

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



March 2025



Find us on
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KIDtoKID 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!



Time for tractors and monster trucks to be washed!!



*"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

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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 Ericson
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

The Gospel of Matthew



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.....	J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
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 9	Spring Forward-move your clocks ahead
March 10	Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
March 12, 19, 26	Lenten Meals & Worship
March 16	Family Fun Time in the gym
March 20	Spring Begins!
.....	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.



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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, the children go to another room to hear a message of their own, crafts, and snacks.



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](https://www.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			✓	✓
Chills			✓	✓
Dry Cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes		✓	✓
Fever		✓	✓	✓
Headache	sometimes		✓	✓
Itchy Eyes	✓			
No Taste/Smell				✓
Nasal Congestion	✓	✓	sometimes	✓
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea			sometimes	✓
Runny Nose	✓	✓	sometimes	✓
Sneezing	✓	sometimes	sometimes	
Sore Throat	sometimes		✓	✓
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.

Questionnaires 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.

Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center News:

- 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.



Happy Spring!!!

Lucy

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
Ray Zick



Public Servants

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

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)
Jim Hunt
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 Stroebe (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)



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

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



**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.

Neighborhood Wellness Center



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Albion Community Foundation
1002 N. Eaton St. Albion
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Friday 9am-5pm
Medical screenings, CHW
At no cost to you
No ID, insurance or appointments needed**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Transfiguration 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion & J.A.M.	3 8:30am Morning Walkers	4 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am Tuesday Bible Study	5 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Morning Walkers 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship	6 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	7 8:30am Morning Walkers	1 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 8 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 5pm Sat Life Worship
9 PURPLE-1st Sun Lent 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	10 8:30am Morning Walkers 3:00pm Stewardship & Outreach Mtg	11 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am Tuesday Bible Study	12 8:30am Morning Walkers 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship	13 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	14 8:30am Morning Walkers	15 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
16 PURPLE-2nd Sun Lent 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Worship & J.A.M. 11:30am Family Fun Time	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:30am Morning Walkers	18 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am Tuesday Bible Study	19 8:30am Morning Walkers 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship	20 Spring Begins 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	21 8:30am Morning Walkers	22 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
23 PURPLE-3rd Sun Lent 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	24 8:30am Morning Walkers	25 8:30am Morning Walkers 9:30am Tuesday Bible Study	26 8:30am Morning Walkers 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship	27 8:30am Morning Walkers Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm	28 8:30am Morning Walkers	29 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
30 PURPLE-4th Sun Lent 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	31 8:30am Morning Walkers					

March 2025

Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship (in person & Facebook Live)	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study	9:10 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Worship, March 5	6:30 p.m.
Lenten Worship Services, March 12, 19, and 26	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 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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