

Monthly Newsletter



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Church Office Hours

Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm
(May be closed for lunch 12:30–1:30pm)
Friday, 9:00am–12:30pm



SEPTEMBER

2026



Kid to Kid Shop



Open Saturdays
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Mondays, 10am to 1pm
(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.

Now Open on Mondays too!



Find us on
Facebook @StPaulAlbion



Office hours may vary, please call
us 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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Amber Perry, Director
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Upcoming Events



September

2 Little Lambs of Jesus Open House
 5 Saturday Life Worship
 6, 13, 20, 27 Life Worship &
 Worship LiveStreamed Services
 7 Labor Day, Office Closed
 12, 19, 26 Kid-to-Kid Shop
 (Saturdays)
 13 Voters' Assembly
 14 Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
 14, 15 Preschool Starts
 14, 21, 28 Kid-to-Kid Shop (Mondays)
 15, 22, 29 Tuesday Bible Study
 21 Newsletter Deadline
 22 Fall Begins
 27 Back to Church, Food, & Fun

Sept Birthdays

3	Carol Wilson
	LoriRene' Koehn
5	Sandra Mauntel
5	Joe Patterson
7	Bob Slaughter
16	Phyllis Hoffman
	Nancy Lutzke
	Jaden Ericson
18	Suzanne Paugh
19	Mark Anderla
21	Tewodros Starr
23	Heather Shedd
24	Rob Porter Jr.
26	Danielle Twiss
30	George Bryant



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

Sept Anniversaries

5	Steve & Carol Abbee
9	Tom & Sharon Rumsey
12	Brian & Susan Obert
13	John & Jan Shedd
17	Todd & Lori Cryslar
23	Justin & Mercedes Perry
30	Jeff & Jody Young



UPDATE

The St. Paul Church Directory
Online APP is ready to use!

It's easy and fun!!
Give it a try!

Follow the 3 easy steps to sign-in & start using the App.

Once signed in, click on the different buttons to view your options. The "Directory" button lets you see our church directory; just choose "List View" or "Photo View"



There are "App Start Guides" available at the back of the church or on the table in Luther Hall. If you need help getting it going, call the church office @ 517-629-8379; we'd be happy to help.

Universal Church Directories

Voters' Assembly

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
Sunday, September 13, 2026
9:10 a.m. in Luther Hall

(snacks provided)

St. Paul members are encouraged to attend.

Agenda packets are available in the narthex and Luther Hall.



House of David, Season 2
Tuesday Bible Study,
starting September 15th, 9:30 am

In Season 2, Israel nears collapse as Saul's reign falters. David rises from shepherd to warrior.

Come on Tuesdays and watch it with us!!



Our hearts are heavy as we received an answer from Pastor JD Zischke that he has declined our call and won't be coming to St. Paul as our new Pastor (overlapping time before Pastor Paul's part-time/retirement).

His letter is available for all to read on the Luther Hall lobby bulletin board.

Pray for him and his family, and for God's peace as we trust the Lord's leading.

From the Pastor



Dear Friend(s),

"What a Friend we have in Jesus!
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer."

September is a time for "re-ordering" for many people. Kids settling into school schedules seems to re-organize a lot of folk no matter what stage of life they are in. Summer vacation is over and the days are already getting shorter, and we can enjoy the coziness of a cool Fall day in anticipation of the tree leaves changing colors.

So let's also use this month to get back to some of the basics of our Christian faith. Let's **Pray, Give, Love!** Put that on your September calendar for every day of the month!

Pray! Talk with God! Take time to be still and reflect and even verbalize your thanksgiving – God has been good! Meditate on the character/characteristics of the Almighty and praise Him – His love endures forever!

Review your day/week/past and repent – confess your shortcomings and failures, your lack of zeal for the things of God's Kingdom. Our merciful, most merciful God loves to assure us of forgiveness (all because of Jesus!). And intercede – lift up the needs of others, family and friends, that people would come to faith in Jesus, for our church (the next pastor!), our community and nation.

Give! God is the Source and Giver of all good things! All that we have is from Him. When we give, we are most like God! "Live Generously" has

been the message of the Thrivent T-shirts for years. We give our time, our talents/ability in service, our hearts in compassion, and our money to fund the mission of getting the love of Jesus, as God intended, to the whole world – remember, "God so loved the world that He gave . . .!"

Our offerings are down significantly this year after a record-and-surplus year of giving in 2025. Strive to tithe! That is what the Word of God prescribes, and extra blessings are promised when we follow that prescription. Give 10% of your income back to the Lord for His work, trusting Him to take care of all your needs. If your monthly income is \$1600, a tithe would be \$160.

Love! "They will know we are Christians by our love!" That is what we are here to be doing! As God's children (that is who we are), we are to be sharing His love for the whole world and inviting others to recognize God as their Father! After all, He is "the God and Father of [us] all"! (Eph. 4:6) So that is what we are here to do: convey the love of God in Jesus Christ to all we come into contact! I can't love your "contacts" and your might never get to love mine, but the Holy Spirit is guiding each of our paths daily to meet, phone, write, communicate with people who need the encouragement that includes the Lord's unfailing love, His full forgiveness and the promise of heaven – all because of Jesus.

What a difference it will make to focus on our theme this month and devote ourselves to
Pray, Give, Love!



Be part of the St. Paul PGL gang and watch God's Kingdom advance among us!

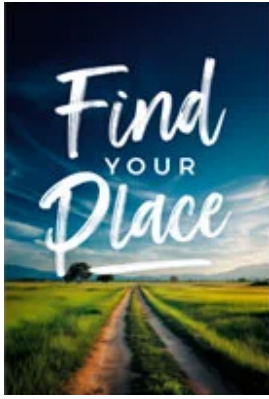
Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn

September Theme!!! Pray, Give, Love!

Remember who you are and what you are to do! You are children of God – so talk to Him, listen to Him. Make prayer a "two-way street" of conversation with our Father! We are here to share the love of Jesus with people. To do that, we need to be generous, giving as the Lord has given to us. That includes financial giving, so let's make **September a "ti the month"** – check and assess your income and move the decimal point to the left one space. Example: monthly income = \$1200.00, tithe = \$120.00.

Look and see who the Lord puts across your path and/or on your heart and as you pray for them, find a way to give them the love of Jesus – perhaps in the form of a blessing, word of encouragement, an invitation to a church service, Bible study or even a visit to your home where you could show one of our church DVDs on The Chosen (life of Jesus), A Man Called Martin (Martin Luther), or House of David (King David). The Holy Spirit will enable you to do all three: Pray, Give, Love (PGL)!

Back to Church Sunday



September 27th, at 8:15am and 10:30 am

Find Your Place at St. Paul during our 2026 Back to Church Sunday celebration. Join people across the nation as we open our doors and welcome everyone back to experience church on this special day. We will celebrate at both services with special music and give unique Bibles to our 1st-, 4th-, and 8th-grade members. We will also have a special fellowship time (more info later).

Life Worship



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

St. Paul has an early 45-minute service features newer music via technology, the same message based on the same Scripture as at 10:30 am. All welcome!

Saturday Worship



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
First Saturday of the month
September 5, 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.

Watch Our Services Online



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—click on "Sermons")
www.facebook.com/StPaulAlbion
www.youtube.com/StPaulAlbionMI

Remember to turn the volume up on your device.



Thank You!
Thank You!

Thank you to the anonymous person who came to our rescue and bought the new popcorn machine for Little Lambs of Jesus. Our old one stopped working during the Swingin' at the Shell concert on August 23rd. We didn't know what we were going to do. We used the new one for the first time on August 30th, and it worked great!!! The Lord has blessed St. Paul with many fantastic people. Thanks again!!



Little Lambs of Jesus
Preschool & Childcare Center
Is looking for staff

Full-time or Part-time

Please call the Center at 517-629-7699, if you're interested.

St. Paul Members College Scholarship Opportunities

You may qualify for 1 or more of the scholarships offered at St. Paul. Eligibility requirements are listed on the forms. Pick up all forms from the church office NOW!

College Book Scholarship
College Memorial Gift

Deadline is October 15, but you must have attended church at least 12 times this past year.

Administered by the Board of Christian Education.



Roving Reporter

Hello Fall!! I hate to see summer coming to an end, but such is life.

A lot of things will be going on at St. Paul in September. **Little Lambs of Jesus** is having their Open House on September 2, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have never been to "the Center", this would be a great time to visit and see what it's all about. If you have a child who is 3 or 4 years of age, the Center has a great Preschool program, come check it out!

Saturday September 5th is our **Saturday Life Worship** service, it starts at 5:00 p.m. in the Living Room and only lasts about 45 minutes, Communion will be given if you would like to partake.

Sunday, September 6, there will be a member from **The Next Generation Power Force** at both the 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, showing us their strength in JESUS!! They will also be at Network Family Church on 28 Mile Rd, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. See the weekly service bulletin insert for more information, sounds interesting to me. Come see what it's all about!

Monday September 7, the office will be closed for observance of Labor Day!

September 13 will be a **Voters' Assembly** meeting at 9:10 a.m., in Luther Hall. We will also have Rev. Randy Johnson filling in for Pastor Paul on that day. Please come and welcome him to our church.

Preschool will be starting for our 4 year olds on September 14 and for the 3 year olds on September 15.

Tuesday Bible Study will be starting soon. We will be showing **season 2 of the House of David**. Come and join us.

The Gym roof and some of the flat roof areas are being replaced. Please be careful around the work sites during this time.

The **front doors to the Church** have been refurbished and painted, they look great. In the near future there will be an automatic door opener installed. This will be so nice for our seniors!

September theme is **Pray, Give, Love!** We are here to share the Love of Jesus with all people. We need to be generous with our giving. Let's make September Tithes month.

September 27 is **Back to Church Sunday**; please come and join us for the special services and enjoy the luncheon.

Lucy



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center:

It's hard to write these words but.. school is back in session. Preschool is getting ready to start, and I don't like the fact that it came so quickly!! I think most people feel this way. No matter how we feel, it's happening. Little Lambs Preschool is set to start on the 14th of September. We currently have 7 - 4 year olds and 12 - 3 year olds signed up. All subject to change. We have been busy cleaning up the room from the summer program use and getting it preschool-ready!

We had a fully staffed center for months. Well, now we need 2 staff again. Some quit, others are going back to school/college. Please, if you know someone who is looking for a part- or full-time job (or something in between), send them our way!!

We have a huge list of wants/needs for our childcare and preschool rooms. If you'd like to donate something, please ask me what's on the wish list!

In Christ, Jenny



Prayer List

Updated: September 1, 2026

Homebound

Ginette Burlingame
 Alice Bush
 Ruth Bussing
 Shirley Clauncherty
 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
 Andy Anderla (brother of Terry Anderla)
 Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
 Avery Boel (granddaughter of Pastor & LoriRene')
 George Bryant
 Patricia Bryant
 Amy Cords (niece of Phyllis Hoffman & Karen Cords)
 Demboe (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
 Barbara Frederick
 Stacy Gatz
 Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
 Rose Hickey
 Allen Holtz (friend of Rose Hickey)
 Dan Hooper
 Lori Hooper
 Jim Hunt
 Tae Kim (Korean son of Pastor & LoriRene')
 Bethany Koehn (daughter of Pastor & LoriRene')
 Don Larder (father of Chuck Larder)
 Lois (cousin of Phyllis Hoffman)
 Jerry & Sandi Martin
 Dawn Miller (daughter-in-law of Donna Miller)
 Avery Neal (relative to Ella Larder)
 Blake Pauley (brother of LLOJ worker, Mary Pauley)
 Gary Pombier
 Robert Pombier
 Maycee Roberts (friend of Jo Hess)
 Joel Robinson (friend of Jo Hess)
 Michael Simko (brother of Lori Crysler)
 Patty Sprouse (friend of Rose Hickey)
 Ilene Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
 Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
 Elizabeth Suprenant, (daughter-in-law of Jack & Charlotte Sandusky)
 Debbie Torrey (sister of Michelle Slaughter)
 Jim Vanhecke (cousin of Alice Wochholz)
 Robert Weston (brother of Roger Weston)
 Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Bill Shedd, brother of John Shedd, who passed away on August 16th.

Bob Sedore, friend of the Geyer's, who passed away on August 17th.

Jessie Ringle, who passed away on August 14th.

Carla Curran, who passed away on August 25th.

Both were cousins of Tim Paugh, Tom Paugh, Becky Ericson, and Barbara Slaughter.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Did you get a text message or phone call from someone unknown???

Was it from 517-225-2357?

It was from us here at St. Paul.

This is our messaging system.

When something important happens here, we can put out a message so people are aware of it.

Please listen to or read the entire message. We wouldn't want you to miss any important info.

Please don't respond to these texts or use this number to text the church!!!



Medical Equipment For Loan

St. Paul has a medical equipment loan-out program.

If you or someone you know needs a walker, shower chair, crutches, wheelchair, bedside commode, etc, call the church office at 517-629-8379 during office hours to see when you can come in. Open to everyone!!



Check the free table for adult incontinent products, Poise pads, etc. We just got a bunch of new donations.



Thank You to all who moved the Medical Equipment and my Parish Nurse supplies to the Blue Room upstairs and my new office. Your help was very much appreciated!

Sandi Mauntel



Thank You!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Paul's 19th American Red Cross Blood Drive was held on Thursday, August 13, 2026.

24 units of blood were collected! 2 were "double red." Each unit can help 3 people, so up to 72 people may be helped by YOU!!

Thank you to everyone that gave their precious time!!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30-6:30p Little Lambs Open House 	3	4	5 5:00p Saturday Life Worship 
6 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 10:30a Worship-Comm	7 OFFICE CLOSED 	8 <i>Labor Day</i>	9	10	11	12 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
13 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 9:10a Voters' Assembly 10:30a Worship-Comm	14 9am Preschool Starts 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 3:00p Stewardship & Outreach Meeting 	15 9am Preschool Starts 9:30am Bible Study – House of David 	16	17	18	19 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
20 8:15a Life Worship 9:15a Sunday Bible Study 10:30a Worship	21 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop	22 1 st Day of Autumn 9:30am Bible Study – House of David	23	24	25	26 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
27 Back to Church 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 9:15a Sunday Bible Study 10:30a Worship-Comm Back to Church Fellowship (TBD)	28 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop	29 9:30am Bible Study – House of David	30			

SEPTEMBER 2026

Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship (In person & Facebook Live)	10:30 a.m.
Back to Church Sunday Worship, September 27	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday Life Worship (1st Saturday of the month)	5:00 p.m.

*(Holy Communion is offered every Sunday
except the 3rd Sunday of the month.)*



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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