

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

December
2025
January
2026



Find us on
Facebook @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

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**

615 S. Dalrymple St.
Albion, MI 49224

517-629-7699

e-mail: littlelambsofjesus@outlook.com

Amber Perry, Director
Jenny Woods, Asst. Director



When God made Grandparents,
He made some really special ones!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



December Birthdays

2	Olansi Hundessa
3	Dawn Hawks
8	Drew Clark
9	Matt Mentink
10	Dawn Martin
13	Carolyn Rimer
15	Sue Lauer
17	Ruth Clark
18	Jan Shedd
20	Dana Anderla
21	Carol Miller
23	Ruth Bussing
25	Christa Wilson, Tony Starr
26	Paula Miller
27	Jeff Ericson
30	Heather Chamberlain



Articles, ads & Information for the February issue of *The Messenger* are due at the Church Office no later than January 20.

January Birthdays

4	Brad Shedd
6	Charlotte Sandusky
9	Lucy Slaughter, Shirley Smith
10	Pastor Paul
13	Hannah Jordan
14	Tom Clark Sr.
19	Barb Patterson
20	Michael Corey
21	Jeff Young, Joseph Ericson
22	Doretta Wilson
23	Jean Sommer, Jo Hess, Brian Roark, Ellen Pehrson
24	Chance Anderla
25	Paul Yankee
26	Ginette Burlingame, Kim Phillips, Welabu Milkessa
27	Aaron Pollman, Damon Scott
28	Steven Stark, Lindsey Roark

January Anniversaries

7	Allan & Heather Ruff
20	Michael & Carol Corey Austin & Kristan Ruoff



The Church office will be closed from December 24th thru January 2nd.



December 2, 9	..... The Nativity Story
December 3, 10, 17	..... Advent Meals
December 3, 17	..... Advent Worship
December 4, 11, 18,	..... Prayer Time
December 6, 13, 20	..... Kid-to-Kid Shop
December 6	..... Saturday Life Worship
December 7, 14, 21	..... J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
December 10	..... Little Lambs Christmas Program
December 16	..... The CHOSEN Christmas special
December 18	..... Red Cross Blood Drive @ St. Paul
December 21 Family Fun Time in the gym
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services
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January 3 Saturday Life Worship
January 4, 11, 18, 25 J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
January 7, 14, 21, 28 The CHOSEN, season 1
January 7, 14, 21, 28	..... Psalm 23 Bible Study
January 8, 15, 22, 29	..... Prayer Time
January 10, 17, 24, 31	..... Kid-to-Kid Shop
January 12	..... Board of Christian Education Meeting
January 14	..... Board of Trustees Meeting
January 18	..... Family Fun Time in the gym
January 19	..... Board of Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
January 20	..... February Newsletter Deadline
January 26	..... Parish Planning Council Meeting



Our 2025 Advent theme is

"Hymns of Advent"

Please join us on Wednesdays
December 3 & 17
Worship Service 6:30 pm
In The Living Room



Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 pm & 7:00pm

Love Becomes Apparent

1 John 4:9

Advent Meals:

A meal will be served every week at 5:30 pm, before the Advent Worship Service at 6:00 pm.

Everyone welcome!

A freewill offering 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.



Advent Dinner

THE ADVENT MEAL MENUS

December 3—Spaghetti & Salad
December 10—Lasagna & Salad
December 17—Hot Dogs & fixins



Dear Saints getting closer to the Gate of Heaven,

As time passes, that is the truth! We are nearer now to our salvation than ever before! We only get closer to our last day on earth, and that makes

us consider that first day in the glory of heaven.

As we approach the celebration of Jesus' birth, reminding us of His coming again, His second coming at the end of time, we do well to reflect on the passage of time and on our passing. Not to be morbid, but we "fear no evil" even as we "pass through the valley of death" – because He is with us! Of course, Jesus is IMMANUEL – "God with us". The long-expected Messiah has come – over 2000 years ago, after the nation of Israel has waited over 2000 years anticipating His coming. Imagine the prophets who foresaw Jesus' arrival but never saw Him. Others heard and desired for His day to come, but died without that fulfillment.



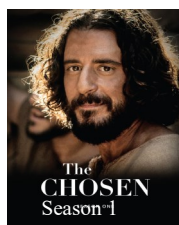
Now it is our turn! We are waiting, like kids for Christmas when they get to open the gifts under the tree. We don't see Him or see Him "dimly, as in a [poor] mirror" but one day face to face! What a day of rejoicing that will be – "when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and dance the victory!"

We, here and now (especially in our Sunday worship!) get to unpack the gifts from the tree of the cross – God's love, grace, and forgiveness – but the ultimate gifts await us when we taste of the tree of life (see Rev. 22:1-2ff).

What earthly gifts do we still need? Not many, though there might be some we want (but they probably aren't that important!). We generally have plenty of food, clothing, and shelter. We have transportation and entertainment opportunities. But there are many around us in need of the ultimate gifts of heaven. We can't give them those, but we can offer them as we give them the gifts of the cross in proclamation, as we tell them, or expose them to the love, grace, and forgiveness of God in the Person of His Son, Jesus. We really are like Santa's elves! We are the Savior's saints, entrusted with the message and ministry of reconciliation – that God is



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



The CHOSEN, Season 1
Wednesdays starting January 7th
at 12:15 pm
In the Living Room

Open to everyone!
Bring your lunch, if you like!

We're starting from the beginning again!!

offering His friendship (adoption!!!) to His enemies, sinners, and with that offering, He gives "sainthood" through faith alone, by grace alone, in Christ alone.

How strong and effective you will be for things that last eternally will depend on your investment of time in, 1) worship, 2) prayer, 3) Bible study/reading, 4) small group Christian fellowship, and 5) time with people outside our church community.

- Lord, make us stronger and more effective for Your Kingdom in 2026! For the glory of Jesus and the salvation of souls!

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn

PS – Check out the additional Bible study/fellowship opportunities in the New Year – another chance to start in on The CHOSEN, and a Wednesday evening (after little ones are to bed!) study on Psalm 23!

THE CHOSEN – Season 1 – If you haven't seen it yet or just want to go over it again and get deeper insight, you'll perceive Jesus in a most winsome way in The CHOSEN. If you are retired, free at lunchtime (bring your lunch if you like!), come to the Living Room at St. Paul on Wednesdays at 12:15pm. Season 1 will go from Jan. 7 through Feb. 25, and the viewing and follow-up discussion (checking out what the Bible says!) will be a great blessing to you. Just ask others who have been through it.

If anyone wants to suggest a different time and/or day of the week, check in with Pastor Paul.

INCREASE THE GOOD/DECREASE THE BAD!

Are you looking to find deeper trust in the Lord? Would you like to learn to praise through the valleys and rest in green pastures? Come dive into Psalm 23 for a 14-week study - All are welcome!

WHAT: We will be using the book "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by Phillip W. Keller as a cornerstone for conversation.

WHERE: The Living Room (in the church basement at St. Paul).

WHEN: Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, January 7th through April 8th.

WHY: Increasing trust, decreasing worry, increasing friendships, decreasing winter blues!

WHO: Any/all who wish to participate are welcome. You do not need to commit to all 14 weeks to be involved! Come when you can!

WHO'S LEADING: Hannah Avery is a married mom of two toddlers, living in Albion, studying for her Master's in Counseling at Spring Arbor University. She will be facilitating conversations, asking reflective questions, and guiding you through this study/fellowship experience.

WHAT ELSE: Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to hannahstarr96@gmail.com by the New Year, and the book will be purchased for you!

Christmas Food Baskets



St Paul and the Community Table of Albion join forces to fight hunger

St. Paul is donating past proceeds from the Taste of Fall; plus, one of our members has graciously applied for a Thrivent Action Team gift card of \$250.

Items will be purchased and added to the food baskets Community Table of Albion will be giving out on December 16th.

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This community service event is sponsored in part by Thrivent.



Come to the Community Table of Albion (CTA)

to receive FREE food on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of December, **3:00 p.m. until gone.**

We are located at the Opportunity High School, 225 E. Watson St., Albion (west side of the building)

Christmas Food Baskets will be given out on December 16th.



Thank you for your recent contribution to Coins for Coats.

(this was the collection we had in September)

Because of your generosity, we will continue to serve local children and their families with clothing and other household items free-of-charge.

Thanks for your support! Charitable Union



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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Thursday, December 18, 2025
12:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Help save lives!



Donate blood at our upcoming blood drive!

There is currently a blood emergency

Your support is needed more than ever. The Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

Please help by donating, even if you never have. Call the church office if you have any questions.

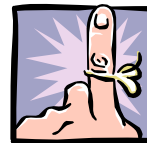


Thank you for your recent contribution to the Safetypup® Program



Child Safety of America, Inc., takes pride in working with local law enforcement such as yours to distribute materials to teach your children and community how to prevent accidents and needless tragedies.

We thank you for recognizing the need for this program in your community!



Reminder to All Board Directors

2026 Budgets need to be submitted to the Board of Stewardship & Outreach by **January 16th**, but year end Treasurers Reports won't be ready until about **January 10th**.

Would you like to get this newsletter by email???
 Just send your email address to the church office specifying your request (just email or email and snail mail).
office@stpaulalbion.org





COLLEGE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

If you are a college student and an active member of St. Paul, you may be eligible for the College Book Scholarship or the Memorial Gift.

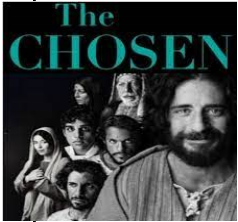
Pick up application forms from the church office. Eligibility requirements are listed on the forms. Application deadline is February 15th.



Family Fun Time December 21, 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!*



The CHOSEN Seasons 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 DVD's

Are available from our Library.

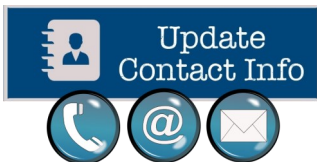
Anyone may check them out. Please record your name and date on the sign-out sheet and return as soon as you are through so someone else may enjoy them.



FREE KID'S COATS, Hats, & Mittens are available to Everyone

In the Kid-to-Kid Shop during regular hours. The Knights of Columbus donated these coats to keep our area children warm this winter.

Tell your friends. Pick yours up soon!



Friendly reminder—

Please let the church office know when your contact information changes (address, phone number, or email) so we can stay connected! Thank you!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating coats to give away at our Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center, and to our Kid-to-Kid Shop.



God bless the children of Albion and keep them warm.
Sandi Mauntel, Parish Nurse

Leadership of St. Paul

President:	Brad Shedd
Vice President:	Tom Zander
Treasurer:	John Shedd
Asst. Treasurers:	Sue Clark Barbara Slaughter Jean Sommer
Financial Secretary:	Ginny Schultz
Congregational Secretary:	Dana Anderla
Bd of Early Childcare-Chair:	John Shedd
Bd of Elders-Chair:	Barry Beilfuss
Bd of Education-Chair:	Doretta Wilson
Bd of Fellowship-Chair:	Barbara Slaughter
Bd of Stewardship/ Evangelism-Chair:	Sue Clark
Bd of Trustees-Chair:	Mike Slaughter

Pastor Dennis Matyas and his family would like to say hi to everyone, and they hope we're doing well.

The kids are keeping them busy (Olivia has her learner's permit!!)

Here is a picture he sent us in December 2023.

WOW, have the kids grown!
And this was 2 years ago!!!





Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center:

It's getting to be that busy season again. All the parties, program practice for our annual Christmas Program (Dec 10 @ 6:30) makes for a busy few weeks. We are all teaching the kids the importance of Christmas and the true meaning of all the goodness it brings.

Looking for people who are interested in coming up and doing simple science experiments, reading a book or two, simple crafts, etc. with our preschool classes. Get with me if you're interested.

Still looking for one staff person that can help us out 10-15 hours a week. Must be able to work ALL day on Friday.

We have adopted the Jackson County Animal Shelter for Christmas this year. We would love your support. The donations we are seeking are as follows:

- Cat food (can)
- Cat litter
- Dog treats
- Dog collars
- Cat and dog toys
- Nail trimmers for dogs and cats
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Money to offset emergency treatments



If you wish to donate, please leave your items on the table in the back of the church, Luther hall, or drop off to Little Lambs by January 10, 2026.

May your holidays be merry and bright! In Christ, Jenny

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
St. Paul Lutheran Church
6:30 p.m.

**Children's
Christmas
Program**

***Presented by
Little Lambs of
Jesus Preschool***

All are welcome!



ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR POINSETTIAS

These are beautiful full plants that we order from Beck's Flower Shop. They will be used to decorate for the Christmas Eve services, and may be taken home after.

A donation of \$12.00 will be taken for each plant. A representative will be at the back of the church after service to take your orders, or call the church office.
Please order by December 14th.

Please be ready with exact change or a check to St. Paul.

Thank you for your support
to the beauty of our church this Christmas.



Jingle Jangle Jam

Sunday, December 21
Following the Life Worship Service
9:15am—10am

Sweet treats and Fellowship

Everyone Welcome!



St. Paul, Albion

Like Us On Facebook Did you know St. Paul has a page on Facebook? You should check it out! "Why?" you ask... Because our online presence can be just as important as our physical presence in communicating to our community who we are and what we believe. Your connection with our Facebook page will allow us to communicate our events and services to a larger audience, and ultimately allow the Good News of Christ to be shared. Put this in your search browser: "facebook.com/stpaulalbion"

Roving Reporter



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Where has the year gone? We have had some fantastic weather. God is so Good to us.

The Chosen, season 5, is over. We are anxiously awaiting season 6.

The Nativity Story will be shown on December 2nd and 9th in the Living Room at 9:30 am. Please plan to attend, it will give you the true meaning of Christmas.

This is a combined **December and January Newsletter**. The next one to come out will be for February.

Advent Services will be on Wednesdays, December 3 & 17, in the Living Room. Advent meals will be at 5:30 pm, and services will begin at 6:30 pm. There is an exception for one meal: the December 10 meal will be at 5:15 pm!!!!

Voters' Assembly meeting was held on November 16, the treasurer's reports were accepted. There was no vote on closing the Kid-to-Kid Shop. They have a few more things they would like to try to see if we can get more business. It was voted on to start looking for an Associate Pastor, so when Pastor Paul is ready to retire, we will have a new pastor in place and ready to take over.

On December 18th, a **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be at St. Paul. Supplies are low; give if you can.

The Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool **Children's Christmas Program** will be on December 10th at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary after the Advent meal. Come and let the Little Lambs tell you about the birth of Jesus.

There are some new **puzzles for winter and Christmas** in the Library. We also have **Christmas books** in the narthex, outside the Library. Take a look and take some home for the long winter days ahead.

Christmas Eve Candlelight services are on December 24, at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. They will both be the same service.

There are some beautiful Christmas cards on the **FREE table in Luther Hall**; check them out. We also have some 2026 calendars. Pick one up today!

There is not much happening in January as of now. Watch the insert on Sundays for any updates.

Enjoy this Joyous Christmas Season. Thank God daily for His many blessings.

Our **sick and shut-ins** would love to get a Christmas card from you. Addresses are available in the office.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Advent & Christmas Materials

Prepare your heart and mood for the Christmas Season with items from our Library.

- Music CD's
- Videos
- Children's Books
- Christmas Fiction
- Stories Behind Christmas Traditions



BORROW A PUZZLE

The Church Library has a selection of Christmas & winter puzzles for you to borrow.

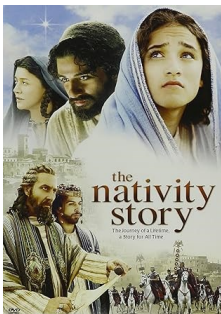
Take some home today!



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
First Saturday of the month
December 6 and January 3,
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 will be showing the movie

"The Nativity Story"

During our Tuesday Bible Study
December 2 & 10
9:30am

Everyone is welcome!



Names and addresses of shut-ins are available in the church office for anyone who would like to contact them or send a Christmas Card.

I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

Community News



St. James' Episcopal Church Cookie Walk Plus

December 6, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
119 W. Erie St., Albion

Soup & Sloppy Joes: Take out or eat in.

New This Year: Knot Bar LLC will be offering fresh sour-dough bread and other baked goods!

Come and stock up on delicious homemade cookies for the holiday season! Bring your friends and family for a tasty event!



Albion Aglow Parade

Friday, December 5, 2025
Parade begins at 6:00pm

This year's theme is
"The North Pole"!

Friends of Albion's Animals Annual Cookie Walk

December 13, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Albion District Library
501 S. Superior St., Albion



59th Annual Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 7, 2025

7:00 p.m.
Albion College, Goodrich Chapel

Lessons and Carols combines audience carols and choral performances with Scripture readings that connect with the season.

Presented by the Albion College Concert Choir and Briton Singers.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was designed by Archbishop E. W. Benson for use in the cathedral at Truro, England. The first formal event was held there on Christmas Eve, 1880. The service was later simplified and modified for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, in 1918.

The late David L. Strickler introduced the service to Albion College in 1966 and it has been a cherished tradition ever since. Jacqueline Livesay will join us as guest organist.

For more info, www.albion.edu/music, or call 517-629-0481.



Network Family Church Food Pantry

13600—28 Mile Rd, Albion
The FIRST TUESDAY of each month
3:30-5:00pm.

Please tell all your friends!



Have you participated in any high school class reunions? Some classes are great at getting together. Other classmates have been thrown to the wind across the country, even the world, and rarely connect. Maybe you have someone from your class that shares old pictures on social media. It's fun to reminisce. But maybe in the midst of that remembering also comes a certain amount of regret, as you think about the wide-eyed enthusiasm you used to have about what you would accomplish in the future, and now it feels like you are just wrapping up.

For some, working on their estate plan may actually feel like giving up, as if most of the living is complete in life. But there is another way to think of it. A Christian estate plan is one of anticipation, as the Lord Jesus will lead us to the glory that He has prepared for us. St. Paul once said, "Nothing can compare to the glory that is about to be revealed in us." (Romans 8) An estate plan looks at physical things, and recognizes they have belonged to the Lord all along. And now we get to put a plan in place, in how our family will be blessed in inheritance and how we can support the work of God's Kingdom in the ministry of the Church. There is no end here, but bright prospects.

Sometimes we need a little help and encouragement to maintain that kind of positive perspective. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact...

Julie Burgess, Gift Planning Counselor
Michigan District and Church Extension Fund
Email: Julie.burgess@lfnd.org, Cell: 713-822-5284







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Prayer List Updated: December 2, 2025

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Ginette Burlingame
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
Shirley Claucherty
Katherine Heidenreich
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



A GRANDPARENT'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You for blessing me with children and grandchildren. Although at times some of my children have gone their own way, I pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to their hearts and cause them to hunger and thirst for You. May their eyes be opened to see You and their ears to hear You. I pray they will yield their will to Your will, to follow and obey You.

Lord, help them in their doubts to trust You in every circumstance. May they stand strong in times of temptation and persecution and allow Your light to shine through their lives. Give them a heart that loves You and others. Let them know the Promises that are theirs as Your children. May they nurture an intimate relationship with You so that they will truly know You and You will know them.

Lord, in this stage of life, give me wisdom to speak truth into the lives of my children and grandchildren.

Continue to sanctify me and prepare me to enter Your presence. Please use me for Your kingdom glory for the rest of my days. This is the desire of my heart. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sick and Injured

Susan Abbee (sister of Steve Abbee)
Pastor Albert Amos
Wilma Bahr
Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
Tom Clark
Gail Coonrod
Glen Corliss (cousin of Sandi Mauntel)
John Deyoe (cousin of Rose Hickey)
Sandra Dorer (sister of Stan Sommer)
Danny & Lynette Fowler (cousin of Rose Hickey)
Bud Fox
Barbara Frederick
Rev. William Gatz (father of Bill Gatz)
Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
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
Matt Spears
Ilene Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Kathy Weaver
Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
Carol Wilson
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)

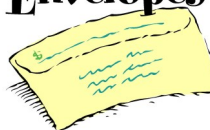


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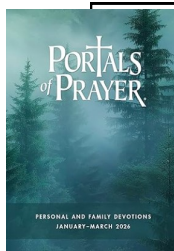
Thank you for the beautiful service for Phil. The singing was marvelous, a very special choir, and the luncheon extra delicious. You'll no doubt be getting more requests for hot dogs and mac & cheese. It was truly a wonderful day-

With sincere gratitude,
Coral Mason and Family

**Offering
Envelopes**



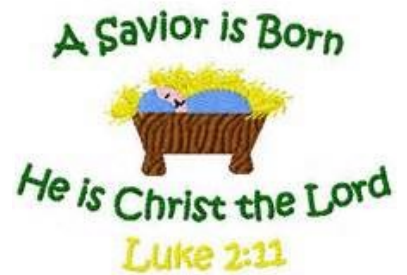
The 2026 offering envelopes are ready. Pick yours up at the back of the church or in Luther Hall today.



Portals of Prayer

A daily devotional with a really nice assortment of prayers that inspire you to live each day as a disciple of Christ. They are available in regular and large print. You may pick one up from the church, or one can be mailed to you by request, please call the church office at 517-629-8379.

December 2025/ January 2026



Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship (<i>in person worship</i>)	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study (not on December 28th)	9:10 a.m.
Sunday Traditional Worship (in person & Facebook Live)	10:30 a.m.
J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>) Kid's Bible Study (not on Dec 28)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday Life Worship (<i>1st Sat. of the month</i>)	5:00 p.m.
Advent Worship (December 3 & 17)	5:30 p.m. meal
	6:30 p.m. service
Christmas Eve Worship (December 24)	3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Little Lambs of Jesus Christmas Program, Dec 10	6:30 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

The Messenger

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