



St. Paul's

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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



I grew up playing sports. I loved playing football, basketball, baseball, and any other sport which involved hitting, throwing, catching, tossing, or watching a ball. The one basic and fundamental advice that came with playing all of them was: keep your eye on the ball. It seemed like such an elementary thing to do I wondered why my dad and my coaches were always repeating that same thing no matter what level I was playing at. “Keep your eye on the ball” was their way of highlighting that one needs to keep their attention focused on that which is important, that which matters.

In our Lord’s church, it is the same. There is the one thing that matters most because all other things flow from it and are given their meaning by it. And that is Christ crucified and risen from the dead. The Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost and now comes to you, grants you faith to keep your eyes on Jesus because He is important. He matters. Keep your eye on the ball. Keep your eye on Jesus.

We are tempted to fix our eyes on other things and that is the devil’s goal - to have us consumed with staring constantly at what is happening in the world and having nothing but despair or hopelessness or worry. He wants your eyes off of Jesus who has overcome the world for you. Because seeing what Jesus has done and continues to do for you brings joy.

Baptisms are happening. Forgiveness in Christ is being proclaimed. Saints are being fed bread from heaven. Jesus lives and abides with you. The church will not fall. The gates of hell cannot overcome it. These are things to keep your eye on because these things are Jesus at work. These are Him bringing life and joy. Keep your eye on the ball. Keep your eye on Jesus. Heaven is your home. His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. We cry, “Lord, help us!” and He is quick to save, drawing our eyes back to Him and the gifts He desires to give us.

Some men came to Phillip and said, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Let this be our prayer also. That our Lord would keep our eye on the ball, on Jesus crucified and risen, that we may all rejoice together in the full forgiveness of our sins and the joy which accompanies the blessed life in Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

LERT

Lutheran Early Response Teams

We have people and families in need in our communities. Because of the pandemic, it has been difficult for volunteers to get out and assist those in need. However, there are some things we can do right now to help. We are in need of more Flood Buckets and Hygiene Kits. If you are able to assist with gathering the materials and assembling buckets and/or kits, please use the list of items below.

We understand masks are difficult to obtain, and you are not required to put masks in the buckets. We will have volunteers picking up assembled buckets/kits on June 18th and 19th. You can contact Bruce Collins at the following email address to let him know the number of buckets/kits you will have available for pick-up. You can email Bruce or Travis Grulke if you have questions.

bscollins27@gmail.com travis.grulke@michigandistrict.org

Health/Dental Kits

- 1 – Bath Towel
- 1 – Wash Cloth
- 2 – Large Trash Bags
- 2 – Bars of Soap
(in original wrapping)
- 1 – Toothbrush
- 1 – Pack of Dental Floss
- 1 – Tube of Toothpaste
(2 if sample size)
- 1 – Comb
- 1 – Deodorant
- 1 – 2.5 or 5.0 gallon Zip-Lock
Plastic Bags

Flood Buckets/Cleaning Supplies

- 5 gallon Bucket with Lid
- 2 lg. Trash Bags
(40 gallon Contractor Grade)
- Comet or Scouring Cleanser
- Pine Sol – 48 oz.
- Clorox Bleach – 1 gallon
- Scrub Brush
- Sponges & Rags
- Dust Mask (N-95 required)
- Rubber Gloves
(Household Kitchen Style)
- Clothesline
- Clothes Pine

NEW UPDATE CONCERNING SERVICE



We are open for you to attend service. We are *no longer* asking that you register prior to coming. You can simply show up. We will continue to maintain distance within the sanctuary and follow other precautionary measures. If you are still uncomfortable for the time being, please contact Pastor Suggitt to receive pastoral care. The service will still be streamed online and uploaded to the website. The Lord bless you and keep you and be your shield in all things.

First Communion and Confirmation



Kaitlyn Reehl, daughter of Norbert and Liz Reehl, will receive the body and blood of our Lord and confess her faith in the triune God on June 27th at an 11:00 a.m. service. At the time of setting this date, which is a Saturday, we were still unsure of what might be accomplished in a group setting and desired that the family have an option which would be comfortable to all.

You are welcome to attend this great day for Kaitlyn and her family. May God continue to bless Kaitlyn from now until forevermore!

Organ Update



Thanks to those who continue to give toward the refurbishing of the organ. It is almost complete! The stoppage of businesses caused a long delay in the work, but it has resumed. There are always a few bugs to work out once things are near the end and we are at that stage now. We would love for all to be in attendance when the day of rededicating the organ arrives, however, the current situation may dictate something different. Therefore we are holding off on a definite date for the rededication and seeing what the next little while brings.

Special Note: If you have been watching service online, our organist Faye Errer, continues to play the clavinova for each service. She has done so faithfully throughout this whole ordeal and we give thanks for her willingness to put to music the great hymns of the church. Thank you, Faye.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.

Sunday SCHOOL



Since the covid pandemic, we missed about 2 months of Sunday school. I have certificates and treats for each of the kids. I'm planning to make house deliveries the beginning of June. Thanks to all the women who volunteered their time to teach the kids this year. I hope you'll be back again in the fall!

I'm working on a plan to try and do some virtual Sunday school lessons to upload onto the church website. Please be patient. I'm not nearly as tech-savvy as the kids are, so it will be a learning process. I'm hoping to have at least 2 virtual lessons per month for your kids viewing pleasure.

Our church has re-opened with limited seating and extra precautions. Pastor is utilizing Sign-up Genius to reserve your spot. If you can't be in the church each Sunday, you CAN watch church in the comfort of your home. I encourage all families to set a regular worship time.

I miss seeing you all! God Bless you and your family,

Susan Schember
Sunday School Superintendent

LutheranPublicRadio.org



YOUTH GROUP



The youth group will be selling pumpkins and gourds this fall thanks to Ken Errer (who plowed the plot behind the church), Don Parrish (who tilled the plot again right before planting), and Wilma Kovach's family (who planted pumpkins in her garden too).

I planted pumpkins and gourds in the church plot right after Memorial Day. I would like youth group kids to take turns pulling weeds at both places every few weeks until the plants are matured. I'll get ahold of families to make a schedule. We will plan to pick at the beginning of October and hopefully place wagons full of pumpkins and gourds at several places for sale by donation.

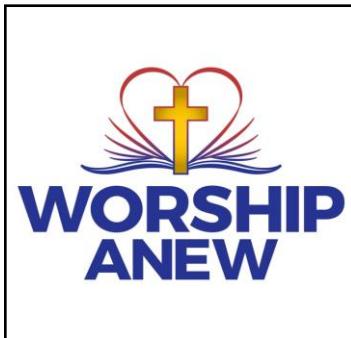


I'm also thinking about doing another pre-order soup sale. If I can make it work, are any youth group families interested in taking orders by phone or email? And if so, are parents willing and able to make the deliveries?

I will not be making as many varieties this time – but some kinds are better than no kinds! I'm thinking Chicken Noodle, Broccoli Cheese, and Creamy Potato this time. Call or text me if you want to do this!

I have not made any other Youth Group plans for the summer. Stay tuned as things unfold!

Submitted by: Susan Schember 586 246-4567



Lutheran Service on Television:
worshipanew.org

DirectTV Channel 377 - Sundays
11:30am
Antenna Channel 49
Comcast Channel 8

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Family Affair Postponed



Although social-distancing precautions are slowly being lifted, we're still not quite open enough for a big get-together.

Let's tentatively plan for a Fall Family Fun Day (maybe in mid-October). We will have a bbq, play yard games, and have a bonfire with s'mores!



Baby Bottle Boomerang

It's simple & fun!

Here's what you have to do:

- Please take one and fill it with your change/offering toward helping mothers and their babies in our area.
- Pray for Positive Alternatives
- Return the bottle to church

Positive Alternatives has locations in Bad Axe and Caro. We will collect the bottles in the near future. Thank you for supporting this cause.



We are disappointed to report that Vacation Bible School will not be taking place in July.

But, don't fret – we are working on providing each family with an online version of VBS. Each family will be notified once we have a solid plan in place.

a godly Father is:



Faithful, to God and family.
Able, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.
Thankful, for all the joys and trials of life.
Happy, no matter what the life brings.
Enthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.
Righteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.



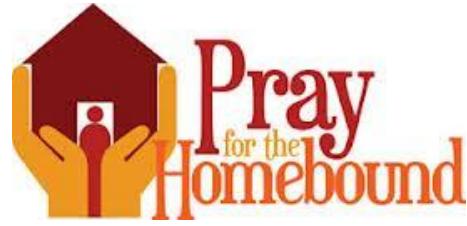
Visit the new St. Paul website at:

stpaullinkville.org

Check here for updates as things are changing often right now.

Visit the Facebook page at:
St. Paul Linkville

Offerings can be mailed into the church **or** offering envelopes may be placed into a larger envelope and dropped at any Thumb Bank depository location with the heading **ATTN: Patti Reinhardt**



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Beverly Liedke 160 Country Bay Drive Room 308 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3637	Barbara Main 7717 Berne Road Bay Port, MI 48720 (989) 553-3620
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Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the July issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, June 21, 2020. Email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

2020 High School Graduates



Bryce Hunter Sears

Son of Craig & Tina Sears

Graduate of Laker High School

Plans: Saginaw Valley State University

Pursuing a degree in Physical Education



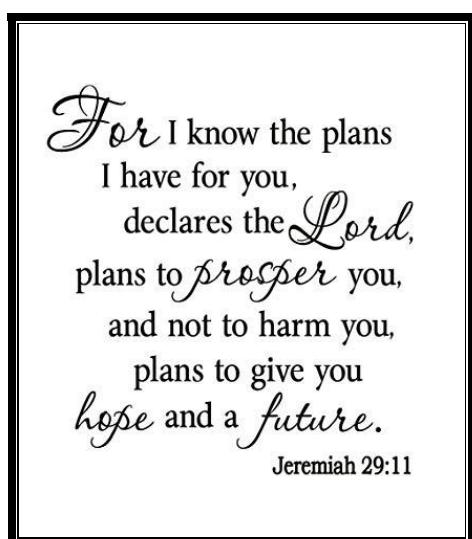
Abigail Michelle O'Hare

Daughter of Jim & Tiffany O'Hare

Graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing School

Currently working at Scheurer Hospital as a CNA
and will be attending Delta College in the fall.

2020 College Graduate



Austin Richard Tyler Bruce

(Photo not available)

Son of Orla Bruce

Grandson of Richard & Beverly Wise

Graduated from Butte High School

Arco, Idaho



Erika Sue Schember

Daughter of Brian & Susan Schember

Granddaughter of Joe & Sandy Salcido

Graduated from Michigan State University

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in English

Erika lives in East Lansing and has been hired as
Office Administrator at Martin Luther Chapel.

In His Service

June Elders

June 7 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
June 14 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
June 21 – Ron Tabar & Warren Stoeckle
June 28 – Josh Sprague & Manuel Thies



June Tithe Counters

June 14 – Patti Reinhardt & Kim Krohn
June 28 – Ruth Fluegge
Liz Reehl

June Altar Guild

Ruth Fluegge
Paula Holland

June Altar Flowers

Marge Weisenbach	883-9356
Lisa Weisenbach	529-9643

2 - Tristan Metzger
3 - Susan Albrecht
6 - Izabella Collon
6 - Scott Engelhardt
6 - Wilma Kovach
7 - Carson Toner
10 - Levi Adams
11 - Tina Sears
14 - James Dubs
14 - Patty Seibel
16 - Bryan Parrish
20 - Brock Verbeek
21 - Shyann Kady
21 - Mary Jamieson
22 - Peggy Parrish
22 - Sandy Salcido
23 - Dorothy Prich
23 - Scott Weisenbach
24 - Jimmy Richmond
25 - Travis Albrecht
27 - Zachary Britt
28 - Kloei Kady

Want to listen to good theology concerning current topics, the Bible, and Christ crucified for you? Check out *Issues, Etc.* on your computer or smartphone.



6 - Erwin Burkle & Kathleen Kovach
11 - Charles & Judy Wright
12 - Perry & Karen Britt
14 - Cody & Kristi Howard
14 - Rich & Ruth Fluegge
14 - Tony & Jaime Harmer
16 - Eric & Lindsay Bismack
19 - Doug & Valerie Fritz
19 - David & Mary Jamieson
27 - Alan & Sherry Kumaus

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 3:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 AM Service	8	9 3:00 PM Catechism	10	11	12	13
14 8:30 AM Service	15	16 3:00 PM Catechism	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 AM Service Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:30 AM Service	29	30				

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This is the day
which the LORD
hath made; we
will REJOICE and
be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24



