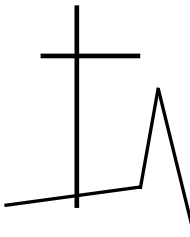
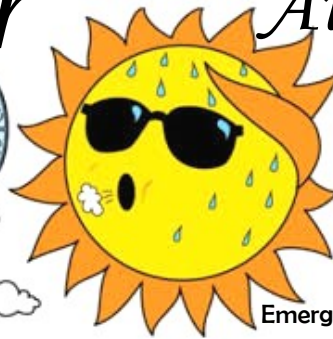


The Messenger August 2022

A Monthly Newsletter



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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 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*

 **KIDtoKID Shop**

Open Saturdays

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(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. Thursdays 9-11am, & Saturdays 10am-2pm.



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

615 S. Dalrymple St.
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517-629-7699

e-mail: littlelambsofjesus@outlook.com



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



Articles, ads & information for the September issue of The Messenger are due at the church office no later than August 20

August Birthdays

- 1 Zach Abbee
- 2 Beth Williamson
- 3 Shannon Porter, Roman Ruoff
- 4 Brooklyn Gardner
- 5 Jack Sandusky, David McKinney
- 6 Brennan Gardner, Ivy Bolinger
- 10 Susan Clark, Savannah Grzesik
- 11 Michael Morris
- 14 Shanna Pollman, Benjamin Merrild
- 15 Sharon Rumsey
- 18 Ali Wyman
- 19 Alliyah Clark
- 20 David N. Seedorf
- 21 Michelle Corey
- 22 Lori Crysler, Michele Mentink
- 23 Michael A. Bearman
- 24 Trenton Krutsch
- 26 Bob Siscoe, Rowen Galvin
- 27 Mary Ruff, Lori Duff, Andrea Lerma, Everleigh Morgan
- 28 Jean Miller, Carol Locke, Tom Hunt, Todd Crysler
- 30 Steve Piske
- 31 Ray Zick, Tim Paugh, Maureen Cagnon, Sam Shirley

August Anniversaries

- 4 James & Doretta Wilson
Gordon & Jenny Woods
- 11 Jake Weicht & Christina Zerbe-Weicht
- 16 Matthew & Alyn Kay
- 17 Tom & Bert Zander
- 25 Bob & Ashlee Tanner
- 27 Chuck & Paula Miller
Louis & Annette Lerma
David & Lori Seedorf
- 28 Bud & Carolyn Fox

Upcoming Events

- August 4,11,18,25 Prayer Time 9:15 & 12:15
..... Foundations of Freedom 10:00
- August 6,13,20,27Kid-to-Kid Shop
- August 7,21 J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
- August 9 Stewardship & Outreach Meeting 4:00
- August 14,21,28.....Bible Study 9:10am
- August 17 Parish Planning Council Meeting 6:30
- August 18Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul
- August 22 Newsletter Deadline
- August 31Little Lambs of Jesus Open House



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



The new AED's are Here!!

They are in the cabinets in the old locations. One is in the overflow room, and one on the kitchen end of Luther Hall. Please don't be afraid to use them in case of emergency. They are automated and self-explanatory and will tell you what to do. The third one is at Little Lambs of Jesus, they will be getting a cabinet to put it in soon.

If anyone has interest in CPR training, please contact Sandi Mauntel or the church office to let us know.

LIFE Worship Sundays, 8:15 am

St. Paul has added an early Sunday worship setting. We meet in the newly remodeled "Living Room." 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 conclude with prayer and communion. (No communion on the 3rd Sunday-usually.)

Come and join us!



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Open House

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

6:30—7:30 pm

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

- *Tour our facilities.
- *Meet the staff

*Receive enrollment information for fall preschool and childcare

Childcare: Children 2 weeks thru 6 years

Preschool: Children 3 and 4 years old

Little Lambs has been a ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church since 1984

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Conference Room—9:10am

Starts August 14, for three weeks (Aug. 14, 21, 28) to finish up the book of Isaiah. Then we will resume and continue with a new study after a week off for Labor Day weekend. Come, learn, share, and grow – in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).





Dear Brother/Sister in Christ,

The Scriptures refer to God as "the Father, from whom every family . . . derives its name" and "the Father of us all"(Eph. 3:14-15; 4:6). Isn't that something that we are all related?!?!? We really are "one mankind"! We are a single "human race"! All this racist/racism talk is missing the most basic point that we are all connected: have 46 chromosomes (unless a very rare fluke!), bleed red(!), are structured the same way with arms, legs, fingers, and toes (again, unless there is some "abnormality"). Science is showing through DNA and blood studies that we all come from the same family line – Eve and the descendants of Noah. How about that! Science is catching up with the Bible?!?!?

This kind of news is not broadly published and may never make it to the news outlets that we are most familiar with, but it is out there and coming forward, confirming the truth. Now the Church is not out to substantiate science, nor war against it, but it is to be the steadfast keeper and proclaimer of God's great truths. All truth is God's truth – scientific, sociological, mathematical, medical, theological, etc. He is the omniscient, all-knowing God. As Jesus' disciple, John wrote, "God is light, and in Him, there is no darkness at all!" (I John 1:5)

The Lord invites us to walk in His light and truth. To make it practical, He sent Jesus from heaven to earth, and Jesus announced Himself as both LIGHT (the Light of the world – John 8:12) and the TRUTH (John 14:6). He is the One who brings us to the Father and, by His Spirit, welcomes us to be "children of God." Jesus shows us how to live – loving all people (not necessarily pleasing all people all the time) and speaking the truth in love, as well as standing uncompromisingly for and on the truth.

But Jesus is more than an example and model to live by and emulate. He is the Savior who has rescued us from the lies and deception of sin and rebellion against God (as if we could ever get things right or good by going contrary to the Creator's design!). He invites us into a fellowship of the faith family, trusting His grace for the forgiveness of our sins and release from the shame and guilt that go with it.

That is our good news to pass along to folk and friends that they might know they are FAMILY with a loving, heavenly Father. But remember, Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except by Me!" (John 14:6) So come on home! Gather with the family and let your faith be encouraged and strengthened.

Peace and love in Jesus + Pastor Paul Koehn



A Statement Regarding the Supreme Court Dobbs Decision

The date—June 24, 2022—goes down as one of the momentous dates in history, as the U.S. Supreme Court issued its long-awaited ruling on the Dobbs Case and, in a 6-3 decision, overturned one of the most infamous case of all time—Roe v. Wade.

A copy of the article by Rev. Paul M. Clark, President of Lutherans for Life of Michigan, is on the table at the back of the church.



Are there students in your congregation attending college in the state of Michigan?

Between university campus ministries and local congregations, we have a network of pastors and congregations who are eager to connect with your college students! We want to care for them and help them plug into a faith community while they're at school.

All we need from you? Make the introduction!

Scan the QR Code to send us the Campus Connect form



Or visit our website at michigandistrict.org/campusconnect to access the Campus Connect form (It'll just take a minute or two!)



Your Synod's response in Ukraine continues. Here's how you are helping.

As war and violence continue to devastate Ukraine, your Synod, through programs that we support, has been able to meet both spiritual and physical needs of those in Ukraine and those fleeing that country. Here are a few examples of how your contributions are being put to work:

- Issued grants for humanitarian aid and refugee support.
- Provide transitional housing through subsidized rent at a residential complex in Romania.
- An LCMS missionary is offering ESL (English as a Second Language) classes.
- Supporting our partner church in Germany to manage the church's refugee care programs.
- Parts of the Old Latin School in Wittenberg, Germany are being used for refugee housing. The pastor is providing Lutheran catechetical instruction for refugees.
- Supporting a Lutheran school in Slovakia that is offering Christian education for displaced Ukrainians.

For more info, see the Luther Hall lobby bulletin board.



Foundations of Freedom – Thursdays, 10am – The Conference Room

Bible study and discussion on contemporary topics and issues, to help us think Biblically (develop a solid Biblical worldview!) All are welcome!

Help save lives!



Donate blood at our upcoming blood drive!

St. Paul's Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 18, 2022
12:00 to 5:45 p.m.

There is currently a blood emergency.

Your support is needed more than ever.

The Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and has issued an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

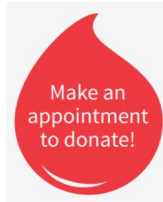
Please help by donating, even if you have never done it. Call the church office if you have any questions.

Donors will be thanked with a **\$10 e-gift card** to a merchant of their choice plus be entered to **win gas for a year (a \$6,000 value)!** Schedule Now!!!



Homemade cookies and goodies are needed for the Red Cross Blood Drive. Please contact the church office if you can help.

The Red Cross desperately needs your help!!

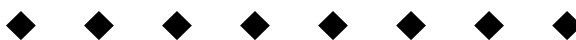


To make an appointment online:

- go to: www.redcrossblood.org/give
 - Enter your zip code
 - Click on "Find A Drive"
- Look for **Thursday, August 18, 2022** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albion
 - Click on **"SEE TIMES"**
- Find the time you want and click "Blood"
- Sign into your account or create one
 - Confirm your appointment.



If you have any questions or need help, please contact Barbara in the church office on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays.



We need some volunteers to check people in and serve refreshments on that day. Work will be in 2-3 hour shifts. Please call the church office to get on the schedule.



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.)

FYI: Due to unprecedented supply chain interruptions, the CTA will only be distributing 150 boxes on a Tuesday, instead of the 250. And people picking up boxes for other families will be limited to how many they can pick up.

Walk The Beat Albion Albion Farmer's Market 5:30—7:30 p.m.



August 3 - The Dixie Mafia
August 10 - Dylan Tolbert
August 17 - 5-second rule
August 27 - Saturday WALK THE BEAT STREET FESTIVAL (during the day, starting 1:00pm)
On the corner of Superior and Michigan.

Visit www.walkthebeatalbion.org for information.

Irwin Ave Annual Garage Sales

Saturday, August 13, 2022
9am-3pm



Craig's Pocket Garden to be Dedicated

Saturday, August 20, 2022 (morning)
Austin Ave, across from Bilicke Auto Sales

Johnnie Craig, a well-admired Albion resident, could often be seen at the corner of Eaton and Austin working on the flowers there.



A Pocket Garden with a bench has been created in her memory. The town is invited to remember Johnnie and to visit the garden often.

Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Victory Park Band Shell—FREE admission!



- Aug. 7: Miles Over Mountains
- Aug. 14: Drew Hale
- Aug. 21: Fleetwood Gold (Fleetwood Mac Tribute)
- Aug. 28: CutTime Simfonica
- Sept. 4: Diane Penning
- Sept. 11: Simply Queen (Queen Tribute)

Hot Dogs

Popcorn

For information, visit www.swinginatttheshell.com



Roving Reporter

In the July Roving Reporter, I thanked Carolyn Fox and Sammy Markovich for planting the Impatiens in front of the Church. Barbara Slaughter should have been thanked for planting all of the Geraniums by Luther Hall, on the corner of Luther Blvd. and Orchard Drive, and in front of the Church. Thanks again to all of you!

The book, **Dr. Miriam**, is available in the St. Paul Library. Thanks to Doretta Wilson for the donation. Check it out!

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) for children is continuing on the first and third Sundays of the month. Family Fun Time will resume in the Fall. Thanks to the volunteers who are helping to keep these going.

Hannah Jordan and Tessa Shirley enjoyed their time at the **LCMS Youth Gathering** in Houston, TX. Memories will last a life-time.

Our **Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center** will be selling concessions at the Swingin' at the Shell concerts on August 7, 14, 21, & 28. Baked goods are needed. Contact Jenny Woods for more info.



A **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held at St. Paul on August 18th. Help is needed to register people, and cookies are needed for refreshments. Blood donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to the merchant of their choice and be entered for a chance to win free gas for a year (a \$6,000 value)! Contact the office for more info.

Summer is going by fast! Fall activities will be starting soon at St. Paul. Enjoy these Dog Days of Summer.

God bless each one of you.

Lucy



Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool & Childcare Center

Greetings from the Center,



It's August??? How did that happen? It has been busy, but I cannot believe the kids return to school in a month! We are full in our 4-year-old class, and only two spots remain in the 3-year-old preschool class.

Great news for sure. Some changes are being made for the teaching staff this year as Ms. Marlayna will teach the 3's and Ms. Chelsea will do the 4's. Ms. Chelsea will be taking over the financial/bookkeeping side of the Center as Kim has given us her notice that she wishes to be done by Thanksgiving. So, change can be hard, but it can bring new and exciting ideas as well. Stay tuned!

We still await our new fencing, removal of shrubs and trees, as well as our new playground. We need to really get moving on this so we are ready for the new playground when it comes in. Details, details.



Overall, the kids and staff have been healthy, which is quite the blessing. As Covid seems to be rearing its ugly head yet again, we remain diligent in our sanitizing and disinfecting routines.



Special thanks to John Shedd for fixing our mower. I called and asked him a few questions, and he responded by saying, "I'll be there and take a look." Thanks so much; we love ya for it! To the Westons, your generous hearts are a thing of beauty. Thanks for the bikes and other things. It has all been put to good use. Thanks to Carolyn for the wipes; we sure use enough of them.

We will be at Victory Park in Albion again this summer for Swingin' at the Shell. We could sure use some donations of cookies, brownies, etc. If you'd like to make something for Sunday, August 7, 14, 21, or 28, please let me know. All items are sold for \$1.25, so please package everything accordingly. I can always pack them too if you wish to have that done.

Open House for ANYONE to come to is Wednesday, August 31, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

I heard this verse in a song the other day, and it's been stuck in my head... "I may not know what the day may bring, but I know who brings the day." Ain't that the truth? Take time to enjoy the little things today because we all know that tomorrow isn't promised on this earth.

In Christ, Jenny

Prayer List Updated: August 2, 2022

Homebound

Fred Bartel
Don & Virginia Bienz
Rosemary Blodgett
Ruth Bussing
Rosemary Chapman
Leona Kissinger
Charles Krenerick
Jim Nash
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)
Sheila Eberts (cousin of Barbara Slaughter)
Rob Lightfoot (grandson of Cliff & Alice Bush)
Miranda Seedorf
Terrel "Dion" Williams (nephew of Louis & Annette Lerma)
Jeremy Woods

Sick and Injured

Hani Atkins (granddaughter of friend of Candie Boehlke-Nash)
Tom Clark
Barb Eagen
Sheila Eberts (cousin of Barbara Slaughter)
Gayle Evans (friend of Dar Corey & former member)
Bill Haeske
Bea & Palmer Hamilton (neighbors of Joan Sumption)
Brady Haring (friend of Karen Cords)
Jim & Deborah Herwarth
Don Hickey
Eldon Hildebrant (brother of Yvonne Stark)
Christine Hirst (friend of Diane Shuster)
Grant Ingraham (brother of Janet Peckham)
Kathy Matthews (sister-in-law of Candie Boehlke-Nash)
Rick Olmstead (friend of Candie Boehlke-Nash)
Steve Prince (brother of Lori Duff)
Carolyn Rimer
Ralph Ringle (uncle of Barbara Slaughter)
William Scharr (brother of Barbara Frederick)
Tyler Smith (grandson of Bill & Lois Haeske)
Stan Sommer
Russell Spanninga
Ila Storrer (mother of Heather Shedd)
Ilene Stroebe (aunt of Amy Zerbe)
Phillip Sumption (husband of Joan Sumption)
Keith Swathwood
Terry Sweeter (cousin of Gloria & Jim Hunt)
Wayne Weaver (husband of Kathy Weaver)
Jim Wilson
Trevor Young (friend of Tom Zander)



Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Ivy Hall, friend of Gloria Hunt, who passed away on June 23rd.

Karen Eagen who passed away on July 12th.

Marilyn Williamson, wife of George Williamson's cousin, Fred, who passed away on July 9th.

Viola Lerma, sister of Louis Lerma, who passed away on July 22nd.

Jean Schultz, sister of Charlotte Sandusky, who passed away on July 23rd.

Our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Dear Yvonne, Thank you, so much, for sending Bill (Eagen) to move this frig. He did such a good job and was very careful getting it through three narrow doorways, and outside. He worked hard!

Thanks again for your help, and Bill's help. Good people are getting difficult to find anymore.

With sincere appreciation, Susan (Yvonne) Bidlack.

Note: Susan is new to Albion. She reached out to St. Paul, knowing that Lutherans want to help! Good job, Bill!



Ivy Marie Bolinger

was Baptized at St. Paul on July 16th.

Her parents are Adam & Heidi (Phillips) Bolinger. The proud grandparents are Kent & Kim Phillips, and her great-grandparents are Bud & Carolyn Fox.

Welcome to God's family, Ivy!



J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

August 7 & 21, 2022

During the 10:30 service sermon



On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, St. Paul is taking the children to another room to hear a message that's age appropriate, and fun! This time will include crafts, games, and snacks.



St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Thank you for donating to this year's fireworks as part of the annual Fourth of July Celebration.

From the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 GREEN-9 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship 10:30am Holy Communion & J.A.M.		9 4:00pm Stew/Outreach Meeting	10	11 Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm 10am Foundations of Freedom	12	13 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
14 GREEN-10 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion		16	17 6:30pm PPC Meeting	18 Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm 10am Foundations of Freedom 12-5:45pm Blood Drive at St. Paul 	19	20 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
21 GREEN-11 aft Pentecost 8:15am Life Worship 9:10am Bible Study 10:30am Worship & J.A.M.		23	24	25 Prayer Time: 9:15am & 12:15pm 10am Foundations of Freedom	26	27 10am-2pm Kid-to-Kid Shop
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August 2022

Worship Schedule

Life Worship (in person worship)

8:15 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship (in person & on Facebook Live) 10:30 a.m.



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

Mission Statement

*Our Mission is to focus
on the community through Christ.*

Our Prayer for You

May the **HOPE** of salvation, Jesus Christ, shine through you.
May God's **PEACE** be made known in you and in our world.
May the **JOY** of Jesus be in the words you speak, the songs
you sing, and, may the **LOVE** of God overflow in your heart.

Where Christ is...there is pure grace and no law; pure mercy
and no sin; pure life and no death; pure heaven, and no hell.

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