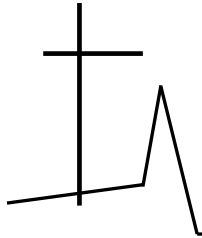


The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2022



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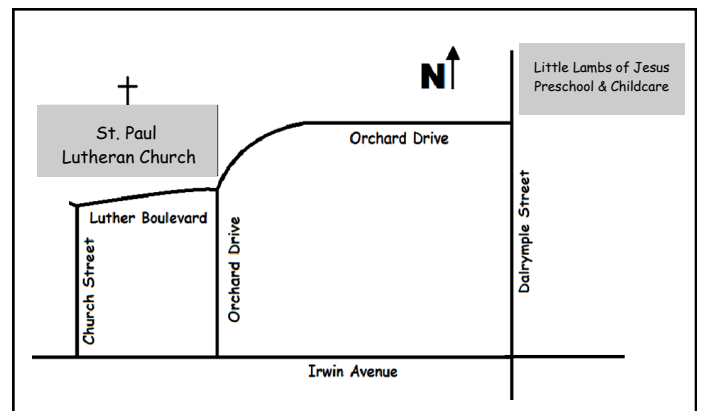
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HELLO NEIGHBORS!

We would like to share a copy of our monthly newsletter with you. We invite you to join us in 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*



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

615 S. Dalrymple St.
Albion, MI 49224

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Chelsea Siedzik, Director/Preschool Teacher

Jenny Woods, Asst. Director

LITTLE LAMBS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL

Our qualified staff gives each child a Christian education filled with fun and learning in a safe environment, concentrating on your child's spiritual, social, emotional, and intellectual development. Classes are offered to all 3 and 4 year old children.

Please contact the preschool & childcare center office at 629-7699 for more information.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" Matthew 19:14





April Events



April Birthdays

4	Juanita Siefert
5	Nick Corey, Mike Slaughter
6	Shirley Claucherty
8	Kara Conn
11	Terry Anderla
13	Lou Zick
16	Heidi Bolinger
18	Steve Abbee
19	Heather Gardner
20	Carter Ericson
21	Barbara Eagen, Jace Galvin
22	Linda Clark
23	James Hunt, Corey Downey
24	Dale Duff
27	Tessa Shirley
29	Karen Cords, Cheryl Murray
30	Liz Wonus

April Anniversaries

2	Casey & Jessica Merrild
9	Greg & Deb Cagnon
18	David Davis & Heather Gardner
28	Rob & Shannon Porter



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service: April 10, 10:30am

Maundy Thursday Service (with Communion):
April 14, 6:30pm

Good Friday Service: April 15, 6:30pm

Easter Morning, April 17

Sunrise Service (with Communion): 7:00am

Festival Service (with Communion): 10:30am

All services will be held in the sanctuary.



Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022 The Passion of Our Lord

Once again this year, we will be doing the Passion dramatic reading on Palm Sunday. We need people willing to read parts. They range from 1 line to many.

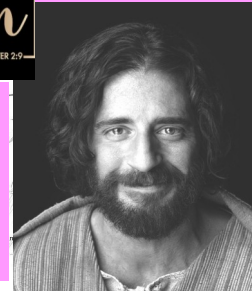
Anyone interested in reading, please contact Pastor or the church office. Thank you!

April 3	J.A.M. (Jesus & Me)
April 6	Lenten Meal
	Lenten Worship
April 10	Palm Sunday
	Family Fun Time
April 2,9,23,30	Kid-to-Kid Shop
April 5,12,19,26	Women's Bible Study
April 7,14,21,28	Prayer Time
	Foundations of Freedom
	Choir Rehearsals
April 14	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 15	Good Friday Worship
April 17 (no 9:00am Bible Study)	Easter Sunrise Service
	Festival Service
April 18	Parish Planning Council Meeting
April 20	Newsletter Deadline

Articles, ads, & information for the May issue of *The Messenger* are due at the church office no later than April 20.



**BY
The
Chosen
One**



Lenten Services

5:30pm meal &
6:00pm service in
Luther Hall

Our theme for Lent
2022 is

**CHOSEN BY THE
CHOSEN ONE**

Our theme challenges us to draw closer to the One who calls us to follow Him—all the way to the cross. But we also get to follow Jesus beyond the cross, through the grave to the resurrection, and to glory! Join us on that road through the marvelous production of the latest portrayal of Jesus and His life and ministry in the video series, "THE CHOSEN", one episode per week with small group discussion to follow. Lenten/following Jesus-themed music will be included in each service.

Lent #5 – Apr. 6 – "The Wedding Gift" - The wedding at Cana and Jesus is all about loving people.

A "CHOSEN" OPTION

There is another opportunity, if you would like to view our Lenten material from the film production "The Chosen".

There will be a showing of the previous Wednesday's episode at 4:30pm on the following Wednesday in "The Living Room" (the old choir room).

You can also catch up and/or review the episodes via the APP Store.



Greetings! To those “in Christ”, YOU are a new creation!

“The old has passed away and behold the new has come!” (2 Cor. 5:17)

Do you know *anyone* who is sad to see winter come to an end? We may enjoy snow for Christmas, and we can tolerate a little cold weather in January, but by the end of March and beginning of April, we are dying for Spring.

Now Spring is on its way. The time has changed; it is light longer in the day. Warmer weather is coming. Birds are singing. Crocuses are blooming, and daffodils are popping up from the soil. Pretty soon, trees will be budding, and everything will be greening up!



How about you and your life? Are things turning around with more LIFE?!?!? Only as you know the Author of Life can get you on the same page with what really works for living in this crazy world, living well – in spite of all the turmoil and stress, the worries and concerns that weigh others down. For Jesus’ followers, it just reminds us to stay focused on Him! He has got this!



The One who conquered death defeated the devil and has dealt with the consequences of your sins (namely, forgiving them!!!!!!) is the One who offers us peace and then an exhilarating life of purposefulness. Are you with Him? He has promised to be with you and is with you, even if you are indifferent to Him, even if you are unconscious of His presence, even if you wish He’d leave you alone. He won’t because He can’t – He loves you too much.

Love is the reason He came to earth. Love is the reason Jesus “suffered and died – to a world of lost sinners, He gave all He could give, to show us the reason to live!” (quote from a song!). Our reason to live is to serve God’s purposes and enjoy Him forever! We serve Him by showing and sharing His love with other people. We help meet their needs with friendship and practical help, but ultimately, we share the love of Jesus with them. We speak of His coming, living, suffering, and dying as a payment for our sins, and then rising from death to assure us of peace that is beyond full understanding. He promises His abiding presence with us every passing hour and His power to work the wonders of His will in and through our lives as a testimony to the world around us. That testimony is that God is with us, and He gives us a whole new way to live – while in the world, not suffering emotionally and mentally the pain of this world.

To find out more, explore God’s Word, the Bible. Come to a Bible Study time. Join us for worship to experience the wonders of His love and presence in the Word and Sacrament. Be with us **“IN CHRIST”** – He makes all things new!

In His love and peace + Pastor Paul Koehn

Join us in the Living Room!

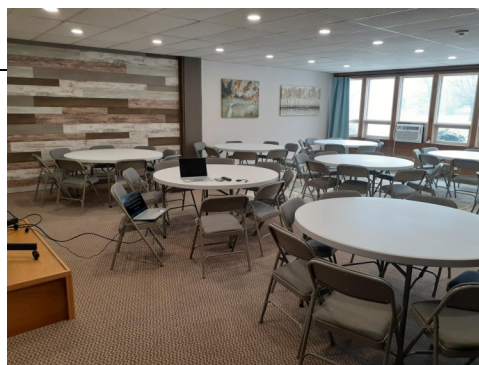
The Lenten services are being held in our newly remodeled “Living Room” (the old Choir Room.)



We chose to call it **The Living Room** because that’s “where life will happen.” Life giving life from Jesus Christ will be experienced there, just like it is the sanctuary.

We will also be using the room for future casual services and events.

It’s beautiful! Come on down and see it for yourself.



A Note From The Director of Church Ministries

Dear Church Family and Friends,

J.A.M. and the Family Fun Time in the gym continue to be a huge success. I am so thankful for the volunteers who help me with J.A.M. and for the families bringing their kids. The gym looks amazing, and many people have commented on how nice the renovations are! I pray that we all will continue to invest in our youth with our time and resources!

April will be a little different because of Easter. J.A.M. will be on the 1st Sunday, April 3rd, and Family Fun Time in the gym will be on the 2nd Sunday, April 10th (but no J.A.M. on that day.) Please invite families to come on those Sundays! Have a blessed Easter, everyone!

Tessa



Baptized March 20th:

**Elsie Abigail Kay, Lili Anne Hadassah Kay,
Ezra James Kay, & Carys Naomi Kay.**

Their parents are Matthew & Alyn Kay.

Welcome to God's family, Elsie, Lili, Ezra, and Carys!

Dear Church Family,



We sincerely thank you all for celebrating the salvation and baptism of our children. What a blessing it was to celebrate!

We are very thankful for all of the love and support of families at St. Paul!

Love, Matthew & Alyn, Carys, Elsie, Ezra, & Lili Kay

J.A.M.



Hey Families! Look Here!

**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
April 3, 2022
During the sermon**

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, (except during April/Easter) St. Paul will be inviting the children to hear a sermon message that's age appropriate, and fun!

During the sermon, Tessa will take the children out for activities like Bible Stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

**Family Fun Time April 10, 2022
After church until 1pm**



April 10th is our monthly Family Fun Time after church! Lunch is provided with fun in the gym to follow! There will be various options to enjoy such as:

- Air Hockey
- Basketball
- Table games
- And More

We ask that at least 1 adult accompany their kids from each family. Thank you!



**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN.
Want to be on a board??**

Nominations are open for positions on all of the boards, and the officer positions of: Vice President, Treasurer, 3 Assistant Treasurers, and Financial Secretary.

Please turn all nominations in to the church office by May 2, 2022.

CHURCH MESSAGING

Dear member of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

We will soon be implementing a new messaging system that will take the place of the "calling tree." This system allows the church leadership, Pastor, and Tessa to send out messages to the congregation. These would be informational messages, such as cancellation of church, important meetings, etc.

To do so, we need to update everyone's contact information. Please pick up a form at the back of the church and complete the questions. You may leave it in the basket there or turn it into the church office.

When receiving a message from the new system, you will see the St. Paul phone number, 517-629-8379.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the church office for clarification.

Thank you, Sue Clark, Board of Stewardship & Outreach



**Come to the
Community Table of Albion (CTA)**

to receive FREE food
on the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Tuesday
of the month, **3:30 p.m. until gone.**

We are located behind Albion College
Wesley Hall (enter through the marked
gate on Bidwell Street.)

"For Heaven's Sake"

Interactive Dinner Theater

Dinner Time: 6 pm Show Starts: 6:45 pm
Cost: \$15 per person, RSVP required.
Txt. Or Call Phone: 207-608-2571
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1230 Edwards St. Albion



Produced & performed by ACT II Community Theatre.
For more info, see the Luther Hall lobby board.



Experience this Hands-on
Interactive Passover as we
prepare for Passion Week.

Monday, April 11 at 6:30pm

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Office hours may vary, please call us at
517-629-8379 to make sure we're open
before you come in. Thank you!



News from Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center:

The preschoolers are currently on spring break while the childcare portion stays open. We have had some nasty viruses going through the past few weeks affecting both children and staff. Come on spring weather!

When we heard that the church wasn't doing an Easter egg hunt again this year, Ms. Chelsea and I both decided to put on a grand one for our enrolled children at LLOJ. We are excited to do it, and praying for good weather.

Thank you to all who purchased books for our center. The table is still set up in the back of the church with plenty of tags left to choose from. The kids will be so excited!

Our Annual Rummage Sale is May 4-6 and we can start taking donations May 1. We must have all donations brought in by 10 am May 4 so we have plenty of time to prepare for the sale to start May 4 at 4 pm.

Looking forward to the summer and all the amazing things we have planned for the kids to do.

Preschool registration is now open to the public and we have a few spots in both age groups. These spots are filled on a first come basis. Spread the word, you won't want to miss it!

Pastor Paul continues to make his weekly visits and Tessa has stopped by a few times as well. We haven't seen Ron in awhile, but we hope to get him back.

Keep the prayers coming! We sure do need them! In Christ, Jenny



March was Reading Month!



Reading to the children at Little Lambs is one of our favorite things to do! We are celebrating reading by asking you to purchase a book or two and donate it to Little Lambs.

Please take a tag from the display in the back of the church, purchase that book, and bring it back to church—it's that easy!

Donations of new books are ALWAYS welcomed, but we would love to have all books purchased and turned in by April 10th.

Be sure to check Amazon for great prices!

Envelopes are available if you would rather donate money and we will purchase the books for you.

Thank You so much!

**CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS!
TACKLE THE GARAGE!
EMPTY YOUR CUPBOARDS!**



**The annual Rummage Sale will be
May 4, 5, & 6, 2022**

Donate your gently used clothing, dishes, household items, and furniture.

Items may be brought in starting May 1st.

Roving Reporter

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) and **Family Fun Time** are off to a good start. Sunday, March 20, there were 24 kids in church, and most of them stayed for Family Fun Time. Tessa is enjoying the kids, and I am sure the kids are enjoying the fun. Parents, bring your kids to church and let them enjoy the fun too.

The Living Room (the old choir room) is completed and is being used for Wednesday night Lenten services. It is a very nice room, and thanks to everyone who had a hand in its renovation. Lenten services are well-attended, and the meals before the movie are delicious.

The **stage and 2 table & chair rooms** in Luther Hall have been retiled and painted. The tile has been waxed, and it looks beautiful.

The **gym and the classrooms** on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing are now scrubbed, waxed, and ready to be used. The gym was used for the first time on Sunday, March 20, for Family Fun Time. The restrooms are still under renovation. Go up and take a look; they are beautiful.

Start cleaning out your closets, etc., for the **annual Rummage Sale** on May 4, 5, & 6. You can start bringing your items to the church on May 1. All proceeds go the Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center.

March 20 was a beautiful day at St. Paul. All Four children from the Kay family were baptized. **Welcome to the family of God and St. Paul, Elsie, Lili, Ezra, and Carys.**

Easter services will be at 7:00 am and 10:30 am. **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** are both at 6:30 pm.

Spring is here; now let's have some Spring weather. Have a very Blessed Easter and remember to thank God every day for His many blessings.



Prayer List Updated: March 29, 2022

Homebound

Fred Bartel
Don & Virginia Bienz
Rosemary Blodgett
Ruth Bussing
Leona Kissinger
Charles Krenerick
Richard Piske
Lorraine Posenke
Carolyn Rimer
Keith Swathwood
Barb Warson
Virginia Wilson



Public Servants

Ben Bearman
Lindsey Bergeron-Anderla (wife of Michael Anderla)
Joshua Boel (son-in-law of Pastor & LoriRene')
Eric Clark
Victor Cortez (nephew of Jessica Merrild)
Sarah Duff (daughter of Dale & Lori Duff)
Rob Lightfoot (grandson of Cliff & Alice Bush)
Miranda Seedorf
Terrel "Dion" Williams (nephew of Louis & Annette Lerma)
Jeremy Woods

Sick and Injured

Hani Atkins (friend of Candie Boehlke-Nash)
Tom Clark
Barb Eagen
Karen Eagen
Sheila Eberts (cousin of Barbara Slaughter)
Gayle Evans (former member of St. Paul)
Bill Haeske
Ivy Hall (friend of Gloria Hunt)
Bea & Palmer Hamilton
Brady Haring (friend of Karen Cords)
Katherine Heidenreich
Jim & Deb Herwarth
Christine Hirst (friend of Diane Shuster)
Grant Ingraham (brother of Janet Peckham)
Viola Lerma (sister of Louis Lerma)
Kathy Matthews (sister-in-law of Candie Boehlke-Nash)
Bill Maynard (brother of Larry & Carol Maynard)
Rick Olmstead (friend of Candie Boehlke-Nash)
Carolyn Rimer
Ralph Ringle (uncle of Barbara Slaughter)
Ashley Shedd (daughter-in-law of John & Jan Shedd)
Mike Slaughter
Tyler Smith (grandson of Bill & Lois Haeske)
Stan Sommer
Russell Spanninga
Ila Storrer (mother of Heather Shedd)
Ilene Stroebel (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Keith Swathwood
Terry Sweeter (cousin of Gloria & Jim Hunt)
Tyson (son of a friend of Linda Clark)
Jim Wilson
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)

Order your Easter Lilies

Orders for Easter Lilies are being taken at the back of the church or in the church office. These lilies are used to beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning. They are \$11.00 each and can be picked up following the 10:30am service on Easter.



Please be prepared with a check or exact change. Thank you.

On more than one occasion, Ms. Irene Cisneros has generously donated medical equipment and personal items such as adult diapers to St. Paul. We, in turn, are able to give these out to those in need. She recently has made a couple of these donations.

Thank you so much, Irene!



The family of David B Hurdelbrink

would like to thank everyone for their condolences, prayers, and donations. We want to thank Pastor Paul and Brooks for a beautiful service. All of this really means a lot to our family.



Thank You

Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Angie Collier, cousin of Barbara Slaughter, who passed away on March 9th.

Paul Scholz, who passed away on March 7th.

Sandra Hammond, mother-in-law of Barry Beilfuss, who passed away on March 14th.

Diana Burkwalft, sister of Tom Clark, who passed away on March 17th.

Sue Taylor, niece of Wilma Bahr and former member of St. Paul, who passed away on March 27th.

Glenda Maynard, sister-in-law of Larry & Carol Maynard, who passed away on March 28th.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.



KID@KID Shop

Open Saturdays
(not April 16)

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, & Saturdays 10am-2pm.





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Worship Schedule (In person worship and Facebook)

Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study (<i>not on Easter</i>)	9:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship, April 10	10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship, April 14	6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Worship, April 15	6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Worship, April 17	7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to focus on the community through Christ.

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