

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



October 2025



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@StPaulAlbion



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

Check out our selection of

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

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



The first week of preschool 2025-26!



*"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: littlelambssofjesus@outlook.com

Amber Perry, Director
Jenny Woods, Asst. Director

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...

October Birthdays	
1	Peyton Anderla
2	Mark Oerther, Aliza Ruff
3	Phil Mason
4	Pete Smith, Donna Miller, Grayson Morgan
7	Janet Peckham, Cheryl Surprenant
10	Ronan Sackrider
13	Diana Siscoe, Christina Zerbe-Weicht
14	Sheryl Hunt
17	Katherine Heidenreich, Gloria Hunt
18	Keith Swathwood
21	John Grady, David Davis II
24	Betty Phillips, Brody Mentink
26	Eric Corey, Spencer Zick
October Anniversaries	
6	Don & Rose Hickey
7	Brian & Lindsey Roark
	Matt & Ellen (Paugh) Pehrson
12	Bob & Diana Siscoe
15	Chris & Kara (Mackie) Conn
16	Roger & Betty Weston
	Thomas & Suzanne Paugh
	Ted & Amy Zerbe
18	Phillip & Joan Sumption
21	Scott & Sue Clark
26	Bob & Michelle Slaughter
31	Matt & Michele Mentink



October Happenings

October 4	.....	Saturday Life Worship
October 4, 11, 18, 25	.....	Kid-to-Kid Shop
October 5	.....	Life Chain in Marshall
October 5, 12, 19, 26	.....	J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
.....	.....	Livestreamed Services
October 6, 13, 20, 27	.....	Grief Share
October 7, 14, 21, 28	.....	The CHOSEN, Season 5
October 13	.....	Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
October 14	.....	Parish Planning Council Meeting
October 15, 22, 29	.....	The CHOSEN, Season 1
October 19	.....	Family Fun Time in the Gym
October 20	.....	November Newsletter Deadline
October 22	.....	Fall Family Fun Night
October 26	.....	Reformation Day
.....	.....	Pastor's 40th Anniversary Brunch
November 2	.....	Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back

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

Don't Forget!!!

**Set your clocks back
Saturday night,
November 1st**



Pastor Paul Koehn
Is Celebrating
40 Years
In the Ministry

August 18, 1985—2025

Congratulations to Pastor Koehn
We are celebrating with a Brunch
Sunday, October 26, 2025
9:20 am (between services)

Provided:
Pancakes, Link Sausages, Hash Brown Patties,
Beverages
Plates and Silverware

If you would like to bring something, you may bring
Egg Casseroles, fruit, desserts.
A brunch is a meal for every dish!!

A basket will be provided for cards of appreciation.



This is an excellent time to demonstrate love, appreciation, and encouragement for our pastor.

Some suggestions are: **pray for him, express appreciation (in writing and verbally), respect his time, live in peace, encourage his personal interests, encourage time with his loved ones, and respect the dinner hour.**



Pastor Koehn,
Your faithfulness to God's
calling is evident in every-
thing you do. Thank you,
Pastor, for being a true
shepherd to our congregation.



Dear Beloved of God the Father!

Is it harvest time? Not just for farmers and in the corn and bean fields, but perhaps also for the souls of men and women, boys and girls?!?!?

Something has happened in our nation (any number of things!) that has sparked a spiritual revival! People who haven't gone to church in decades have walked through the doors. Folks who have never read the Bible are reading it for the first time. Others are praying like never before, seeking the Lord and leading their children to a life of faith in Jesus. Do we see it happening here? I long to see more than a trickle of the rivers of revival!

Pray! Pray! Pray! There is little we can do to move the timetable of God, but as we know that He desires all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the Truth (Jesus!), we do have a role to play in the advance of the Kingdom of God among us. Let me commend to you a couple of things as "our part" while we anticipate the power of God to be manifest among us:

1. Be in the Word! Daily feed your faith! What you are full of will easily flow out of you! Perhaps plug yourself into a Bible study – put in some extra time and do it with others that are wanting God's will and work to go forward in our world!

2. Worship consistently! Be the day and time Sunday at 8:15am or 10:30am, first Saturdays at 5pm, or even remotely or by a delayed broadcast. It is hard to think that people who are physically able still don't make it to church even 50% of weekends. If worship is low priority, such a person is more likely "worshiping" a lesser god of pleasure, entertainment, or self-will.

3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower you daily to "let your light shine". You won't have to go out of your way, but the Spirit will lead you in all your ways and see who God puts in your path to influence for good and toward greater faith and Godly living.

4. Consider that the Holy Spirit is working to "sanctify" you – make you more like Jesus! Don't be slow to ask yourself the question, "What would Jesus do? What would Jesus not do?" and you be the right answer.

As we know and grow to know better the wonderful love of Jesus from which nothing can separate us, we can't help but grieve the sadness, evil and brokenness of this world, our nation, and our community. Nonetheless we are not overcome by the bad, but we are instruments in the Lord's hands to overcome that evil by doing good.

What a good place to be –
in HIS HANDS!

Peace and love in Jesus +
Pastor Paul Koehn

"THE HARVEST
IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE
LABORERS
ARE FEW"
(MATTHEW 9:37)

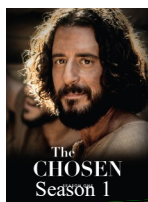


Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2025
At the Fountain
Marshall, MI 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring folding chairs if standing is difficult.

PRAY, MEDITATE, SING!



The CHOSEN, Season 1
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
In the Living Room

Open to everyone!

We're taking a little break.
Will resume on October 15th.



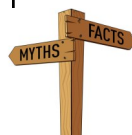
The CHOSEN, Season 5
Tuesdays at 9:30 am
In the Living Room

Open to everyone!

DAILY READING OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK continues!

You are encouraged to read and reread the chapter during the week as the Sunday message will be from Mark 5 on Oct. 13, Mark 6 on Oct 19, and so on.

Sundays, 9:15am, in the Conference Room



**"Myth or Faith?
Clearing Up Common
Misconceptions of Christianity"**



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center:

We have all been loving this weather lately. LOTS of extra outside play WITHOUT jackets!

Preschool is off to an amazing start. We have been learning about squirrels, fall weather, patterns, name spelling/writing, numbers and letter recognition, and so much more. The kids are making new friends, and that's fun to watch. The absolute best part is giving the kids the gift of knowing they are loved by Jesus.

We are very appreciative of the overwhelming generosity from so many donations. The kids love the new things, and we are definitely going to put the monetary donations to great use. Thanks again!

Our annual Fall Family Fun Night is Wednesday, October 22, from 6-7:30 in Luther Hall. From 6-6:30 is food, 6:30-7 is games/costume parade, 7-7:30 is trick-or-treating in the halls. We need donations of bagged candy/small toys, volunteers to pass out candy, and to help with clean up. Willing to help with any of that? Let me know.

We need a few part-time staff who can possibly work afternoons a few days a week....know anyone? Send them up!

We have immediate openings in our 3 to 5-year-old rooms. Again, know anyone who's looking? Send them up!

Pray for our staff and all of our families. Pray for our efforts to be fruitful.

In Christ, Jenny



Jesus Loves the Little Children...



Fall Family Fun Night Volunteers needed

Wednesday, October 22nd

Volunteers to hand out candy.
(costume dress-up is optional.)

Help decorate, run a game, clean up.

To volunteer please talk to Jenny,
or call the church office.

Family Fun Time October 19, 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!*



It's Back!! Family Fun Time!!



Wednesday, October 22, 2025
6-7:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

For all children/families of Little
Lambs of Jesus Preschool &
Childcare Center, and St. Paul
families with children 8 & under.

6-6:30pm—Serving food

6:30-7pm—Games & Costume Parade

7-7:30pm—Trick-or-Treating

If you are interested in giving out candy, or attending the event, please
let Jenny Woods know or call the Center @ 517-629-7699 by Sunday,
October 19th.

See ya soon

ALL FREE

Please donate individually wrapped
candy and/or novelty toys for our
Fall Family Fun Night.

Please bring it to the
Church by Sunday,
October 19.

Thank you!!!



Roving Reporter

Your Roving Reporter is back!! I will try to get you caught up on some of the things that have been going on over the summer.

The **hill on the east side** of the Education Building, behind the church, has been bulldozed down. Gone are the weeds, saplings, poison ivy, etc. Topsoil has been put down, and sod and grass seed have been laid. Pastor, John Shedd, Dagmar, and Barbara are trying to keep it watered; it's a big job. Now that the hill is gone, that area can be mowed and will look much nicer. I feel sorry for the poor woodchucks who had made their home in the hill for so many years. I'm sure they have found a new home by now.

Back to Church Sunday, on September 21, was well attended. The service was nice with many wonderful songs. The meal afterwards was delicious, and the door prizes were lots of fun. I hope you were there to enjoy it!

The CHOSEN, season 5, is being shown on Tuesdays at 9:30am. Season 1 is showing on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, both are in the Living Room. All are invited to join us!

Little Lambs of Jesus is hosting its **Fall Family Fun Night** on October 22, 6-7:30pm, in Luther Hall. They will have food, games, a costume parade, and trick-or-treating. They are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and volunteers to hand out the candy and clean-up. We'd love it if you could help!

Family Fun Time in the gym (on the 3rd Sunday of the month) is starting back up, lots of fun and food. So bring the whole family and enjoy!

Thank you, Alice Wochholz, for your dedication to watering the flowers all summer. You're the best!!

Voters' Assembly News:

- Due to a lot of extra maintenance expenses, a special allotment was voted on to cover the costs. A new A.C. was installed in the parsonage; a new refrigerator was bought to replace a broken one in the old office; one of the furnaces in Luther Hall was replaced with a new one; a new computer is needed to replace one in the Media Room; there's a possibility of buying a used, good-condition 6' zero-turn mower; the list goes on and on.
- The possibility of closing the Kid-to-Kid Shop was discussed. It's not doing well. It was put on hold for now. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the operation, please bring them to the next Voters' Assembly in November.
- Little Lambs of Jesus is doing well. They have 8 3-year-olds and 10 4-year-olds. They are in need of some more part-time staff.
- The Stewardship & Outreach Board is taking a collection for "Coins for Coats". It will be used to provide free coats to the school children of the area.

I am glad to be on the mend. God is so good! Pray for our Little Lambs to have a successful year.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather and remember the shut-ins with a card or a visit.



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@StPaulAlbionMI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStPaulAlbionMI)

Remember to turn the volume up on your device.



SATURDAY LIFE Worship First Saturday of the month October 4, 5:00 pm

Once a month, on the first 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!



We Have Moved!

Bud and Carolyn Fox are now making their home at Vista Grande Villa in Jackson.

Their new address is:

2251 Springport Road, Apt 269
Jackson, MI 49202

They would love to hear from their St. Paul family.

Prayer List—Updated: September 30, 2025

Homebound

Ginette Burlingame
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
Shirley Claucherty
Don Hickey
James Hull
Charles Krenerick
Dolores Manthei
Phil & 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)
Bud Fox
Barbara Frederick
Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)
Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
Jim Hunt
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 Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Kathy Weaver
Wayne Weaver
Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
Carol Wilson
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

***Vickie Yankee** who passed away on September 8th.*

***Jennifer Dryer**, friend of Alice Wochholz
& Dawn Hernandez who passed away
on September 13th.*

***Edith**, friend of Dolores Manthei who passed
away on September 25th.*

***Lynda Hunter** who passed away on September 29th.*

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



Memorial Service

Vickie Sue Yankee
Saturday, October 18, 2025
St. Paul Lutheran Church
11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend.

*The family will begin receiving visitors
one hour prior to the service.*



Vickie Sue Yankee

January 16, 1960 – September 8, 2025
(age 65)

Vickie Sue Yankee, a gentle soul whose kindness and generosity knew no bounds, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2025, at her home in Springport, Michigan. She was born on January 16, 1960, in Flint, Michigan. Vickie illuminated the lives of all who had the privilege to know her, from her closest family members to the cherished friends she gathered around her.

Vickie's proudest accomplishment was her family, a circle of love and support that thrived under her unwavering commitment and affection. Her heart was often found in Bible study, where her faith continued to guide her through life's many chapters.

Vickie is survived by her husband of 35 years, Paul; children, Derek (Andrea) Harris, Krystal (Andrew) Rademacher, Kelly Yankee, Jennifer (Dominic) Iocca; grandchildren, Sebastian Floyd, Alex Floyd, Makenzie Scanlon, Cameron Iocca, Jackson Iocca; beloved dogs, Teddy & Tillie; sister, Sherri (Mike) Reeve; and several nieces and nephews.

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





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Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
September 25 31 7 14 21 28 29 30		September 26 1 8 15 22 29		September 27 2 9 16 23 30		September 28 3 10 17 24 31		September 29 4 11 18 25 30		September 30 5 12 19 26 31		October 1 6 13 20 27	
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October 2025

Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship

Sunday Morning Worship (*in person & on Facebook Live*)

Adult Bible Study

J.A.M. (*Jesus and Me*)

Saturday Life Worship (1st Saturday of the month)

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

9:10 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 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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