

The Messenger

a monthly newsletter



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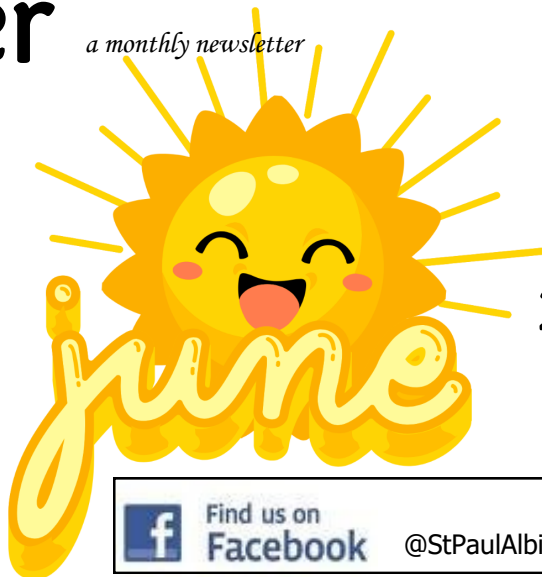
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Church Office Hours

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



Let them create!!



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Kid to 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 the church 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




Anniversaries and Birthdays




June Birthdays	
1	John Shedd
2	Joan Sumption
3	Amy Zerbe
4	Annette Lerma, David Miller, Carol Abbee, Taylor Siscoe
6	Barbara Frederick, Jody Young
12	Adam Miller
13	David Chapman
15	Elaine Seedorf, Bob Porter
16	Roby Perry
17	Ken Siefert, Trey Scott
22	Steven Knuth
23	Ginny Schultz
28	Kathy Weaver
29	Jon Zick
June Anniversaries	
5	Dale & Lori Duff
6	Pete & Shirley Smith
11	Doug & Shanna Pollman
12	Pastor & LoriRene' Koehn
20	Mike & Kathryn Watson
29	James & Gloria Hunt

June 4,11,18,25	Prayer Time
June 6	Saturday Life Worship
June 6,13,20,27	Kid-to-Kid Shop
June 7	Officer & Board Member Rededication
	Reception of New Members
	J.A.M. (<i>Jesus and Me</i>)
June 7,21,28	Holy Communion Services
June 14	Flag Day
June 20	Newsletter Deadline
June 21	Father's Day
	First Day of Summer



LIFE Worship
Sundays, 8:15 am
In the Living Room
(near the stage end of Luther Hall)

St. Paul has an early Sunday worship setting. The 45-minute service features newer music via technology, the same message based on the same Scripture as at 10:30 am, but presented interactively, and concludes with prayer and communion. (No communion on the 3rd Sunday.)
Come and join us!



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
First Saturday of the month
June 6, 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.

Enroll Now



Little Lambs of Jesus
Preschool & Childcare Center

Is accepting applications
for fall preschool enrollment

615 S. Dalrymple St., Albion
517-629-7699

Students need to be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st.

For more info, please contact Little Lambs.

Watch our 10:30am worship services online

[www.Facebook.com/StPaulAlbion](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulAlbion)
[www.YouTube@StPaulAlbionMI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
www.stpaulalbion.org



(St. Paul's website—click on "Sermons")

We will once again have a

Combined
July / August
Newsletter

Please turn in your submissions **by June 20th** so we have sufficient time to prepare the newsletter for printing.



WELCOME!

We are blessed to welcome Margaret Steel and Whitney Pombier and her sons, Diederich & Jonah Pombier-Lapp, into membership at St. Paul during the worship services on June 7th. They join us, having been walking in the Christian faith, by transfer from Christ Lutheran in Marshall and Trinity Lutheran in Jackson respectively.

We also welcome Jerry & Sandi Martin, and George Bryant who will be received by Baptism and Adult Confirmation.

Thank You, Lord, for giving us more partners.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers.
We thank our Heavenly Father for each of you!



Dearly Loved of the Creator of Heaven and Earth!

The cold of Winter is really done! New life is here with all kinds of "green" – grass, trees, leaves, flowers – and hopefully your "soul"! The psalmist says (Ps. 92:14) that the righteous (which you are by faith in Jesus - forgiven!) are *planted* in the

house of the Lord and they stay "fresh and green". Is that your faith and spiritual life???

Some spiritual lives are old and crusty. Some are stunted and minimal. But the psalmist refers to people of faith with a regular ("planted") participation in Christian fellowship (aka Sunday worship and/or Bible study!) as "flourishing". Wow! To be spiritually health and vibrant!

The Apostle John prays, "May you *prosper* and be in *good health AS* your soul prospers!" How is that going for you?

God is moving across our nation! Many bad things are happening and the news usually focuses on that. But there are also many incredibly wonderful things happening –

dozens of college students getting baptized as spiritual revival and the Gospel hits campuses. There was a reading through of the whole Bible, televised, by national political and Christian leaders last week. There was extra prayer happening, leading up to the National Day of Prayer, May 7. Young men, Gen Z, are returning to church – more likely to find them in church than folks in their late 60's and 70's! Perhaps there is another "Great Awakening" taking place in America! Did you see or at least hear about the movie "A Great Awakening"? It goes back to the mid-1700's in North America and it led to the War of Independence – because God created us to be **free!** Free from sin, death, condemnation, guilt, the devil, and hell – it all "springs" forth through the aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion, His glorious resurrection celebrated earlier last month but re-lived every Sunday as we worship!

Join us at St. Paul on Sundays (or at least once a month on the first Saturday!) and it will be said of you, "It is well with my [your] soul!"

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn

Summer Special Worship Services

A 9:15am worship service for Sundays, July 5, 12, and 19.
"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 26.

For 3 weeks only!

July 5 & 12 services-outside under the Big Tent (hopefully)
July 19 service is in the sanctuary.



July 19—Potluck Brunch after the worship service, plus a time for games and extra fun stuff for the kids!



Summer Family Camp at Camp Lutherhaven – St. Paul is ready to send families with school aged children to Albion, Indiana the weekend of July 17-19 for a fun and faith-filled adventure. Costs are covered! If interested, check out the camp website and let Pastor Paul know. Already 3 families have said "yes"!



INVEST AND BE BLESSED! AND BE A BLESSING! – This is the 125th anniversary year for Michigan's Church Extension Fund (CEF). As a special benefit to congregations of the Michigan District, CEF will donate \$125 for every new \$1000-plus, 24-60 month investment (such as a CD). You will be earning over 3% interest, and \$125 will be given to the chosen ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church – we commend to you Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center. Forms are in the back of the church or outside the Living Room. Simply fill out the form, write a check, and mail it in (or check out on their website – www.churchextensionfund.com), and one of our ministries will be advanced for Gospel purposes!

Need help with mowing, raking, and weed whacking? Give Pastor Paul a call, and he will help you out.



HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE ALBION 2026 U.S. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL FIREWORKS, YET?

The annual fireworks display in Albion will be held Friday, July 3, on the Kalamazoo River. The colorful demonstration begins at dusk.

The overall cost for the fireworks show is \$20,000, and many industries and organizations have already generously contributed, but more funds are still needed to support this annual event.

Any amount is welcome: checks payable to: Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 238, Albion, MI 49224, (Memo: Albion Fireworks).

Or you may give a donation in the basket at the back of the church, and we will send it in.

Community support is needed to assure a successful and fun-filled holiday.



Please make donations by June 21st.

Elected Officers and Board Members

2026-2027

President: Brad Shedd
Vice President: Tom Zander
Treasurer: John Shedd
Assistant Treasurers:
Sue Clark
Barbara Slaughter
Jean Sommer
Financial Secretary: Ginny Schultz
Congregational Secretary: Dana Anderla

Board of Christian Education:

Stacy Gatz
Sandi Mauntel
* Doretta Wilson

Board of Early Childcare (ECC):

Stacy Gatz
Cindy Geyer
Dawn Martin
Brad Shedd
John Shedd

Board of Elders:

Steve Abbee
Barry Beilfuss
Dale Duff
Bill Gatz
Mark Oerther
Brad Shedd
John Shedd

Board of Parish Fellowship:

Ruth Clark
Barbara Slaughter

Board of Stewardship & Outreach:

Sue Clark
Dale Duff
Carolyn Fox
Jo Hess
Phyllis Hoffman
Nancy Jo Lutzke
Jan Shedd

Board of Trustees:

Barry Beilfuss
Cindy Geyer
Steve Knuth
Doug Pollman
John Shedd
Mike Slaughter
Paul Yankee
✠ Bud Fox

Endowment Committee:

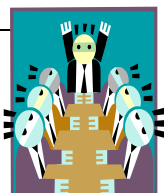
Todd Crysler
Carolyn Fox
John Shedd

* Seasonal Member

✠ Honorary Member



Rededication of Officers and Board Members will take place during both worship services on June 7th.



Please join us in welcoming these people, old and new, and help us to show our appreciation for their service to our congregation.

Membership Reception and Rededication of Officers and Board Members

– Sunday, June 7 at both services. We are delighted for those who have been worshipping with us and some who have now decided to officially join through transfer of membership and/or profession of faith. Lord, keep us all growing!

The newly elected officers and board members will take effect on June 1st. Thank you to everyone serving.

Positions are still open on some of the boards.

All St. Paul communicant members 18-years-old and older are eligible.

These can be filled by the Parish Planning Council at any time, not just during elections.

Talk to someone in the church office to discuss what each board does.

Please pray for which position would be best for your gifts and let us know when you're ready to volunteer.

Make A Difference

Volunteer

Roving Reporter

As of this writing, it is a beautiful day! Let's hope it stays this way.

School will be out for the summer in a few weeks. The little Lambs of Jesus Preschool had their Closing Program and are done until fall. Where has the time gone!

The **Tuesday Bible Study** will not meet during the summer months. We will resume in the fall. Please come and join us.

The Big Sale for Little Lambs of Jesus was also a huge success. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Voters' Assembly news:

The electrical panels have now all been updated. The search for an associate Pastor is still ongoing. Keep St. Paul in your prayers.

On May 17, there was a **flower-planting day** at the Memory Garden, where the J.A.M. kids got to plant flowers, and all the kids got to plant a sunflower to take home with them.

Plans are to have **3 combined services in July** again this year. 2 of them will be outdoor services, and the last one will be in the sanctuary. The first service will be the weekend of July 5th, with hymn sing time starting at 9:00 am and service at 9:15 am. Watch your bulletin inserts for more info.

Trustees will be working on getting several of the **roofs replaced this summer**, along with some insulation, which will help with heating bills.

The **front doors** to the Sanctuary are being repaired and painted. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. They will be beautiful when done.

The **election of board members** was completed. Thank you to all who will be serving on these boards. Rededication of the members will be during the services on June 7th.

Also on June 7th, we will be welcoming **7 New Members to St. Paul**. Some are transferring in from other Lutheran churches, and others will be received through Baptism and Adult Confirmation.

Please **keep your tithes and offerings** coming each week; the Church expenses go on even during vacations.

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers. Enjoy your day!!

Thank God every day for his many blessings!

Keep the sick and shut-ins, Pastor, St. Paul, and the Center in your prayers.



Lucy



News from Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center:

Another preschool year has come and gone! Overall, we had a very successful year. Enrollment for fall 2026 is going very slow so far. Please share the news that we are enrolling NOW!

A GIGANTIC thank you to the faithful FEW who gave so much time to help with our recent sale. I am so grateful for all the volunteer work you did for LLOJ. Our sales were down from previous years, but we still made around \$1800.00. We are happy with all the financial help we can get!

The summer program is underway, starting June 8th. We have 14 kids enrolled from ages 5-9. We have a lot of fun things planned for them to do. They will be busy!

For the first time in a very LOOOONG time, we are fully staffed. We have some college girls helping us, as well as we have hired 2 new staff. So, praise God for this summer relief! It will enable us to give staff some much-needed time off. HALLELU-JAH!

We will once again be doing **Swingin' at the Shell** concessions. WE NEED PEOPLE TO DONATE BAKED GOODS! The dates are Sunday nights, August 2-Sept 13. Brownies, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, it all sells! Please contact me @ 517-629-7699 if you can donate for any dates. This can be a very profitable event for us.

We have enrolled a few new children recently. We have several openings in our 3 to 5-year-old rooms (the hardest age to fill).

Please keep praying for our efforts to be fruitful, that seeds of faith are planted and given the opportunity to grow. THAT is our biggest desire!



In Christ, Jenny

Prayer List—Updated: June 2, 2026

Homebound

Ginette Burlingame
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
Shirley Claucherty
Katherine Heidenreich
Don Hickey
James Hull
Charles Krenerick
Dolores Manthei
Coral Mason
Carolyn Rimer
Peter Smith



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)
Jeremy Woods

Sick and Injured

Susan Abbee (sister of Steve Abbee)
Pastor Albert Amos
Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
George Bryant
Patricia Bryant
Amy Cords (niece of Phyllis Hoffman & Karen Cords)

Dembobe (Milkessa's 12th grade sister)
John Deyoe (cousin of Rose Hickey)
Patricia Faulk (friend of Rose Hickey)
Danny & Lynette Fowler (cousin of Rose Hickey)
Bud Fox
Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
Allen Holtz (friend of Rose Hickey)
Dan Hooper
Lori Hooper
Jim Hunt
Tae Kim (Korean son of Pastor & LoriRene')
Blake Larder (grandson of Chuck & Ella Larder)
Don Larder (father of Chuck Larder)
Tim Lauer (son of Ken & Sue Lauer)
Lois (cousin of Phyllis Hoffman)
Dawn Miller (daughter-in-law of Donna Miller)
Blake Pauley (brother of LLOJ worker, Mary Pauley)
Gary Pombier
Robert Pombier
Maycee Roberts (friend of Jo Hess)
Joel Robinson (friend of Jo Hess)
Bob Sedorer (friend of Geyer's)
Patty Sprouse (friend of Rose Hickey)
Ilene Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Debbie Torrey (sister of Michelle Slaughter)
Jim Vanhecke (cousin of Alice Wochholz)
Kathy Weaver
Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
Alice Wochholz
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)
Lou Zick



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Jarod Heely, brother of Lindsey Bergeron-Anderla, Michael) who passed away on March 16th.

Deborah Burrows, relative of Ella Larder who passed away on February 5th.

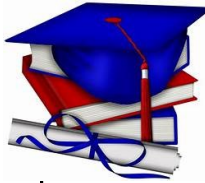
Pauline (Kulikowski) Passic who passed away on May 10th.

Russell Spanninga who passed away on May 11th.

Rev. William Gatz, father of Bill Gatz who passed away on May 22nd.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

2026 Graduates



Please contact the church office if you know a member of St. Paul who is graduating this year from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, etc. Let us know their name and school. Thank you!

VALET PARKING!

Do you need assistance? Are you willing to give assistance? It can be a long walk for some of our seniors from the parking lot to the church sanctuary. Would you like someone to park your car and retrieve it for you? Would you be willing to park someone's car after they stop at the overhang? Let an elder or pastor know if you need help or are willing to help or leave a message at the church office.



Thank You

Dear St. Paul,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I appreciate it so much and it helps me so much with school. I appreciate all of you so much.

Love Hannah

We want to thank our Church friends for the cards you have sent us.

God bless you for your thoughtfulness.
Bud & Carolyn Fox




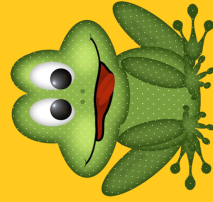


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Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study	9:10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship <i>(In person & Facebook Live)</i>	10:30 a.m.
Saturday Life Worship (1st Saturday of the month)	5:00 p.m.

(Holy Communion is offered every Sunday but the 2nd Sunday of June.)

*Our 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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