

The Messenger

a monthly newsletter



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Church Office Hours

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

July 2025
August 2025



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KID@KID Shop

Open Saturdays
(Not on holidays)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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, and Saturdays 10am-2pm.



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



A little water fun with the little ones!



**"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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e-mail: littlelambssofjesus@outlook.com

Amber Perry, Director
Jenny Woods, Asst. Director

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



July Birthdays

- 1 Gezahegn Starr
- 2 Jenny Woods, Stacy Gatz
- 4 Milkessa Gemechu
- 6 Tom Paugh
- 9 Harper Mentink
- 15 Andrew Miller
- 17 Ava Kruttsch
- 18 Tesfaye Starr
- 21 Susan Obert
- 22 Clarence Ruff
- 24 Coral Mason
- 25 Alex Ruff
- 26 Triston Siscoe
- 27 Bill Gatz
- 28 Doug Pollman, Lou Lerma, Kathryn Watson
- 31 Cookie Kreger, Susan Chapman



July Anniversaries

- 4 Brad & Heather Shedd
- 13 Tony & Anne Starr
- 15 Ken & Sue Lauer
- 17 Mike & Barbara Slaughter
- 28 Eric & Kim Martin
- 30 Terry & Dana Anderla, Steven & Jackie Stark

August Birthdays

- 2 Beth Williamson
- 3 Shannon Porter, Roman Ruoff
- 4 Brooklyn Gardner
- 5 Jack Sandusky, David McKinney, Timothy Phillips
- 6 Brennan Gardner
- 10 Susan Clark
- 11 Michael Morris
- 14 Shanna Pollman
- 15 Sharon Rumsey
- 17 Evelyn Portman
- 19 Alliyah Clark
- 20 David N. Seedorf
- 21 Michelle Corey
- 22 Ken Lauer, Lori Crysler, Michele Mentink
- 24 Trenton Kruttsch
- 26 Bob Siscoe
- 27 Mary Ruff, Lori Duff, Andrea Lerma, Everleigh Morgan
- 28 Jean Miller, Carol Locke, Tom Hunt, Todd Crysler
- 30 Steve Piske
- 31 Tim Paugh



August Anniversaries

- 4 Gordon & Jenny Woods
- 11 Jake Weicht & Christina Zerbe-Weicht
- 17 Tom & Bert Zander
- 25 Bob & Ashlee Tanner
- 27 Chuck & Paula Miller
- Lou & Annette Lerma
- David & Lori Seedorf
- 28 Bud & Carolyn Fox



July & August Upcoming EVENTS

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

June 30 -July 4..... Little Lambs of Jesus-Closed
 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31..... Prayer Time
 July 4.....Independence Day-Office Closed
 July 5.....Saturday Life Worship
 July 6, 13, 20.....Hymn Sing 9:00am
Special 9:15am worship services
 (no 8:15 & 10:30am services on these dates)

August 2.....Saturday Life Worship
 August 2, 9, 16, 23..... Kid-to-Kid Shop
 August 7, 14, 21, 28..... Prayer Time
 August 11..... Stewardship & Outreach Mtg
 August 14..... Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul
 August 17, 24, 31J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
 August 18.....Parish Planning Council Mtg
 August 20..... September Newsletter Deadline
 LLOJ Open House

OFFICE CLOSED
 Friday, July 4th for the
 Fourth of July Holiday



Little Lambs of Jesus
 Preschool & Childcare Center

Open House

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

6:30—7:30 pm

625 S. Dalrymple St.
 Albion 517-629-7699

*Tour our facilities *Meet the staff

*Receive enrollment information for fall preschool and childcare

Childcare: Children 2 weeks thru 6 years
Preschool: Children 3 and 4 years old



Many thanks for all the cards, flowers, food, and well-wishes given for our 70th wedding anniversary. It was greatly appreciated.

Lord's richest blessings to all,
 Coral and Phil Mason

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul

Thursday, August 14, 2025
 12:00 to 5:45 p.m.

There is currently a blood emergency. Your support is needed more than ever. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

Please help by donating, even if you have never done it.

For help making an appointment or for more information, call the church office, 517-629-8379.





From the Pastor

Dear Family of Faith,

We are FAMILY when we are part of God's family! "See how great a love the Father has for us, that we should be called "children of God"! And that is who

we are!" (I Jn. 3:1) We are connected to each other through faith in Jesus – He is the LOVE of God! As we have faith in Jesus, the Savior, with our sins forgiven, we really are part of the "Forever Family of God"!

As the summer progresses, some of the greatest joys will be found as families come together. Here in Albion, a fun "family get-together" is the "Swinging in the Shell", when people from all over our community and region gather at Victory Park for Sunday evening music. There are family camp outings, weeks on the lake, or a weekend in the camper. Memories are made. Life is shared together. So it is for the family of God! We gather on Sundays and celebrate the Father's love and grace to us in Jesus. We have music, spend time together, share stories, talk and listen, and just enjoy the moments! The first three Sundays of July, we will do that, gather for worship in a single service at 9:15am (come early at 9am if you want extra singing!). We are hoping to have the services on July 13 and 20 outside, with a picnic/potluck on the 20th. On July 6, we will all worship together in the sanctuary (air-conditioned! Thank God!). Plan to participate and invite some extra family members and friends.

"The family that prays together stays together!" I don't know how many times you have heard that statement, but I have witnessed its truth through my four decades of pastoral ministry. When we used to hear about 50% of marriages ending in divorce, it was rarely shared that couples attending church on a regular basis had less than a 5% divorce rate. Prayer as part of family worship (hopefully both in church and in the home!) includes confession – because there are no perfect families, and we all are guilty of sin and of sinning against each other. Appropriate also are prayers of thanksgiving – for food and shelter, life and health, etc. And, of course, we have petitions, that is, requests from God. We have needs and ask His help.



Sermons/Messages – What do you need to hear?

What would you like addressed? Topics? Questions? Books of the Bible?

Pastor Paul would love to take YOUR suggestions for preaching during the month of August. Slip him a note. Send an email. Call the church office.

Thanks for "engaging" in the process and practice of our church life together!

God Bless America



To neglect "family time" and "worship time" is always a detriment, a negative. If families don't get together, they grow apart. It is so common to have "dysfunctional" families. That condition is not good for the community. If we want strong, healthy communities, we must have strong, healthy families. If we want strong, healthy families, we must work toward having faith-filled families. As an old wedding song said, "I could never promise you on just my strength alone," so apart from God's blessing, families will desperately struggle to get along, be happy, and stay together. People (and parents in particular) who neglect worship and the spiritual dimension of their life (and that of their family) forfeit the deep and enduring peace that God promises as we walk and live as His children. Yes, "What a Friend we have in Jesus! . . . Oh, what peace we often forfeit all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer."

We gather for summer picnics and for family dinners – Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays. Similarly, we gather weekly to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Sundays (He arose from death on the first day of the week!!!), and we are invited to a meal, the Lord's Supper. We share bread and wine/grape juice, declared to be Jesus' body and blood by the power of His own Word. We are reassured of the Father's love, of the forgiveness of our sins, and reminded of the coming "family reunion" in heaven with those who have departed in the faith. Martin Luther suggested that if a person didn't receive communion at least three times a year, they shouldn't even consider themselves a Christian, a Jesus-follower.

Have fun this summer, but make sure it includes "Family Time" with our believers, worshipping our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Then the peace of God will keep you steady and ready for life in this world and the next!

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn

Special Summer Worship Services: Sundays @ 9:15am. July 6 in the sanctuary, July 13 & 20 outside under the big tent. Hymn sing starts at 9:00am.

Saturday Life Worship (once a month): On July 5 and August 2, 5:00pm. Informal worship with music, the Word, prayer, and communion. Kid friendly!



Summer Special Worship Services

A 9:15am worship service for Sundays, July 6, 13, and 20.
"Hymn Sing" at 9:00am.

Combined worship services for three Sundays! Please join us for these special services full of music and praise.

We will return to our 8:15am Life Worship and 10:30am services on July 27.

Thanks for your patience and understanding! Pastor and Elders

For 3 weeks only!

July 6 service is in the sanctuary.
July 12 & 20 services outside under the Big Tent (hopefully).
A golf cart will be provided for help getting back and forth to the church.



July 20—**Potluck Picnic** after the worship service, plus a time for games and extra fun stuff for the kids!

Hot Dogs & the fixins, beverages, and table service will be provided.



Please bring a dish to pass.

The picnic will be held in Luther Hall.



Roving Reporter

The Roving Reporter has not been able to roam the church as usual due to a fall and broken hip. I want to thank all of those who sent cards and food, called or visited, and most of all the prayers. I am recuperating and hope to be back roving soon. Thanks be to God.

Lucy

There's not much going on at St. Paul during the summer. This newsletter is a combined one for July and August. Watch your bulletin insert and our website for things that might come up later on.



Once again this year we are having **special combined worship services** for three Sundays in July! On July 6, 13, and 20, we will worship at 9:15am with preservice music and a hymn sing at 9:00am. On the 6th, we will gather in the sanctuary, and on the 13th and 20th, we hope to be outside under the big tent?!?!, weather permitting. On July 20, we are inviting you to join us for a potluck picnic after the worship service, plus games and extra fun stuff for the kids! Hot Dogs and the fixins, beverages, and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

The Saturday Night Life Worship is on the first Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm. Maybe that time and day is good for you. Give it a try. It is the same uplifting service as the 8:15 am on Sunday mornings, with communion.

Thanks to those of you that have been mowing, watering flowers, and other things in and around the church.

As of June 23rd, Consumers Energy has started the work on updating the **electrical at Little Lambs of Jesus**. Work is progressing, and we hope they will be finished next week.



Stay cool, enjoy the Fireworks on the fourth, and thank God daily for His many Blessings.



The Substitute Lucy



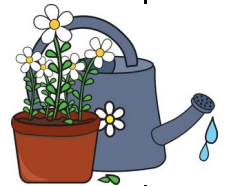
St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Thank you for donating to the 2025 Fireworks Show as part of the 4th of July Celebration. We appreciate your support.

Billy Beers, President & CEO
Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce

Please help with the watering of the church outside flowers.

Volunteer to water 1 time a week, 1 time a month, or even just 1 time. Any and all help is appreciated.

Talk to Barbara in the church office.



News from Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center,

Summer is officially here, and the weather has been HOT! The kids have been playing in the water and staying cool.....the adults are surviving.

The Summer Program is underway with 10 super good kids! Ms. Andrea is doing lots of good things with them. Learning about Jesus, dancing, reading, crafts, nature walks, and so much more. We are pleased with all that's happening!!

We are looking to hire a preschool teacher for the fall. We are taking applications NOW! Preschool enrollment is also open now. We have two spots left in the 4-year-old program and 10 in the 3's. Go figure! Send anyone you know who qualifies! Our Open House is set for August 20, 6:30-7:30 pm. We have completely overhauled how that's going to work this year, so please stop by!

We need staff to hire starting in September. Pray for good, qualified candidates!

We also have immediate openings in our infant room, 2-1/2 to 4-year-old room, and the 3 to 5-year-old room. Many people who were on our waiting lists found other care or their needs have changed. So, pray for these spots to be filled.

In Christ, Jenny



Do you love working with kids?
Do you love working with a bunch of fun people?

Would you like a part-time job?

Are you interested in working in a Christian environment?

Little Lambs of Jesus is looking for a preschool teacher and room staff for the fall. Give us a call at 517-629-7699 and apply today!





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Prayer List Updated: June 24, 2025

Homebound

Ginette Burlingame
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
Shirley Claucherty
Don Hickey
James Hull
Charles Krenerick
Dolores Manthei
Phil & Coral Mason
Carolyn Rimer
Peter Smith
Keith Swathwood



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)
Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
Tom Clark
Karen Cords
Glen Corliss (cousin of Sandi Mauntel)
Jennifer Dryer (friend of Alice Wochholz & Dawn Hernandez)
Bud Fox
Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)
Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
Shawn Graham & Daughter Izzy Graham (Joan Sumption)
Jim Hunt
Leona Kissinger
Lois (cousin of Phyllis Hoffman)
Christiana Matthews (sister of Jim Nash)
Dave McKinney
Paula Miller
Matthew Oosting (friend of John & Jan Shedd)
Lorraine Posenke
Maycee Roberts (friend of Jo Hess)
Lucy Slaughter
Russell Spanninga
Ilene Stroebe (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Kathy Weaver
Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
Vickie Yankee
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

***Richard Yokom**, friend of Chuck & Ella Larder, who passed away on June 7th.*

***John Geyer** who passed away on June 9th.*

***Ray Zick** who passed away on June 9th.*

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



Raymond "Ray" Keith Zick

August 31, 1938 - June 9, 2025 (age 86)

Raymond "Ray" K. Zick, age 86, a prominent Albion businessman, died early Monday morning at Cascade Senior Care Center in Jackson.

Ray was born on August 31, 1938, to Adolph and Hattie (Teske) Zick. He was a graduate of Albion Washington Gardner High School. Following graduation, Ray enlisted in the United States National Guard. He also attended and completed courses at General Motors Technical School.

On October 18, 1958, he married the former Lucille "Lou" Frymark. The couple celebrated sixty-six years of marriage.

Ray owned and operated Zick's Body Shop since starting the business in 1959.

He was an active member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Albion. He had served as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Albion. Ray was also a charter member and firefighter, serving on the board that formed the Sheridan Albion Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; sons, Lee Zick, Jon (Cheryl) Zick, and Aaron (Kristy) Zick; grandchildren, Spencer Zick, Hannah Zick; and a great grandchild, Lincoln. He is also survived by a niece, nephew, and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Zick.

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



John Wight Geyer

January 19, 1949 – June 9, 2025 (age 76)

John Geyer passed away peacefully on June 9th, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Geyer; his sister, Pamela Kail; his daughter, Betsy (Steve) Sedore; and grandsons, Griffin and Cooper Sedore. His parents, Robert and Patricia (Wight) Geyer; his sister, Linda Geyer; and his son, Fred "Phred" Geyer, all predeceased him.

John graduated from Albion Senior High School, attended Northern Michigan University for a year, and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He trained to be an Electronics Technician and served aboard the USS Vallejo, a nuclear-class submarine, for six years. He married the love of his life, Cindy Hume, and they lived in Virginia, where Fred was born, & South Carolina during his Navy years.

After serving in the US Navy, John and Cindy moved to Missouri and then to Albion, where Betsy was born. John worked in Battle Creek as a civilian for the Department of Defense. After taking early retirement, John took over his dad's business, running the Park Place Apartments (formerly his grandfather's lumber yard) in Albion.

Always dependable, good-natured, and civic-minded, John was an Eagle Scout, past Commander of the American Legion, Patrick Leo Hanlon Post 55, past President of the local Rental Property Owner's Association, and served various offices on St. Paul Lutheran Church's boards. He loved to putter, fixing things and helping people, whether at home, at Park Place, or with family. He played the trombone, the accordion, harmonica, and the concertina. John had such strong faith in God, and he reflected the light of Jesus to those he met. He spent free time with friends and family fishing, camping, and hunting, sharing his love of the woods, lakes, and nature.

John was the anchor for his family, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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

July 2025/August 2025



Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship (on July 27 only)

Sunday Morning Worship *In person & Facebook Live* (on July 27 only)

Sunday Special Summer Worship Services (July 6, 13, & 20 only)

Saturday Life Worship (1st Saturday of the month)

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

5:00 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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