

Monthly Newsletter



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Church Office Hours
Monday–Thursday, 9:00am-4:30pm
(May be closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm)
Friday, 9:00am-12:30pm



2026



Kid to Kid Shop



Open Saturdays
10 am to 2 pm
Mondays, 10 am to 1 pm
(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 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

Upcoming Events



October

- 3 Saturday Life Worship
3,10,17,24,31 Kid-to-Kid Shop
(Saturdays)
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Life Worship,
Worship LiveStreamed Services
& Sunday Bible Study
- 4, 11, 18, 25 J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
- 4 Life Chain-Marshall
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Kid-to-Kid Shop
(Mondays)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesday Bible Study-
House of David, season 2
- 12 Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
- 12 Parish Planning Council Meeting
- 18 Family Fun Time in the gym
- 20 Nov/Dec Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Fall Family Fun Nite
- 25 Pastor Appreciation Potluck



Oct Birthdays

1	Peyton Anderla
2	Mark Oerther
	Aliza Ruff
4	Pete Smith
	Donna Miller
	Grayson Morgan
6	Jonah Pombier-Lapp
7	Janet Peckham
	Cheryl Surprenant
10	Ronan Sackrider
13	Diana Siscoe
	Christina Zerbe-Weicht
14	Sheryl Hunt
17	Katherine Heidenreich
	Gloria Hunt
21	John Grady
	David Davis
24	Betty Phillips
	Brody Mentink
26	Eric Corey
	Spencer Zick



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

Oct Anniversaries

6	Don & Rose Hickey
7	Brian & Lindsey Roark
	Matt & Ellen (Paugh) Pehrson
12	Bob & Diana Siscoe
16	Tom & Suzanne Paugh
	Ted & Amy Zerbe
18	Phillip & Joan Sumption
21	Scott & Sue Clark
26	Bob & Michelle Slaughter
31	Matt & Michele Mentink

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

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!

Tuesday Bible Study

House of David, Season 2
Tuesday's Bible Study,
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!!



Saturday Worship



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
First Saturday of the month
October 3, 5:00 pm

Join us in the Living Room for
worship, the Word, and the Sacra-
ment/Holy Communion. This is a
kid-friendly 45-50 minute time of faith building.

Watch Our Services Online

Watch our 10:30am worship services online

www.YouTube@StPaulAlbionMI

Click on the "Live" tab
to see the most recent services.



We are still having technical difficulties with the
livestreams. Only YouTube is currently available.
Follow the instructions above.

From the Pastor



Dear October Harvesters—
Laborers in the Harvest!

Did you realize that you are the answer to Jesus' special (and one of only a few!) prayer requests?!?!? He said, "The harvest (souls of men, women, boys, and girls) is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest." For that reason, we are to pray for the Lord of the Harvest (Jesus) to send laborers (us and others!) into the harvest. We are in the world as the children of God, and other people need to know the Father's love (Defining who we are and what we are here to do is soooo important!) What a shame when children don't know their father! How tragic when people don't know the love and grace of the "God and Father of us all"! (Eph. 4:6). We've got a mission, a ministry and a message – each of us!

As we focus on "increasing our net worth" this month, we are not talking only about things financial, though that is included. The real emphasis is on how we can be of greater value to the Kingdom of God. How can we invest in things that are more enduring than silver and gold, wealth and riches, material possessions? The answer comes from, again, knowing who we are and what we are here to do!



Pastor Appreciation Potluck Brunch

Sunday, October 25, 2026
9:15 am (Between the services)

We will provide: Pancakes, Link Sausages, Hash Brown Patties, Beverages, and table service.

Please bring whatever you like.
A brunch is a meal for every dish!!

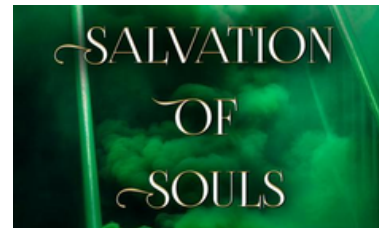
A basket will be provided for cards of appreciation.

The Lord wants us to prosper and be in good health as our soul prospers! Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly – and that includes and looks like deep satisfaction from participating in that which endures for eternity. And what last forever? The souls of people and the Word of God! As we invest time and effort to hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Spirit works a grace that leads us to hunger and thirst for more of Jesus. Jesus then draws near to us, gives us the fulness of His Spirit and we become like "rivers of living water". His love and grace flow through us to our parched and dry culture and world, to people shriveling in spirit, without hope, desperate to know the love and mercy of our heavenly Father.

Thank you for your participation in the life of this congregation. Without it we don't stay doing Jesus' work in our community. Did you ever think that members (or community folk) who don't participate or support St. Paul (or their own church) are really saying the local church isn't necessary?!?!?

Hope you got to do the September PRAY, GIVE, LOVE thing (praying, giving 10% of your income, and lovingly inviting people to hear and know the Father's love in Jesus)! Now the October thing – INCREASE YOUR NET WORTH – for Jesus' sake and the salvation of souls!

Peace and love in Him + Pastor Paul Koehn



Saint Paul Lutheran Church,

As my 96th birthday approaches, I have decided to share my estate before I go to Jesus for all eternity. Enclosed is a check for your congregation.

I request that the first \$5,000 go to Little Lambs Preschool. The balance is to be used as the congregation determines.

The Lord has been kind to me and my late husband, Don. It is a joy to share with the church that was a great blessing to us.

God's blessings on all of you,
Virginia Bienz



St. Paul received this card last week. It is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board for all to read.

Thank you to Don & Virginia Bienz for remembering St. Paul in their final wishes. We love you both!

thank you

*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15*



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

615 S. Dalrymple St., Albion, MI 49224

Greetings from the Center:

We're happy to report that the first few weeks of preschool are under wraps, and we survived! Whew! We had some really tough moments, but I believe we are on the right path to much better days ahead. We have 8 4-year-olds and 12 3-year-olds. We are learning about the 5 senses, Creation, numbers, and name spelling, to list a few things.

Thanks to Mike Slaughter and Tom Paugh for doing some handiwork for us. More to go, but we are making strides.

We have hired several new staff and need one more part-time person. Know someone? Send them up!

Fall Family Fun Night is October 21, from 5:30-7pm. We need help! Can you help with a game, trick-or-treating, or clean up? Please let me know. We also need bags of candy too. Please put them in the church kitchen or in the back of the church. Thanks!

Keep us in your prayers. We appreciate them.

In Christ, Jenny



Fall Family Fun Night Volunteers needed

Wednesday, October 21st

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.

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

**Please bring it to the
Church by Sunday,
October 18.**

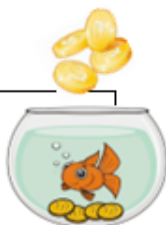
Thank you!!!



Door collection for Charitable Union's COINS FOR COATS

Charitable Union provides coats
for the children of Calhoun County.
They are in desperate need of our help to keep the
children warm this winter.

Put your coins/dollars in when you see the fish bowl!
at the back of the church or pitcher at Life Worship!



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

**Starts on
October 4th**



**Wednesday, October 21, 2026
5:30-7 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.

Food
Games
Costumes
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 18th.

See ya soon

ALL FREE

Roving Reporter

HAPPY FALL!!

Bible Study is back! Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Living Room. We are watching The House of David, Season 2; everyone is welcome!

Once again, we are collecting **Coins for Coats** with The Charitable Union. Please help out by putting your spare change in the fish bowl at the back of the Church and the pitcher outside Life Worship. This will help provide coats for the children of Calhoun County.

Little Lambs of Jesus is hosting its **Fall Family Fun Night** on October 21, 5:30-7:00 pm, at St. Paul. 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 is starting back up (on the 3rd Sunday of the month), lots of fun and food. So bring the whole family and enjoy!

College Student financial assistance is available from St. Paul. Pick up an application at the Church office. Deadline is October 15, 2026. You must be a member of the church and attend on a regular basis.

The Kid-to-Kid Shop is now open on Mondays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please volunteer even if it's just a couple of hours on one of these days; it would be a great help!!

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) is starting back up on October 4th during the 10:30 am service. Bring the kids to enjoy Jesus time, crafts, and snacks while you listen to Pastor's sermon.

We are having a **Pastor Appreciation Potluck Brunch** on Sunday, October 25th, at 9:15 am (between the services for all to enjoy). Show your appreciation for our shepherd by joining us and bringing a dish to pass on that day.

Voters' Assembly News:

- The front doors to the Sanctuary are now complete except for the automatic door opener. Hopefully this will be done soon.
- John Shedd thanked all who helped with mowing the church lawns; the grounds have been looking beautiful.
- We are still looking for a new Pastor for when Pastor Paul is ready to retire. God knows whom to send; we just have to be patient. God has it all under control.

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



Don't Forget!!!

Set your clocks back
Saturday night,
October 31st

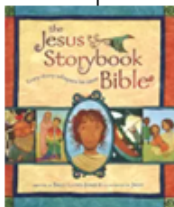


These St. Paul Youth received Bibles during the worship services on September 27th:

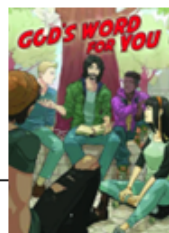
1st Grade-The Beginners Bible
Clay Duguid
Oromia Milkessa
Everleigh Morgan
Roby Perry
Jonah Pombier-Lapp
Harper Weicht



4th Grade-Jesus Storybook Bible
Brennan Gardner
Welabu Milkessa
Diederich Pombier-Lapp
Roman Ruoff



8th Grade-God's Word For You
Aliza Ruff



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.



Family Fun Time October 18, 2026 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!!

Prayer List

Updated: September 29, 2026

Homebound

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



**REFORMATION DAY IS COMMEMORATED
ON OCT. 31 EACH YEAR. LCMS**

**CONGREGATIONS MAY HOLD SPECIAL
SERVICES ON OCT. 31 AND/OR ON THE
PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING SUNDAY.**

**ABOUT THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION
MORE THAN 500 YEARS AGO, THE PROTESTANT
REFORMATION BROUGHT THE CHURCH'S FOCUS
BACK TO GOD'S FREE GIFT OF SALVATION IN
JESUS CHRIST.**

**ON OCT. 31, 1517, MARTIN LUTHER POSTED
THE 95 THESES – THE "DISPUTATION ON THE
POWER AND EFFICACY OF INDULGENCES" –
TO THE CHURCH DOOR IN A SMALL CITY CALLED
WITTENBERG, GERMANY. THIS EVENT IGNITED
THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION, AND THUS THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICIALLY
COMMEMORATES THIS IMPORTANT
ANNIVERSARY ON OCT. 31.**

**AS YOU AND YOUR CONGREGATION PREPARE
TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR, YOU ARE INVITED TO
USE A VARIETY OF RESOURCES THAT HIGHLIGHT
THE HISTORY, THEOLOGY, AND CONTINUED
EFFECTS OF THE REFORMATION TODAY.**

**THE REFORMATION WAS, FIRST AND
FOREMOST, ALL ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS
CHRIST. IT WAS THEN, AND IT STILL IS NOW.
THE TASK OF REFORMATION NEVER ENDS.
EVERY PERSON, IN EVERY GENERATION,
NEEDS TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF THEIR
SAVIOR FROM SIN AND ETERNAL DEATH.
YOU CAN FIND RESOURCES WHICH HIGHLIGHT
THE HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND CONTINUED
EFFECTS OF THE REFORMATION TODAY AT**

**[HTTPS://RESOURCES.LCMS.ORG/LUTHERANREFORMATION-
RESOURCES/](https://resources.lcms.org/lutheranreformation-resources/)**

Sick and Injured

Susan Abbee (sister of Steve Abbee)
Pastor Albert Amos
Barbara Benavidez (friend of Bob Porter)
Avery Boel (granddaughter of Pastor & LoriRene')
George Bryant
Patricia Bryant
Ginette Burlingame
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 of Ella Larder)
Chuck Parks (nephew of Alice Wochholz)
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)



Life Chain

Sunday, October 4, 2026

At the Fountain

Marshall, MI 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring folding chairs if standing is difficult.

PRAY, MEDITATE, SING

CONGRATULATIONS

To Kevin, Oliva, and Ronan Sackrider
on the birth of

Theo Robert Sackrider
who was born 09/11/26

His proud grandparents are
Mark & Kathleen Oerther





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2026

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
September 2026		October 2026		November 2026		December 2026		January 2027		February 2027		March 2027	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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OCTOBER 2026

Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship

Sunday Morning Worship (*In person & Facebook Live*)

Sunday Bible Study

Saturday Life Worship (*1st Saturday of the month*)

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

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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