

The Messenger

a monthly newsletter

THANK YOU TO ALL
VETERANS!



November 2025



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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



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

We accept donations of good, clean, children's items
Thursdays 9-11am & Saturdays 10am-2pm.

Fall Family Fun Night was FUN!



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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Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



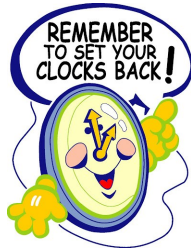
November Birthdays

3	Kathleen Oerther
6	Evan Pollman
8	Josh Phillips, Clay Duguid
9	Anna Siscoe
10	Alice Bush
14	Allan Ruff, Wyatt Wilson
15	Cathy Porter, Leah Ericson
18	Dawn Twiss
19	Kristan Ruoff
20	Dolores Manthei
21	Barbara Slaughter
24	Kyle Porter
25	Wilma Bahr



November Anniversaries

6	Harlo & Janet Peckham
10	Jon & Cheryl Zick
16	Tom & Ruth Clark



**Saturday Night
November 1st**

Combined December & January Newsletter

The deadline to submit information to the church office for the combined December & January issue of *The Messenger* is November 20th.

Upcoming EVENTS



November 1	Saturday Life Worship
	Set your clocks back before bedtime
November 1,8,15,22	Kid-to-Kid Shop
November 2	All Saints' Sunday
November 2,9,16,23	J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
November 3,10	Grief Share
November 4,11,18	The CHOSEN, season 5
November 6,13,20	Prayer Time
November 10	Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
November 11	Veterans Day
November 12,19	The CHOSEN, season 1
November 16	Armed Forces Sunday
	Voters' Assembly
	Family Fun Time in the gym
November 17	Grief Share—Surviving the Holidays
November 20	Newsletter Deadline
November 24	Hanging of the Greens
November 26	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 27 & 28	Office Closed - Thanksgiving

St. Paul will be celebrating
Armed Forces Sunday on
November 16, 2025



We will be honoring all military personnel and veterans, including the National Guard, during our worship services.

The following is a list of all St. Paul members that have served or are currently serving:

John Burk
Tom Clark Sr.
Nick Corey
Bud Fox
James Hull
Tom Hunt
Candace Boehlke-Nash



Kent Phillips
Robert Porter Sr.
Rob Porter
Clarence Ruff
Jack Sandusky
Ken Siefert
Bob Siscoe

If we have missed any St. Paul members, please let the church office know.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday,
November 26, 6:30pm



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

November 16, 2025 @ 9:15am
Luther Hall

Packets including the agenda will be available in the narthex and Luther Hall soon. All St. Paul members may attend.



Voters Meeting

Memorial Service

Philip Lloyd Mason
Saturday, November 1, 2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Visitation: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend.



The Church Office
will be closed
November 27 and 28
for Thanksgiving.



"Dear Family Members in the Faith,

There are good times and there are bad times – often mixed together! Life is not easy, but Jesus desires us to have what He came for: **LIFE ABUNDANTLY!** How do we get that???

I'd like to suggest that it has everything to do with what is going on in your head, not with what's going on in the world, or your immediate surroundings, or even in your body. The Word of God declares that God will keep us in **perfect peace** as our mind is "stayed/anchored/focused/locked in on" Him! (Isaiah 26:3) Perfect peace sounds like things are alright, good, manageable, and pleasant. Our circumstances might not be perfect, but we could be "okay"! That is His promise!

Here's how I understand we (and I am working at it myself!) lay hold of that peace: We go to the declarations and promises of God's Word, and we diligently seek to apply them with the assistance and accompanying work of the Holy Spirit. The Word encourages us to "set our mind/heart on things above" (Col. 3:1) – remembering heaven is our ultimate destiny. The Word encourages us to "take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5) – that is, to align ourselves with God's will, to take His perspective on everything. The Word says "goodness and mercy will follow" us all the days of our lives and "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Ps. 23:6; Rom. 8:39) – can we believe it?!?! Then we can receive and experience it.

There are difficulties, and the challenging moments seem to be multiplying, but Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is with us always. Psalm 34:4 says, "I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears!" O, the precious promise of God's Word. Dwell in that Word! Meditate on the Bible truths. Soak in the riches of His comforting assurances. God's got it! Whatever the situation!



And "be thankful"! That is the way Colossians 3:15 concludes after it says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts . . ." Part of that peace comes from remembering what God has already done, recounting His grace to you in days gone by, counting our blessings (but we can't even count that high!).

The holidays are coming, and hopefully, you get some extra time with loved ones, maybe involving travel for some. But rehearse the memories of the greatest good, the greatest blessing – that you are a "loved one" of the Heavenly Father and, through Jesus, the best is yet to come in the bliss of our heavenly home. Grateful for that **AMAZING GRACE?** Then, "come, ye, thankful people come" and "[O] worship the King" – Jesus!

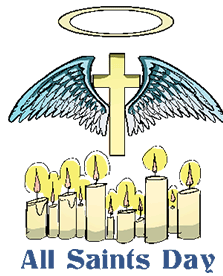
Peace and love in Him + Pastor Paul Koehn



SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, November 3 & 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Free grief support series for adults mourning loss.



All Saints Day

All Saints' Day Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 2, 2025
8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Services

All Saints' Day is an ancient Christian holiday that praises God for preserving His saints, both living and dead. On this day, we give thanks to God for those we love who have died in the faith over the past year.

This year we will be remembering the following saints who were laid to rest by Pastor Paul:

Rosemary Johanna (Bartel) Chapman – November 20, 2024
Juanita "Nita" June (Simpson) Siefert – November 22, 2024
James Leland Manthei – January 2, 2025
Patricia "Pat" Ann (Marron) Fischer – January 21, 2025
James Andrew Wilson – March 20, 2025
James Will Nash – April 11, 2025
Roberto Garcia Lerma – April 22, 2025
Jean Eleanor (Brooks) Torrey – May 3, 2025
MaryLou (Shaw) Spears – May 11, 2025
Raymond "Ray" Keith Zick – June 9, 2025
John Wight Geyer – June 9, 2025
Leona Laurine (Rutz) Kissinger – June 26, 2025
William "Bill" Eugene Eagen – July 3, 2025
David Warren McKinney Jr. – July 23, 2025
Vickie Sue (Harris) Yankee – September 8, 2025
Lynda Marie (Lauterbach) Hunter – September 29, 2025
Philip Lloyd Mason – October 8, 2025
Wayne William Weaver – October 20, 2025

Please join us for this special celebration.



Dear St. Paul Family,
Thank you for the "Pastor Paul Day!"
The celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month/day and my 40th ordination anniversary was wonderfully memorable! In humble appreciation for not only the honor, but also the privilege of service and ministry among you, I feel greatly blessed.

Thank you for all the time and energy, as well as the cards and gifts of that delightful day!

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul & LoriRene'



SUPPORT GROUP

Surviving the Holidays

Monday, November 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church

The holiday season is almost here, and with it comes a focus on family, traditions, social events, and cheer—all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface.

Join us as we help you find support and direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way, and face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

Free grief support series for adults mourning loss.

Congratulations, Pastor Paul, on your 40th Ordination Anniversary



Serving  from the Heart



Well done, my good and faithful servant
Matt 25:21



Thank you



Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God.

Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center



Greetings from the Center:

The entire center has been busy making Halloween crafts and door decorations. It's fun to have new things to do. Before we know it, Christmas decorating will be going on.



Both preschool classes are going well. The 4's have just been going full speed ahead with their desire to learn and try new things. It's a joy to see the "light bulbs" go off when they get what you've been working on. The 3's are a tad bit more "squirrely". A lot of time is spent on just getting them to pay attention and to stop their minds from wandering off. Once you accomplish that, they do pretty well! It's a young group and I know they will get the hang of it.



A very special thanks to all who helped with Fall Family Fun Night. The turnout was huge, and a great time was had by all. Looking forward to new ways to bring people together. Any ideas?



Staffing is always an up-and-down situation. Keep praying that we can get that stabilized for a few months :) Thanks to so many of you for what you do to help keep us going. To God be all the glory.

In Christ, Ms. Jenny



Thank you to *everyone* who helped with our

Fall Family Fun Night

You may have donated candy, helped decorate, prepared the meal, handed out trick-or-treat candy, helped with a game, cleaned up, or just enjoyed the fun; all was appreciated. It was a wonderful evening of food, trick-or-treating, and fun, fun, fun.

Thanks, and God Bless!



We give thanks to God for the healthy baby girl, **Natalie Kristine Long**, born on August 22, 2025, to Thomas & Shannon (Woods) Long. Carter and Kendalyn are so excited to have a new baby sister.

Congratulations to Jeremy & Emma Woods on the birth of their daughter, **Lucy Wentworth Woods**, on August 20, 2025.



Gordon & Jenny Woods are the proud grandparents of these two beautiful girls, and Lucy Slaughter is their great-grandma, "GG".

Praise the Lord for these special blessings.



The family of Vickie Yankee would like to express their sincere thanks to Pastor Paul for his prayers, visits, and wonderful service, to the office staff for their hard work, to the kitchen staff for the wonderful luncheon, and to our church family for their prayers, cards, memorials, and concern during our recent loss. It is a comfort to know you all care.

Thank you again.

Thank You



Roving Reporter

Oh, what a beautiful fall we have had and are still having! There are still a lot of leaves to turn color and fall. We will probably be cleaning up leaves at Christmas time. I am not complaining, I love this weather.

I hope you were able to attend **Pastor's 40th Anniversary and Pastor Appreciation** Brunch. It was very nice. We should thank God every day for giving us such a kind and caring shepherd. He takes good care of his sheep.

The CHOSEN, season 1, is being shown on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Living Room, and season 5 is shown on Tuesdays at 9:30am, also in the Living Room. Come give it a try-you might like it.

The Voters' Assembly will be on November 16 at 9:15am in Luther Hall. The Kid-to-Kid Shop is considering closing because of low business. Please come to the meeting with your suggestions and ideas on how to proceed. All St. Paul members are encouraged to come.

St. Paul will be celebrating **All Saints' Day** on Sunday, November 2nd. On this day, we give thanks to God for those who have died in the faith over the past year.

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on November 16th. St. Paul will honor all military personnel and veterans, especially its members. See the list in this newsletter and the Sunday insert. If your name isn't on it and you have served, or are currently serving, please let the office know. Please plan to attend the services on that day.

Advent will be starting soon. Plan to attend on Wednesdays; meal at 5:30pm, and service at 6:30pm in the Living Room.

Don't forget to **set your clocks back** one hour on Saturday night, November 1.

Keep Pastor and the Little Lambs in your prayers.





SATURDAY LIFE Worship First Saturday of the month November 1, 5:00 pm

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.



Join us for **J.A.M.**
at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**
on **Sundays at 10:30 AM**
(except on major holidays).
Music, crafts and character lessons included

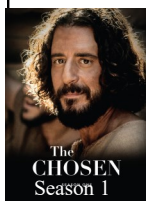
Please, Please be aware!!!! No Plastic Bags in Our Recycle Container

If any type of plastic that isn't accepted by our recycling company gets into our container, we have to pay a considerable extra charge.
This happened in September and we had to pay the extra fee.



Please remember this simple fact:
No plastic that you can put your finger through!

Thank You!



The CHOSEN, Season 1 Wednesdays, November 12 & 19, at 6:30 pm In the Living Room

Open to everyone!

The CHOSEN, Season 5 Tuesdays at 9:30 am In the Living Room

Open to everyone!



St. Paul 10:30 am Services are LiveStreamed

Watch our worship services live @ 10:30am on FaceBook, or later at your convenience on any of the sites below.

www.stpaulalbion.org (St. Paul's website—"Sermons")
www.facebook.com/StPaulAlbion
www.youtube.com/StPaulAlbionMI

Remember to turn the volume up on your device.



After she experienced a kitchen fire, Lynda Hunter told me she was going to send a "Thank You" to the congregation and Pastor Paul for all the help and support she had received while recovering from her injuries. She was very grateful and appreciative for all she had received from members of St. Paul.
I know she would want us all to know about her gratitude and thankfulness.

In Christ's Love, Sandi Mauntel



Family Fun Time November 16, 2025 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 like:
Air Hockey, Basketball,
Table games, and More

*We ask that at least 1 adult accompany their kids.
Thank you!*



Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, And let's start with pizza !!

Monday, November 24, 2025
Eat at 5:30 p.m.
Decorate at 6:00 p.m.

*Please try to let us know if you're coming
so we know how much pizza to order.*



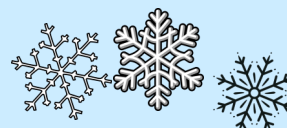
Church Extension Fund

Some new information and resources for investing in the building of God's Kingdom in Michigan through the

LCMS Michigan District CEF are available at the back of the church or in Luther Hall.

HOLIDAY ALLEY 2025

Downtown Albion
November 13, 5:00pm-7:00pm



In the alley between Anna's House of Flowers and the Secretary of State, you can enjoy several booths with fun things going on, things to eat, stories being told, dancing elves, the Hot Dog Man, music, and the lighting of the downtown holiday decorations.

This is the second year for Holiday Alley and we hope to see you there this year.



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!!!

December & January will be a combined newsletter.

Prayer List—Updated: October 28, 2025

Homebound

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



Public Servants

Lindsey Bergeron-Anderla (wife of Michael Anderla)
Eric Clark
Sarah Duff (daughter of Dale & Lori Duff)
Joe Goff (nephew of Heather Shedd)
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
Gail Coonrod
Glen Corliss (cousin of Sandi Mauntel)
Sandra Dorer (sister of Stan Sommer)
Bud Fox
Barbara Frederick
Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)
Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
Katherine Heidenreich
Alan Holtz (friend of Rose Hickey)
Jim Hunt
Tae Kim (Korean son of Pastor & LoriRene')
Lois (cousin of Phyllis Hoffman)
Christiana Matthews (sister of Jim Nash)
Dawn Miller (daughter-in-law of Donna Miller)
Matthew Oosting (friend of John & Jan Shedd)
Maycee Roberts (friend of Jo Hess)
Joel Robinson (friend of Jo Hess)
Russell Spanninga
Ilene Stroebe (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Kathy Weaver
Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
Carol Wilson
Alice Wochholz
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Cara Baker, daughter of Doretta Wilson who passed away on October 6th.

Philip Mason who passed away on October 8th.

Wayne Weaver, husband of Kathy Weaver who passed away on October 20th.

Timothy Stockel, brother of Suzanne (Thomas) Paugh who passed away on October 25th.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



Lynda "Lynny" Marie Hunter

January 31, 1958 – September 29, 2025
(age 67)

Lynda Marie (Lauterbach) Hunter, was escorted into heaven by Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd on Monday, September 29th, 2025.

Lynda, or "Lynny" as she was lovingly called by family and friends, was the oldest daughter of Pastor William E. and Carol J. (Webber) Lauterbach, who preceded her in death. She was born on January 31, 1958, in Sikeston, MO. Lynda was a 1976 graduate of Albion High School. She married the love of her life, Jimmy Hunter, and together they formed a family; she was a loving wife and mother. Jimmy preceded her in death.

Surviving are brother, William E. Lauterbach Jr.; and sisters, Kristi Sue Fitts and Bethany McArthur; beloved children, Jeremiah James Hunter and Jessica Lyn Hunter.

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



Philip Lloyd Mason

October 3, 1933 – October 8, 2025 (age 92)

Philip Lloyd Mason went to be with the Lord on October 8, 2025. Philip was born in 1933 in Battle Creek, MI, to Lloyd and Martha (Schumacher) Mason. He graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1951 and received his Bachelor of Music Education from Western Michigan College (now University).

Philip met fellow Western student Coral Lee Briney when she was assigned as accompanist for his violin lessons. They were married June 12, 1955, the day after their graduation from Western, and continued a rich collaboration that would span over 70 more years.

Faith, family, and music were integral to Philip's life. A devoted Christian who especially enjoyed reading C.S. Lewis, he was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albion, MI, where he served as Sunday School superintendent, deacon, elder, and choir director. He frequently played violin for services, with Coral at the piano.

Philip was Emeritus Professor of Music at Albion College, where he taught music theory and strings for 34 years.

Philip was preceded in death by his daughter Kathy (Don) Hodges. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Coral Lee; daughters, Jeanie (Tom) Whittle, Susie (Mark) Engstrom, and Sandy Mason (Robert) Rivera; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

November 2025



Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship (<i>in person & on Facebook Live</i>)	10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study-Sundays	9:10 a.m.
J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>) Kid's Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Saturday Life Worship (<i>1st Sat. of the month</i>)	5:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Nov. 26	6:30 p.m.

....and
Change Your Smoke
Alarm Batteries
when you go to bed
on November 1st

(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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