | 19 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 5pm Saturday Life Worship |
| 20 GREEN-22 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship 9:20am Pastor Appreciation Potluck & JAM 10:30am Holy Communion 11:45am Family Fun Time  | 21 8:30am Morning Walkers | 22 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN | 23 8:30am Morning Walkers 5:30-7pm Fall Family Fun Night  | 24 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm | 25 8:30am Morning Walkers | 26 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop |
| 27 RED-Reformation Day 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion  | 28 8:30am Morning Walkers | 29 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am The CHOSEN | 30 8:30am Morning Walkers | 31 HALLOWEEN 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm  | November 2024  | |

October 2024

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



Worship Schedule

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| Sunday Life Worship | 8:15 a.m. |
| Sunday Morning Worship (<i>in person & on Facebook Live</i>) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Adult Bible Study | 9:10 a.m. |
| J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>) (<i>1st & 3rd Sundays</i>) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday Life Worship (3rd Saturday of the month) | 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

The Messenger

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