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

November 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

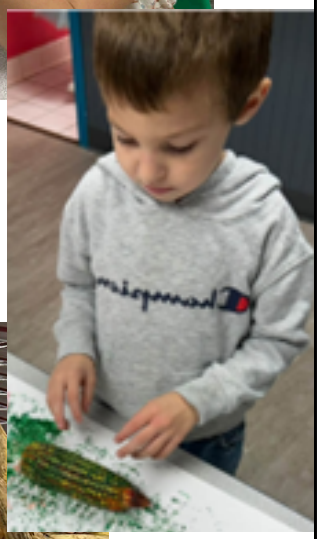
We accept donations of good, clean, children's items.

Now Open on Mondays too!

The preschoolers learned how corn is planted, nurtured, picked, and ways to fix/eat it.









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
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Amber Perry, Director
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Upcoming Events



November

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Life Worship & Worship LiveStreamed Services
1, 8, 22, 29 Sunday Bible Study
1, 8, 15, 22 J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Kid-to-Kid Shop (Mondays)
3, 10, 17 Tuesday Bible Study
7 Saturday Life Worship
7, 14 ,21 Kid-to-Kid Shop (Saturdays)
9 Stewardship & Outreach Meeting
14 Grief Share - Holidays
15 Voters' Assembly
15 Family Fun Time in the gym
20 Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline
23 Hanging of The Greens
25 Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Nov Birthdays

3	Kathleen Oerther
6	Evan Pollman
8	Clay Duguid
9	Anna Siscoe
10	Alice Bush
14	Allan Ruff
	Wyatt Wilson
15	Cathy Porter
	Leah Ericson
18	Dawn Twiss
19	Kristan Ruoff
20	Dolores Manthei
21	Barbara Slaughter
24	Kyle Porter



Nov Anniversaries

6	Harlo & Janet Peckham
10	Jon & Cheryl Zick
16	Tom & Ruth Clark

Combined December & January Newsletter

The deadline to submit information to the church office for the combined December & January newsletter is November 20th.



Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, And let's start with pizza !!

Monday, November 23, 2026
Eat at 5:30 p.m.
Decorate at 6:00 p.m.

Please try to let us know if you're coming so we know how much pizza to order.

Help us take the greens down in January. More info later.

Last Day to sign-up if you want to attend is November 1st.



Cornwell's Turkeyville Dinner Theatre

"Away in the Basement"
November 3—December 20, 2026

Are you interested in attending this show? We would like to get a group to go together. Group discounts are available for 12 or more. If you might be interested, please contact the church office at 517-629-8379, or there is a sign-up sheet in Luther hall and at the back of the Church. Show your interest by November 1st.

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 with newer music via technology, the same message based on the same Scripture as at 10:30 am. All are welcome!

Saturday Worship



SATURDAY LIFE Worship
First Saturday of the month
November 7, 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.

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!!



Watch Our Services Online

Watch our 10:30am worship services online

YouTube.com/@StPaulAlbionMI
Click on the "Live" tab
to see the most recent services.

Don't Forget!!!

Set your clocks back Saturday night, October 31st



From the Pastor



Dear Child(ren) of the Heavenly Father,

Hope you know His love, trust His grace in Jesus, and experience His great faithfulness to supply your daily needs and fill you with peace!

This past Summer you perhaps we able to enjoy, as my wife and I did, "Swingin' at the Shell", the Sunday music concerts in Victory Park in Albion. It was especially impressive to see the crowd (1500 + !) and the crowd participation for the Beach Boys cover band! One of their old songs was "Be True to Your School". That is a rousing musical rendition encouraging nostalgic loyalty to your old high school, especially when you were an actual student at the institution. For many people, high school memories are significant and enduring, hopefully also pleasant!

November is initiated in the Church Year Calendar with All Saints Sunday, November 1. The evening before, "All Hallow's Eve", was originally a preparation day for the celebration of the departed faithful now in glory. Now it is recognized almost exclusively as Halloween and a night of ghosts and goblins, tricks and treats, costumes and "spooky fun". All Saints' Day reminds us of the faith and loyalty of believers in Jesus who have finished their earthly journey and now enjoy the bliss of heaven, not because of their goodness but because of God's grace in Jesus, our Savior.

The writer of the book of Hebrews in the New Testament encourages us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." We do this "surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses", that is those saints viewing us from heaven's perspective (Heb. 12:1-2). They are "cheering us on" to be true to the Church and the Church's Savior, to continue in the faith, to keep on keeping on with matters of eternal importance.



"Be true to the Church/your church"! What does that mean? It would certainly include your evident loyalty and faithfulness to Jesus, but indicated more clearly by your participation in and with a church. It is a good saying that I heard attributed to the Roman Catholic Church, but I believe it is appropriate for all who claim the Christian faith: "The one who wants God as their Father must have the Church as their mother!" How did we come to know God as a loving heavenly Father? It was most likely through the ministry of the Church, a local congregation - often supplying support and content for parents to pass on to their young children. And so the Church grew and the faith spread, because there was a local assembly of believers, organized together with the mission to share the Gospel, the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus.

Could it be said that people, "members" of a congregation especially, that don't attend, financially support, or participate in a local community of faith are voting (since that goes on in November!) for the church to close? Are local congregations irrelevant? What would a community look like without "the leaven/salt/light" of the Christian community? Have you ever been in a place/country where there were just mosques and/or Buddhist temples? I have. And they are places of spiritual darkness; it is evident in the faces of people adhering to those faiths.

Even as the days get shorter with less daylight here in the North, we have a light that never grows dim. It is the light of Jesus! It sees us through the darkness of Winter, including the winter of the soul, and cold and cruel winds of adversity that can come any month of the year.

Does that light burn in you? The light of the love of Jesus certainly shines on you, as nothing can separate you from His love! But does that light shine through you? Is it a strong, steady beam or a dim, flickering light?



Hopefully you know that cool, neat, heart-warming atmosphere of the church on Christmas Eve and the Candlelight ceremony! All those lights shining together, being passed on and spread until the whole sanctuary is aglow! Don't wait until the end of next month to fuel the lamp of your faith! Let your light so shine before people now that they may see your good works (including the witness that corporate worship/Sunday/Saturday/any-day church attendance is important and a high priority!) and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

May His Name be hallowed and His Kingdom and will be done on earth as in heaven – including in your home and life!

Peace and love in Him + Pastor Paul Koehn

Count your many blessings, the big ones and the small,
and when Thanksgiving Day arrives, be thankful for them all.

Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

615 S. Dalrymple St., Albion, MI 49224

Greetings from the Center:

I'd like to start out this article by saying a gigantic THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our recent Fall Family Fun Night. We had some new people step up and volunteer, and I love that. Thanks for the candy donations, those who decorated, gave out candy, ran a game, and helped with food and cleanup! It takes about 20-25 people to pull this off, and you came through for our families. All of it is greatly appreciated.

Preschool is going well. I had a parent recently ask me what they do all day since not a lot of things come home they can see. I chuckled and said, "Well, we use many items for counting. Like beans, candy corn, marbles, beads, etc. We use play dough for learning letters. We use the sensory tables for learning many science-related things. We have dry-erase boards for learning letters, shapes, and more. We have flash cards, posters, books, and our imaginations for so many things. Nope, it doesn't come home, but trust me, they are learning, working, and exploring." Never a dull moment.

We recently received a generous donation to the preschool that we were completely overwhelmed by. Praying for best uses for that.

We have some new staff who are working out okay. Amber and I have been putting in some heavy days/weeks lately, and we are ready for normal hours.

We have Grandparents Day coming up soon, and we will also begin working on the Christmas service. Slow down, slow down!

Thanks for the support. It isn't always easy for us up here. But we go forth with the grace of God! ❤️

In Christ, Jenny



Thank you to *everyone* who helped with our

Fall Family Fun Night

You may have donated candy, helped decorate, prepared the meal, handed out trick-or-treat candy, helped with a game, cleaned up, or just enjoyed the fun; all was appreciated. It was a wonderful evening of food, trick-or-treating, and fun, fun, fun.

Thanks, and God Bless!



Thank you, everyone, for the prayers and cards during my illness. You are all such good friends.

God Bless you all!! Jo Hess



Thank You to everyone who donated clothing to the Kid-to-Kid Shop. Thank you also to those who donated medical equipment to the medical loan closet at St. Paul.

The loan closet offers a wide selection of items that are available to assist with care at home. They are available to anyone with a need. Tell a friend!

Congratulations to George Bryant and Whitney Pombier, who were married here at St. Paul by Pastor Koehn on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to you both.





A BIG THANK YOU –
LoriRene' and I want to express our gratitude for all your kindnesses and thoughtfulness, including the Sunday Brunch (delicious!) and the cards and gracious words for the Pastor Appreciation. We certainly feel well supported! It is humbling and encouraging to receive your love and support even though I can be of "peculiar passion". I am keenly aware that I don't always get it right, do it right, or come off in the manner I hope. My service among you has some deficits to go along with God's giftedness and strength at work in and through me. I have a clear conscience that I am always trying to do what the Lord would have me do and say, not that it always comes out in the best way. My heart is full of the Good Shepherd's love and concern for you all as individuals as well as the congregation as a whole. Your best interest, and that of St. Paul, is always ahead of "what's in it for me"!

The Lord has a timing and mission for each of us, and Lori and I expect to be sensitive to the Spirit's leading as to when that time and mission may be completed here in Albion. I do, and will continue to, have you, each of you, in my heart and mind that God's good will be done in and through you, that Jesus will be the first, best, and most in your life, that your love for Him and one another will bear fruit in drawing others into this fellowship of believers.
Again, I thank you for your love and patience.
It is a privilege to be serving at St. Paul.

I welcome your communication for my own improvement (I'm still a "work in progress"!) and how we can be better together for the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus.

In His peace and love + Pastor Paul

Roving Reporter

God is so good to us. With all this nice, beautiful weather we have been having, I love it! The leaves are so pretty, but cleaning them up is not a job I like to do.

Tuesday morning Bible Study: we are watching The House of David, season 2; we could use a few more watchers. It meets at 9:30 in the Living Room. You might like it; give it a try!

Fall Family Fun Night was very nice again this year!! All the kids had a great time playing games, trick-or-treating, and the bounce house was a huge attraction. Thanks to all who helped out in any way.

Pastor Appreciation Brunch was very nice. Thank You, Pastor, for being our Good Shepherd and taking such good care of us.

I hope all of you remembered to **set your clocks back one hour**. Good old daylight saving time again!

St. Paul will be celebrating **All Saints' Day** on Sunday, November 1st. On this day, we give thanks to God for those who have died in the faith over the past year.

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on November 15th. St. Paul will honor all military personnel and veterans, especially its members. See the list in this newsletter and the Sunday insert. If you have served, are a member, and your name isn't on it, please let the office know. Please plan to attend the services on that day.

Family Fun Time is BACK!! The third Sunday of each month, after 10:30 am service, the gym is open for food, games, and lots of FUN, come join us.

Saturday night Life Worship is the first Sunday of each month, 5:00 pm in the Living Room with communion. This is a great option if you can't make it on Sunday; hope to see you there.

Voters' Assembly will be on November 15 at 9:10 am. If you're a member, please plan to attend and hear what is going on at St. Paul.

We have **lots of shut-ins**; please consider sending them a card or giving them a call. They would love to hear from you! Lists with their addresses are available in the church office.

Check out the f**ree table**; lots of items you might not be able to live without. We have 2027 calendars, birthday and Christmas cards; all is FREE!

Advent will be starting soon. Plan to attend on Wednesdays; meal at 5:30 pm, and service at 6:30 pm in the Living Room.

Keep Pastor, LoriRene', and the Little Lambs in your prayers.

Lucy



All Saints' Day Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Services

All Saints' Day is an ancient Christian holiday that praises God for preserving His saints, both living and dead.
On this day, we give thanks to God for those we love who have died in the faith over the past year.

This year we will be remembering the following saints who were members of St. Paul or laid to rest by Pastor Paul:

Matthew Carmi Spears – December 4, 2025
Paula Jo (Rapp) Miller – December 12, 2025
Lorraine Florence (Pischel) Posenke – December 22, 2025
Wilma Geraldina Bahr – January 10, 2026
Michael "Mike" Lyman Shelters – January 18, 2026
Keith LeRoy Swathwood – February 2, 2026
Betty Lou (Coleman) Weston – February 5, 2026
Coral Lee (Briney) Mason – October 6, 2026

Please join us for this special celebration.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

November 15, 2026 @ 9:15am
Luther Hall

Packets including the agenda are available in the narthex and on the Luther Hall table.
All St. Paul members may attend.



Family Fun Time
November 15, 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!

St. Paul will be celebrating
Armed Forces Sunday on
November 15, 2026

We will be honoring all military personnel and veterans, including the National Guard, during our worship services.

The following is a list of all St. Paul members that have served or are currently serving:

John Burk
Tom Clark Sr.
Nick Corey
Bud Fox
James Hull
Tom Hunt
Candace Boehlke-Nash



Kent Phillips
Robert Porter Sr.
Rob Porter
Clarence Ruff
Jack Sandusky
Ken Siefert
Bob Siscoe

If we have missed any St. Paul members, please let the church office know.

Prayer List

Updated: October 27, 2026

Homebound
Alice Bush
Ruth Bussing
Shirley Claucherty
Barbara Frederick
Katherine Heidenreich
Don Hickey
James Hull
Charles Krenerick
Dolores Manthei
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



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Coral Mason who passed away on October 6th.

Allen Holtz former member of St. Paul who passed away on October 11th.

Terry Hobus, former member and cousin of Cathy Porter, who passed away on October 12th.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



Coral Lee Mason

July 24, 1933 – October 6, 2026

Coral was born in Benton Harbor, MI, to Walter & Coral Briney. She grew up in Bridgman, MI, with sister Jean and brother Walt. She graduated from Bridgman High School in 1951 and received her Bachelor of Music from Western Michigan College (now University).

Coral met fellow Western student Philip Mason when she was assigned as accompanist for his violin lessons. They married on June 12, 1955, and continued a rich collaboration that spanned more than 70 years.

In addition to her parents and her sister Jean, Coral was preceded in death by her husband, Phil, and their daughter, Kathy (Don) Hodges. She is survived by daughters Jeanie (Tom) Whittle, Susie (Mark) Engstrom, and Sandy Mason (Robert) Rivera; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother Dr. Walter (Janie) Briney; and special nieces and nephews.

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

Sick and Injured
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)
John Deyoe (cousin of Rose Hickey)
Patricia Faulk (friend of Rose Hickey)
Danny & Lynette Fowler (cousin of Rose Hickey)
Bud Fox
Stacy Gatz
Brian Giffels (cousin of Steve Piske)
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)
Barb Patterson
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)



Memorial Service

Coral Lee Mason
Saturday, November 7, 2026
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Visitation: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend.



St. Paul Lutheran Church
100 Luther Blvd, Albion

Continental breakfast, snacks, a craft, & discussion

This session is for anyone who has lost a loved one and wants to ensure they are prepared to handle the holiday season by learning from others and hearing about tried and true tips that make major holidays and death anniversaries easier to navigate. Participants will have an opportunity to make a plan for navigating these difficult times.

Those who attended a previous session are welcome to come and reunite with past group members, as well as share with new members what has been working for them.

Those interested can RSVP to Stacy Gatz (text to 269-449-1759) or Beth Williamson (email: grammybeth18@gmail.com).

Free grief support series for adults mourning loss.

November

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2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FALL BACK 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 9:15a Sunday Bible Study 10:30a Worship-Comm 11:00a JAM *(Jesus & Me)*  	**2** 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop	**3** 9:30a Bible Study – House of David 	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 5:00p Sat. Life Worship 
8 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 9:15a Sunday Bible Study 10:30a Worship-Comm 11:00a JAM *(Jesus & Me)*	**9** 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 3pm Stewardship & Outreach Meeting	**10** 9:30a Tuesday Bible Study	**11** Veterans' Day 	**12**	**13**	**14** 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 9:15-11:45am Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays
15 8:15a Life Worship 9:10a Voters' Assembly 10:30a Worship 11:00a JAM *(Jesus & Me)* 11:45a Family Fun Time 	**16** 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop	**17** 9:30a Tuesday Bible Study	**18**	**19**	**20** 	**21** 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
22 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 9:15a Sunday Bible Study 10:30a Worship-Comm 11:00a JAM *(Jesus & Me)*	**23** 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop 5:30pm Hanging of The Greens 	**24**	**25** 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	**26** Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED 	**27** OFFICE CLOSED	**28**
29 8:15a Life Worship-Comm 9:15a Sunday Bible Study 10:30a Worship-Comm	**30** 10am-1pm Kid-to-Kid Shop					

October 2026

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December 2026

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

NOVEMBER 2026

Worship Schedule

Sunday Life Worship	8:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship *(In person & YouTube Live)*	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Life Worship *(1st Saturday of the month)*	5:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Worship, *Wednesday, November 25*	6:30 p.m.



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



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

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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