The Messenger



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March 2025









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

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Amber Perry, Director Jenny Woods, Asst. Director



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to ...



March Birthdays

- 2 Bud Fox, Alice Wochholz
- 3 Tom Zander
- 4 Aaron Miller
- 5 Sarah Rundquist
- 7 Dagmar McKinney
- 10 Carolyn Fox
- 13 April Éricson
- 15 Lorraine Posenke
- 20 Jim Wilson, Kent Phillips
- 21 Cindy Geyer, Sydney Downey
- 24 Charles Krenerick, Hilary Clark
- 27 Barry Beilfuss
- 30 Jeremy Woods, Madilynn Chamberlain

March Anniversaries

- 12 David & Dagmar McKinney
- 16 | Jack & Charlotte Sandusky
- 17 Robert & Cathy Porter



Tuesday Bible Study Book of Matthew DVD & Discussion

Tuesdays at 9:30 am, In the Living Room

Open to everyone! Invite your friends!



SATURDAY LIFE Worship

Second Saturday of the month March 8, 5:00 pm

Once a month, on the second 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 worship with us!

Changed to the 2nd Saturday of each month.

WELCOME!

We are blessed to welcome Paul & Vickie Yankee into membership at St. Paul. They join us, having been walking in the Christian faith, by transfer from First Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

Thank You, Lord, for giving us more partners in our Gospel mission!





March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Kid-to-Kids Shop
March 2, 16	
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesday Bible Study
March 5	Ash Wednesday Worship
March 6, 13, 20, 27	Prayer Time
March 8	Saturday Life Worship
March 9Spring Forward	
March 10 Steward	
March 12, 19, 26	
March 16 Fan	
March 20	
	Newsletter Deadline

Articles, ads & information for the April issue of *The Messenger* are due at the church office no later than March 20.

Lenten Meals

A meal will be served every week before the Lenten Worship Service. Meals begin at 5:30 pm.

Everyone welcome!

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



These meals are sponsored in part by Thrivent.



Your Help is needed to clean up after the Lenten Meals

Any and all hands will be appreciated.

Thank you!!!!!!!!!

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
March 2 & 16, 2025
During the 10:30 am service sermon

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





Dear "Growing Greener" Ones,

We have heard things about "green energy" and the "green new deal". There is appropriate concern about "green" lifestyle, being concerned for the ecology and preservation of nature, earth and things related to health. As we all (almost all?!?!) tire of our serious winter the last three months, we look forward to the budding of trees, the greening of the grass (except you'll have to mow it eventually!) and the return of Spring and warmer temperatures. It is inevitable that Spring will come, with birds and bees, blooming flowers, and leafy trees. There is no stopping it. It is the force of nature, all by God's wonderful design!

Psalm 92 concludes that those who are "righteous will flourish like a palm tree . . . planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish . . . bear fruit . . . stay fresh and **GREEN**" (vv. 12-14). Are you "green" and "flourishing"? Would you characterize yourself that way? Would others say that about you and your life? Why or why not?

The Psalm says that the righteous flourish and are green. Anyone who is "righteous" is only truly righteous if they are righteous in God's eyes. Even the great Apostle Paul said that he wanted to be found <u>not</u> with his **own** righteousness but God's righteousness that comes through faith (Phil. 3:9). We may be right or righteous in our own eyes but that is an artificial and arbitrary standard. God's is much higher! Yet He credits us with righteousness, even as He did Abraham, when it is written, "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness." (Gen. 15:2, Rom. 4:2) We are given the righteousness of Jesus as we believe He is God's provision for the forgiveness of our sins. "God made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him!" (2 Cor. 5:21)

The Psalm adds a characteristic to the "righteous" as a way to further identify who really is righteous. It is one who is "planted in the house of the Lord". Now truly we are right-

eous, in a right standing with Almighty God, only by faith in His Son's sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. But if there is a claim of such faith, it is evidenced by appropriate works that include "public worship". Anyone can say they believe in God and are a follower of Jesus but does their life give evidence that that is really true? "Planted in the house of the Lord" could be interpreted several ways but no responsible, sensible interpretation would not include the spirit of the Third (4th, depending on your numbering of the 10!) Commandment, which says, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" or "You shall sanctify the Holy Day". Martin Luther's helpful explanation of "what does this means" relates, "We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and *gladly* hear and learn it." (My italics for emphasis!) So can you really be "righteous" without participating in a corporate setting of worship to the Triune God, offering Him prayers and praises and giving attention to His Word? And the answer is . . . ?!?!?

You are not <u>planted</u> in the house of the Lord if you show up occasionally, like "C & E Christians, who come to church just for Christmas and Easter). Some would have to wonder if you are "rooted" at all if you rarely frequent gatherings of Jesus followers. You are more like a "tumbleweed" than a rooted palm tree. The tumbleweed rolls around wherever the wind blows but the palm tree stays put, blending but not breaking in the strong winds of a storm.

We at St. Paul want to encourage a flourishing, green life in all aspects of life but especially in your spiritual life. "May you prosper and be in good health **as** your soul prospers!" (3 Jn. 2) As you "seek **first** the Kingdom of God," everything needed will be added to your livelihood. (Matt. 6:33). No good thing will be lacking for those who seek the Lord God (Ps. 34:10).

As we march into March (and the Lenten season – Ash Wednesday, March 5), march yourself into the house of the Lord for worship. Jesus is worthy and your life will come into better order as you put Him first! That's how to flourish and be green!

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul



Lent & Easter Theme—1 Corinthians 13

Ash Wednesday, March 5
Love is Patient

1 Corinthians 13:4

Lenten Worship, March 12 *Love is Kind*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Lenten Worship, March 19 Love Does Not Envy or Boast 1 Corinthians 13:4

Lenten Worship, March 26 Love is Not Rude or Self-Seeking 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a

Lenten Worship, April 2 Love is Not Easily Angered and Keeps No Record of Wrongs 1 Corinthians 13:5b





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Lenten Worship, April 9 *Love Does Not Rejoice at Wrongdoing*

1 Corinthians 13:6a

Palm Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13 Love Rejoices With the Truth

1 Corinthians 13:6b

Maundy Thursday, April 17 Love Always Protects, Trusts, and Hopes

1 Corinthians 13:7

Good Friday, April 18 Love Always Endures and

1 Corinthians 13:7-8a

Easter Sunday, April 20

Never Fails

Love Breaks Through! 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

News from Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center



Greetings from the Center:

First, I'd like to thank all the people who helped sell, assemble, and deliver the subs. We sold over 900 subs! A special thanks to Dawn Martin for doing the ordering and figuring out numbers and to Bob Slaughter for selling over 450 on his own. The support Is truly appreciated. I do not have an accurate amount of money made yet as of this note, stay tuned.

Our annual indoor sale is coming up in early May. Get cleaning out all your storage areas and be ready to donate soon! Dates for drop-offs in the next newsletter. We will also be in need of volunteers to help pull it off! Details forthcoming.

Both preschool classes are doing well. The 4-year-olds are learning simple sight words, letter recognition, and more. In my 3-year-old class, we are always working on colors, shapes, and texture stuff. They are a very active group that learns a lot through play and small groups. Both classes will be doing Donuts with Dad parties in early March.



We are actively looking for a qualified person to run our summer program. That runs for about 10 weeks through the summer for ages 5-11. We want to be able to offer this to our families, so we hope we can find someone soon. Maybe it's you??

We started January needing a new furnace. We started the month of February and needed another new furnace. (We have 4 total.) Both furnaces were about 25-26 years old. I'm almost afraid to see what March might bring. We are very appreciative of the quick response by Mike Slaughter for getting us the help we needed. Thanks to John Shedd for keeping our lot plowed, too!

All of the support we receive from the St. Paul congregation is a huge blessing to our ministry. Whether it's through money, prayers, physical labor, or a special note or donation, we love it all! Thank you!

Keep us in your prayers as we work through staffing, enrollment, and normal everyday "stuff."

In Christ, Jenny



CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS! TACKLE THE GARAGE! **EMPTY YOUR CUPBOARDS!**

The Annual Sale will be in May 2025

Donate your gently used clothing, dishes, household items, and furniture. More info to come.

Family Fun Time March 16, 2025 After 10:30am church until 1pm



Join us for this monthly event after church! Lunch is provided with fun in the gym to follow!

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

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Don't forget to direct your Choice Dollars® from Thrivent.

Choice Dollars expire, so you only have until March 31st to direct any remaining from 2024.

Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can also contact the church office and Barbara will be glad to help you (Monday thru Wednesday.)



Do You Have the Flu, or Something Else?

	Allergies	RSV	Flu	COVID-19
Body Aches			V	/
Chills			✓	V
Dry Chough	/	V	V	V
Fatigue	sometimes		✓	✓
Fever		V	✓	/
Headache	sometimes		✓	✓
Itchy Eyes	✓			
No Taste/Smell				✓
Nasal Congestion	V	V	sometimes	/
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea			sometimes	✓
Runny Nose	V	V	sometimes	/
Sneezing	V	sometimes	sometimes	
Sore Throat	sometimes		V	V
Shortness of Breath	rarely	✓	sometimes	✓

Roving Reporter

It's COLD today! I hope you are staying warm.



Ash Wednesday service, March 5, 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

Lenten Meals and services will be on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. Meals are at 5:30, with the service at 6:30 in the Living Room. Come worship with us. Volunteers are needed to do the Lenten meals and clean up afterward.

Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, 8:15 am and 10:30 am; Maundy Thursday will be at 6:30 pm; Good Friday, 6:30 pm; and Easter Sunday Sunrise service at 7:00 am and 10:30 am.

March is a Special Tithes month. Hopefully, you will give 10% of what God has given you and what He will continue to give you.

A new furnace had to be installed in Luther Hall, plus new lightbulbs have been installed in the Sanctuary Altar flood lights, these are LEDs; so they should last a long time.

New flowers were planted in the Memory Garden last year. Come Spring we will need volunteers to help weed.

New ceiling tiles are being installed on the second floor of the education wing; this is almost completed. The first floor is ongoing as of this writing.

Questionaries are available on having a new Church Pictorial Directory done.

Pastor asked what can we do at St. Paul to move forward. Any ideas? Talk to Pastor.

Nominations for District offices who were approved are David Davis, Bill Wangelin, and Craig Bickel.

Jackson Miles, who is graduating from Concordia, Ann Arbor this spring, may be coming to St. Paul for a visit. He is a candidate for our new Family Life person.

Bible Study on Tuesday mornings is in full swing. We have completed seasons 1-4 of The Chosen and are now showing the book of Matthew. Come join us at 9:30 am in the Living Room.

<u>Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center News:</u>

- LLOJ needs your help with the **Big Sale** again this year. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Jenny Woods or the church office. This is a great fundraiser for Little Lambs. Please clean out your closets and garages to help them out.
- The new electric service for LLOJ is moving forward slowly; we are just waiting for Consumers to finalize their plans.
- A Summer Teacher is needed at LLOJ; contact the Center for more information.
- **Two new furnaces** have been installed at LLOJ this fall and winter. Keep them in your prayers that nothing else goes bad!

Voters' Assembly news:

- Nominations are now open for Officers and Board members for the 2025 elections. Some boards need more members, and some positions are up for re-election. They will be voted on at the May Voters' Assembly.
- The 2025 budgets were approved.
- Treasurer's reports and the Endowment report were accepted by the voters.
- One family was given a peaceful release from St. Paul membership. One family was transferred to St. Mark of Battle Creek.

Pray for our country as we are going through some uneasy times.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on March 8.

Thank God every day for His many Blessings!!!

Keep Pastor and his family in your prayers, and also the sick, shut-ins, and lonely.







Prayer List Updated: February 25, 2025

Homebound

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



Public Servants

Ray Zick

Lindsey Bergeron-Anderla (wife of Michael Anderla) 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



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Pastor Roger W. Olson, former St. Paul fill-in pastor, who passed away on February 2nd.

Ruth Ann (Tílford) Brooks, former member of St. Paul who passed away on February 6th.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Neighborhood Wellness Center



Now located at the **Albion Community Foundation** 1002 N. Eaton St. Albion OPEN Monday, Wednesday Noon-7pm Friday 9am-5pm

Medical screenings, CHW At no cost to you No ID, insurance or appointments needed



Sick and Injured

Susan Abbee (sister of Steve Abbee)

Amy (niece of Phyllis Hoffman)

Terry Anderla

Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)

Melissa Chittick (wife of Rev. Aaron Chittick, pastor of

St. Paul Coldwater)

Jennifer Dryer (friend of Alice Wochholz & Dawn Hernandez)

Bud Fox

Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)

Donnie Hirst (friend of Diane Shuster)

Robert Lerma (brother of Lou Lerma)

Lois (cousin of Phyllis Hoffman)

Phil Mason

Christiana Matthews (sister of Jim Nash)

Dave McKinney

Paula Miller

Maycee Roberts (friend of Jo Hess)

Tyler Smith (grandson of Bill & Lois Haeske)

Russell Spanninga

Ilene Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)

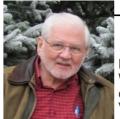
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)

Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)

Jim Wilson

Vickie Yankee

Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Pastor Roger W. Olson June 19, 1936—February 2, 2025

Pastor Roger W. Olson, 88, of Fort Wayne, Indiana passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Lutheran Life Villages in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on June 19, 1936, in Holman, Wisconsin, to the late William and Agnes (Hewlitt) Olson. Roger was united in marriage to the late Loide M. (Schutes) Olson on August 15, 1987. Following their marriage, she excelled at being a Pastors wife and supporting him in his ministry.

Roger commissioned as a Captain in the United States Army, being honorably discharged following his service.

He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Roger was an ordained minister in the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod. The vast majority of his ordained years were spent as the pastor at what is now Lutheran Life Villages - Anthony where he ministered to the needs of the many residents there for over 20 years.

Roger greatly enjoyed horseback riding and antique collecting in his spare time. But nothing could replace the time he spent with his grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loide M. (Schutes) Olson.

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



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March 2025

Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship

Sunday Morning Worship (in person & Facebook Live)

Sunday Bible Study

9:10 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship, March 5

Lenten Worship Services, March 12, 19, and 26

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:30 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 Phrist.

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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