

The Messenger

a monthly newsletter



December 2024 January 2025



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Church Office Hours

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



Find us on
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Kid@Kid Shop

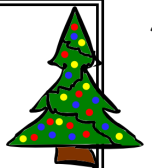
Open Saturdays
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(not on holiday weekends)



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.

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
e-mail: littlelambsofjesus@outlook.com

Amber Perry, Director
Jenny Woods, Asst. Director



Grandparents Day is a special time for everyone!



December Birthdays

- 2 Olansi Hundessa
- 3 Dawn Hawks
- 4 Miranda Seedorf
- 8 Drew Clark
- 9 Matt Mentink
- 10 Dawn Martin
- 13 Carolyn Rimer
- 15 Sue Lauer
- 17 Ruth Clark
- 18 Jan Shedd
- 20 Dana Anderla
- 21 Carol Miller
- 23 Ruth Bussing
- 25 Christa Wilson, Tony Starr
- 26 Paula Miller
- 27 Jeff Ericson
- 30 Leona Kissinger, Michael Lerma
Heather Chamberlain



Articles,
ads &
Information
for the
February
issue of
*The
Messenger*
are due at the
Church Office
no later than
January 20.

- December 1, 15J.A.M. (*Jesus and Me*)
- December 1, 8, 15, 22.....Choir Rehearsals
- December 3, 10, 17..... The CHOSEN
- December 4, 11, 18..... Advent Meals & Worship
- December 5, 12, 19, 26 Prayer Time
- December 7, 14, 21..... Kid-to-Kid Shop
- December 12 Little Lambs Christmas Program
- December 15 Family Fun Time in the gym
- December 19 Red Cross Blood Drive @ St. Paul
- December 21 Saturday Life Worship
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services
- December 24—January 1 Church Office Closed
- January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30..... Prayer Time
- January 5, 19 J.A.M. (*Jesus and Me*)
- January 7, 14, 21, 28 The CHOSEN
- January 11, 18, 25 Kid-to-Kid Shop
- January 13..... Board of Christian Education Meeting
- January 15..... Board of Trustees Meeting
- January 18..... Saturday Life Worship
- January 19..... Family Fun Time in the gym
- January 20..... Board of Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
-February Newsletter Deadline
- January 27..... Parish Planning Council Meeting

January Birthdays

- 4 Brad Shedd
- 6 Charlotte Sandusky
- 9 Lucy Slaughter, Shirley Smith
- 10 Pastor Paul, Bill Eagen
- 13 Hannah Jordan
- 14 Tom Clark Sr.
- 19 Barb Patterson, John Geyer
- 20 Michael Corey
- 21 Jeff Young, Joseph Ericson
- 22 Doretta Wilson
- 23 Jean Sommer, Jo Hess,
Ellen Pehrson
- 24 Chance Anderla
- 26 Ginette Burlingame, Kim Phillips,
Welabu Milkessa
- 27 Aaron Pollman, Damon Scott
- 28 Steven Stark
- 31 Lynda Hunter

January Anniversaries

- 7 Allan & Heather Ruff
- 20 Michael & Carol Corey
Austin & Kristan Ruoff

Advent Meals:

A meal will be served every week at 5:30 pm, before the Advent Worship Service at 6:00 pm.



Everyone welcome!

A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the cost of the meal.
Suggested donation is \$3.00 per adult.

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These meals are sponsored in part by Thrivent.

THE ADVENT MEAL MENUS

- December 4—Lasagna & Salad
- December 11—Spaghetti & Salad
- December 18—Hot Dogs & fixins



Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, before the Advent service.

A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal.

Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes at the back of the church soon.



The Church office will be closed from December 24th thru January 2nd.



Names and addresses of shut-ins are available in the church office for anyone who would like to contact them or send a Christmas Card.

I'm sure they would love to hear from you.



HEY HOLIDAY'ers!

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Do you think so? Why? You might strongly disagree if you despise that white stuff! Maybe you don't like the cold, damp weather with overcast skies 90% of the time. For some, it is hard to mentally endure the length of darkness in these upcoming Winter days, along with the minimized sunlight of cloudy weather.

Still, it is a time to find a way to get COZY! A warm blanket, that favorite sweater (not the ugly one, please!), the cup of hot chocolate, the good holiday movie, or another one of those myriad football games. Probably, this time of year gives many an extra chance to CONNECT – not just with the cozy blanket, sweater, drink, movie, or game – but with people you love and who love you! That is a cozy feeling! Time with loved ones and family, old friends, and maybe even grandkids or grandparents!

But this most wonderful time of the year is really because they are the HOLIDAYS – or better put, the "Holy Days"! It is holy because it is a celebration of God's intervention in human affairs. The Divine invaded the humane (inhumane!)! It is wonderful because God so loved the world that He **GAVE** His only-begotten Son. How could the Creator be so good as to still love His rebellious, broken creation and the sinful, selfish human creatures to provide a remedy for those who were not only not looking for it but certainly also didn't deserve it?!?! "How great the Father's love for us! How vast beyond all measure!"

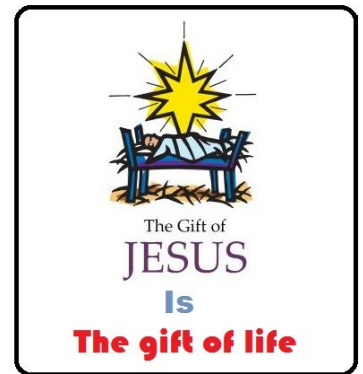
Ponder with me anew the wonder of that love! The Lord wanted us to feel cozy and connected. We were out in the dark and cold of sin, disconnected from the HOLY God – but for what we call the HOLI-days. The holy God gifts us with holiness via forgiveness from the death and resurrection of His Beloved. The Son/Sun of His love dispels the darkness, warms the cold-hearted, and unites with the discouraged to give light, the fire of unfailing love, and the promise of a forever home in the eternal holidays of heaven. Fathom the gift of everlasting life with those we love who have/have had faith in Jesus! No more "winter" – rather eternal "summer"!

What is your response to the Holidays and this most wonderful time of the year? I hope it is WORSHIP – that you will join in coming with the faithful to adore Him, Christ the Lord! (Does that remind you of a treasured Christmas carol???) God offers joy to the world, and we will not say, "Thank You!" for the greatest Gift, the only One that never wears out, breaks, or doesn't fit. It's terrible to think about how many gifts are returned or eventually thrown away. How could anybody do that with the Gift of Jesus? He is the Gift that keeps giving and giving and giving!

His giving inspires our giving! He inspires our living! It will show in prioritizing worship, in our delight in serving the needs of others, and offering that Gift to people nearest and dearest to us, as well as strangers far away. After all, God so loved the WORLD that WHOEVER believes in Jesus has everlasting life!

Happy HOLIDAYS! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
Third Saturday of the month
Dec 21 & Jan 18, 5:00 pm

Once a month, 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 worship with us!

LET'S HELP HARRINGTON!

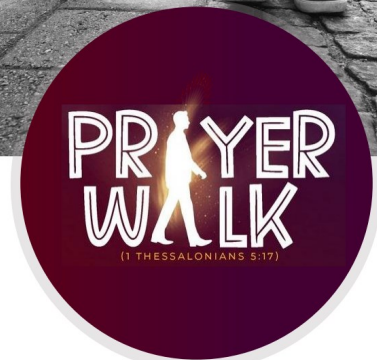
How about living generously and participating in a free-will offering/collection to help kids at Harrington Elementary School buy books at their Book Fair? We are partnering with First Baptist Church in Albion to raise \$800.

There is already \$200 committed and we are challenged to raise half the remaining balance of \$300. We can do it and add to our community testimony for the sake of the Gospel!

See the offering plate at the back of the church or near the door of the Living Room. We will be collecting through Dec 8.



"It's time for the Body to walk together"



Calling all church groups, prayer leaders, intercessors... Anyone who would like to come and pray with us as we intercede for healing and revival in our community.

Meet at Farmer's Market Pavilion
Saturdays, 6:30 pm

Christmas Food Baskets



St Paul and the Community Table of Albion join forces to fight hunger

St. Paul is donating past proceeds from the Taste of Fall; plus, one of our members has graciously applied for a Thrivent Action Team gift card of \$250.

Items will be purchased and added to the food baskets Community Table of Albion will be giving out on December 17th.



This community service event is sponsored in part by Thrivent.



Come to the Community Table of Albion (CTA)

to receive FREE food on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of December, **3:00 p.m. until gone.**

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

Christmas Food Baskets will be given out on December 17th.

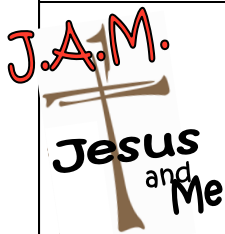
Family Fun Time December 15, 2024 After 10:30am church until 1pm



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!



J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) December 1st & 15th, 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.



Check out the **FREE TABLE** in Luther Hall. It has many items, including birthday/holiday cards, 2025 calendars, and more!

COVID-19 Tests available!

Help save lives!

American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Thursday, December 19, 2024
12:00 to 5:45 p.m.



Donate blood at our upcoming blood drive!

There is currently a blood emergency

Your support is needed more than ever. The Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

Please help by donating, even if you never have. Call the church office if you have any questions.



FREE KID'S COATS, Hats, & Mittens are available to Everyone

In the Kid-to-Kid Shop during regular hours. The Knights of Columbus donated these coats to keep our area children warm this winter.

Tell your friends. Pick yours up soon!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating coats to give away at our Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center, and to our Kid-to-Kid Shop.



God bless the children of Albion and keep them warm.

Sandi Mauntel, Parish Nurse

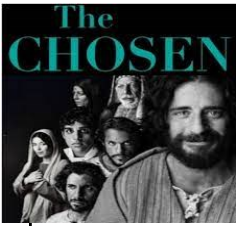
MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL?



Become Part of Our Church Family

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"!



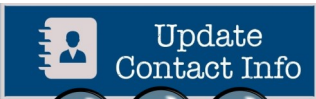
The Chosen
Seasons 1, 2, 3, & 4 DVD's
Are available from our Library.

Anyone may check them out. Please record your name and date on the sign-out sheet and return as soon as you are through so someone else may enjoy them.



COLLEGE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

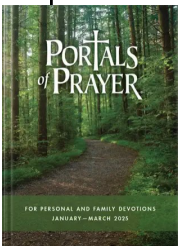
If you are a college student and an active member of St. Paul, you may be eligible for the College Book Scholarship or the Memorial Gift.
Pick up application forms from the church office. Eligibility requirements are listed on the forms. Application deadline is February 15th.



Friendly reminder—

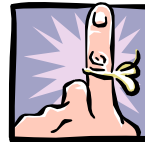
Please let the church office know when your contact information changes (address, phone number, or email) so we can stay connected! Thank you!

For the safety of everyone and their vehicles, the Board of Trustees would like to encourage everyone not to park on the boulevard in front of the church during this snowy season. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



Reminder to All Board Directors

2025 Budgets need to be submitted to the Board of Stewardship & Outreach by January 17th, but year end Treasurers Reports won't be ready until about January 11th.



Brothers and Sisters in Jesus:
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BET YOU'VE NOTICED SOMETHING

Have you noticed changes in people, especially those under 40? Shorter attention spans? More anxiety? Less social interaction? More in defensive mode than discovery mode?

You might want to check out the *Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. He examines the impact of two societal trends that ramped up about 2010: the use of the iPhone and the greater accent on "safetyism" for children. He attributes much of the increase in anxiety and mental illness in young people to these two phenomena.

Yes, you won't agree with everything he has to say, but you may gain some insights from it. Specifically, he encourages moderated use of smart phones in children and for schools to go phone free. More free play for children without adults hovering is also encouraged.

Excerpt from a letter from

David A. Davis
District President—Michigan District, LCMS





Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center:

Time flies when you're having fun! That's what happened at our recent Grandparents Day celebrations! Both preschool classes had a great time sharing a bit of time with their special grandparents. It was a fun, fun few hours!

Practices are starting every day for the Kid's Christmas Program on December 12 @ 6:30pm. Join us for a high energy program that tells of Jesus' birth in a whole new way.

Staffing remains strong and we have added a few new kids this past week. God has us right where He knows we need to be, every day. It's good at LLOJ!

Please take time to really appreciate all you have. For all the blessings. For all the memories. For all the love. For HIM!



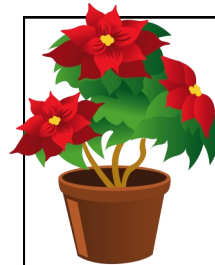
To God be ALL the glory! In Christ, Jenny

Thursday, December 12, 2024
St. Paul Lutheran Church
6:30 p.m.

**Children's
Christmas
Program**

**Presented by
Little Lambs of
Jesus Preschool**

All are welcome!



**ORDERS ARE NOW BEING
TAKEN FOR POINSETTIAS**

These are beautiful full plants that we order from Beck's Flower Shop. They will be used to decorate for the Christmas Eve services, and may be taken home after.

A donation of \$10.75 will be taken for each plant. A representative will be at the back of the church after service to take your orders, or call the church office.

Please be ready with exact change or a check.

Thank you for your contribution!
to the beauty of our church this Christmas.

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
**Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**
COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Our 2024 Advent theme is
"HIS NAME Shall be Called . . ."

Wednesdays
December 4, 11, & 18
Meals @ 5:30pm
Worship @ 6:30pm

WORSHIP
With US

1st Advent—December 4th
**"HIS NAME Shall be Called . . .
Wonderful, Counselor"**

2nd Advent—December 11th
**"HIS NAME Shall be Called . . .
Mighty God"**

3rd Advent—December 18th
**"HIS NAME Shall be Called . . .
Everlasting Father"**



Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 pm & 7:00pm

**HIS NAME Shall be Called . . .
Prince of Peace**
Isaiah 9:6



Roving Reporter



Another month gone!! This newsletter will be for December and January.

The weather so far has been good, but as of this writing, we might get some slushy snow later this week.

A lot of leaves are still on the trees, but they will come down eventually.

The Voters' Assembly on November 17 was a short one; not much going on this time of the year. All of the Treasurer's Reports were accepted. The constitution review has been completed. Our 2025 Michigan District Tithe will be the same as this year. Renovations at St. Paul are still ongoing. The Endowment review committee is done with their review.

Advent Services will be on Wednesdays, starting December 4, in the Living Room. Advent meals will be at 5:30 pm, and services will begin at 6:30 pm. They will continue through December 18.

The Trustees reported that the air conditioner in Luther Hall has been repaired.

Pastor reported that there are 25 families attending services on a regular basis who are not members. Pastor and all of the congregation would love to see them join St. Paul as members. Let's all pray about this.

There are 2 students graduating in May from Concordia, Ann Arbor, who will have a degree in Family Life Ministry. Keep them and St. Paul in your prayers; they might be just what we are looking for.

On December 19th, a **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be at St. Paul. Supplies are low; give if you can.



The Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool **Children's Christmas Program** will be on December 12th at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary. Come and let the Little Lambs tell you about the birth of Jesus.

There are some new **puzzles for winter and Christmas** in the Library. We also have **Christmas books** in the narthex, outside the Library. Take a look and take some home for the long winter days ahead.

There are some beautiful Christmas cards and 2025 calendars on the **Free Table** in Luther Hall. Help yourself, they're free!

Christmas Eve Candlelight services are December 24, 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

There is not much, as of now, happening in January. Watch the insert on Sundays for any updates. Enjoy this Joyous Christmas Season. Thank God daily for His many blessings.

Our **sick and shut-ins** would love to get a Christmas card from you. Addresses are available in the office.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Advent & Christmas Materials

Prepare your heart and mood for the Christmas Season with items from our Library.

- Music CD's
- Videos
- Children's Books
- Christmas Fiction
- Stories Behind Christmas Traditions



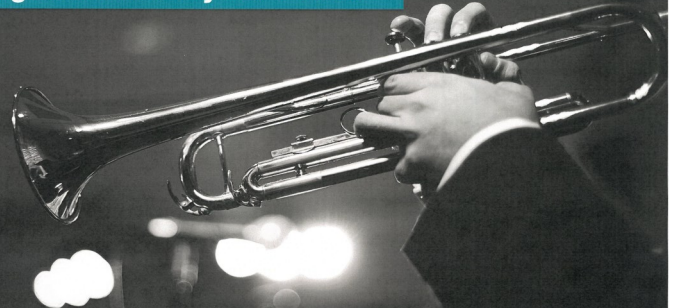
BORROW A PUZZLE

The Church Library has a selection of Christmas & winter puzzles for you to borrow.

Take some home today!



The St Paul's Contemporary Choir Featuring new music by our Director



The Choir will begin rehearsals the first Sunday in November And continue through December 22. We will break for January And February and will reconvene March 2 through April 20 then break till the fall. We welcome all who love to lift their voice unto the Lord.

9:30-10:10am in the Sanctuary

The St. Paul Constitution revisions were approved by the MI District on October 22nd.

Copies of our new Constitution are available in the church office if you would like one.



The CHOSEN, Season 4
Tuesdays at 9:30 am,
In the Living Room

Open to everyone! Invite your friends!

Community News



Community Prayer Gathering

December 7, 2024, 9:00 am
Stirling Books & Brew
119 N. Superior St., Albion, MI

Join us, whosoever will, as we pray for the unity, healing, and salvation of Albion.

All Churches & Denominations Welcome!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Albion College, Goodrich Chapel

Lessons and Carols combines audience carols and choral performances with Scripture readings that connect with the season.

*Presented by the
Albion College Music Department.*



**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

For more info, www.albion.edu/music, or call 517-629-0481

Albion College's
Athletics SAAC Committee
hosts it's annual

Winter Carnival

December 6, 2024 from 4-6 p.m.
Albion College Dow Athletic Center

Kids and families are all invited!

All for FREE



Albion Aglow

Parade & Downtown Open House
Friday, December 6, 2024
6:00pm—Parade begins at 6:30pm

Join us downtown Albion for the Annual Albion Aglow celebration featuring Albion's tree lighting, hot chocolate, an iconic parade, and Santa!

Help us as we "Light Up Albion"

Calico Cookie Walk

December 7, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
American Legion Post 55,
1230 Edwards St., Albion

Cookies, goodies, raffles, crafts, & pet gifts!
Hosted by Friends of Albion's Animals. All proceeds will go toward a huge winter TNR project.



The Arts Commission of the City of Albion is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Albion's Young Artists Exhibit.

All elementary, high school, and home-schooled students who reside in Albion are invited to submit an original work of art on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Along with the artwork, please enclose a separate label indicating name and age of student, contact information for the student, and title of the art work. Entries should be submitted to the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce office, 403 S. Superior St., during their regular business hours of 9:00-3:00, Monday thru Thursday.

There will be an opening reception at the Ludington Center on January 30th and all artworks will be prominently displayed in the windows of Superior St. businesses for two weeks thereafter.

Deadline for submission is December 16th



St. James' Episcopal Church Cookie Walk Plus Soup

December 7, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
119 W. Erie St., Albion



For more than 30 years St. James' has hosted a cookie walk. This year we are adding soup. We will be offering a variety of cookies, candy, other baked goods, and some handmade items. In addition, we will be offering four varieties of soup for take-out, or you can stay & enjoy.



ALBION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Albion EDC needs your help to build a more prepared and fulfilled workforce!

Take our short online survey and share your current employment status and goals. It takes less than 5 minutes.

Scan this QR code or see the poster on the Luther Hall lobby bulletin board.



NEIGHBORHOOD Wellness Centers

Free PREVENTIVE CARE right around the corner

Monday: 12 pm-7 pm
Wednesday: 12 pm-7 pm
Friday: 9 am-5 pm

Albion College-Washington Gardner
401 E. Michigan Ave, Albion

- ◆ Blood pressure screenings
- ◆ Cholesterol screenings
- ◆ Diabetes screenings
- ◆ Community Health Worker services
- ◆ COVID-19 and flu testing



At no cost to you. No ID, insurance, or appointment required.



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!


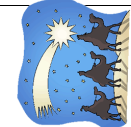







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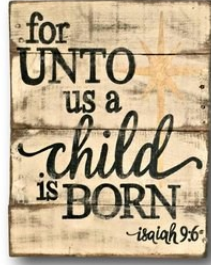
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Homebound

Ginette Burlingame
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
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

Amy (niece of Phyllis Hoffman)
Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
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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
Lois (cousin of Phyllis Hoffman)
Phil Mason
Christiana Matthews (sister of Jim Nash)
Dave O'Dell (nephew of Alice Wochholz)
Martha Ortiz (friend of Carol Miller)
Frank Passic (friend of St. Paul)
Kent Phillips
Geraldine Remington (friend of Carolyn Fox)
Jackie Ringle (aunt of Tim Paugh)
Maycee Roberts (friend of Jo Hess)
Juanita Siefert (on Hospice)
Tyler Smith (grandson of Bill & Lois Haeske)
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:

*Mike Kissinger, son of Leona Kissinger
who passed away October 24th.*

*Rosemary Chapman who passed away
on November 20th.*

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



**Thank you for your recent contribution
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(this was the collection we had in September)

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Rosemary Johanna Chapman

January 20, 1933 - November 20, 2024

Rosemary, age 91, of Litchfield, passed away on November 20, 2024, at the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility. She was born on January 20, 1933, in Albion to Frederick and Elisabeth (Bartsch) Bartel. Rosemary married Edward Leo Chapman on August 25, 1951, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albion and he preceded her in death.

Rosemary attended Island School, a one room school through the eighth grade and graduated from Albion High School in 1951. She received her Real Estate Degree (RAM) from the University of Michigan on June 27, 1974.

Rosemary was involved in many volunteer activities throughout her life, winning many awards along the way. She served several positions at St. Paul, including as a Sunday School teacher and on the Fellowship board.

She is survived by three children, Diane (Bill) McCombs, David (Christine) Chapman, Susan Chapman; four grandchildren, Mason McCombs, Mandee McCombs, Gregory (Katie) Chapman, Dustin (Kristen) Chapman; five great-grandchildren, Cameron, Katelyn, Weston, Madelyn, Rae-gan Chapman; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Edward, Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents; brother & his wife, Fred & Marian Bartel, along with seven brothers-in-law and seven sisters-in-law.

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

December 2024/ January 2025



Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship (<i>in person worship</i>)	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study (Not on December 29th)	9:10 a.m.
Sunday Worship (in person & Facebook Live)	10:30 a.m.
Advent Worship (December 4, 11, 18)	5:30 p.m. meal
	6:30 p.m. service
Christmas Eve Worship (December 24)	3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Holy Communion is offered every Sunday but 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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