



St. Paul's

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While we have already opened our doors and resumed regular services in the church, the following article is still a worth a moment of your time to read. It speaks of the place of God's Word and prayer in the Christian home and the benefits surrounding such a practice. The article was written during the "Spanish Flu" epidemic and appeared in our periodical Lutheran Witness in 1918. I offer it here as encouragement. May God richly bless you all.

- Pastor Suggitt

Family Devotion

During the present epidemic the Boards of Health of many cities have requested that congregations close schools, churches, and Sunday schools until the danger has passed. Not only our pastors, but also the ministers of other churches advised their people through the public press, or otherwise, that during the closing of the churches they should read the Scriptures at home and have family prayers.

In those homes in which this had been a custom before, it was easily arranged. To others it was a novel experience. It is to be hoped that some who tasted the spiritual delight of family devotion will continue the practice in the future. Let no one imagine that the churches or the pastors fear that the people will take to prayer in the family and neglect public services.

The family that enjoys the reading of the Scriptures and family prayers during the week is the one which is most ready to visit the house of God whenever the doors are thrown open. The more members of our congregation practice home or family devotions, the better will be the church attendance in that congregation. That father and head of the house who gathers his household together each day because it is his intention and determination: I and my house will serve the Lord, - that father will the same mind on the day when the churches are open and the pastor proclaims God's word.

Are you looking for some good work to do? Would you do something to glorify God, something whereby you may show your gratitude towards the Savior, something whereby you may be yourself, and whereby you may bless your neighbor, something whereby you may be a blessing to your whole community? Institute family devotion daily in your home. Go about in a cheerful, friendly, evangelical manner. If that is daily done, you have accomplished something that will bless you and yours in time and eternity.

1918 Lutheran Witness (vol. 37, p.359)

THE ST. PAUL PIPE ORGAN

The conversation about fine church music and the appreciation of noble organ accompaniment to the hymns of the church was on the mind of the people of St. Paul in the early 1940's. The old reed organ that had led the congregation in singing up to that point had seen better days. It was therefore decided in April, 1943, to purchase a pipe organ to continue lead to congregation in sacred music. A Verlinden Organ was chosen with the purchase price of \$2,200. Manufactured in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Verlinden Organ made its way to St. Paul where on September 26, 1943, the new organ was dedicated to the glory of the Triune God.



After nearly seventy seven years of leading Christ's people at St. Paul in liturgy and song, the organ became in need of great repair. It could no longer be simply tuned and tweaked. Once again, the people of St. Paul recognized the richness of fine church music and the value of maintaining the heritage passed down from those who have gone before them in the faith. It was determined that saving the Verlinden Organ was a worthwhile endeavor though the repairs would be great and the rebuilding would take time.

Today the wait is over. Our organ which first sang in 1943 sings again this morning. Spanning generations and joining our voices to the choir immortal – even to the voices that once sat in this sanctuary seventy seven years ago. Thanks be to God.

Among many of the repairs, there have also been some additions. What was once a three rank organ is now four. Digital capabilities and a touch screen have been added which allows for several different new features to be utilized. All of this, of course, has the same goal which was realized and shared many years ago. To have a space and music which is different from what the world offers, for in this place we sing of Christ who meets us here in a beautiful way. May this organ raise our voices in song and praise in response to His blessings upon us once again today and, by his grace, into many more generations after us.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

28 June 2020

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost





Many people have been asking about plans for the bazaar.

- Will we have one?
- Can we have one?
- If we have one, how will it be done?
- Should I still be canning for the bazaar? Etc. etc.

The truth is, we've been trying to figure it out. It is doubtful that we will have a normal bazaar, because it may not be safe to do so, but we are coming up with some great ideas!

Yes, we would love for you to can fruits, vegetables, jellies, jams, sauces, etc. We will figure out a way to sell them! We may also have a bake sale and possibly cookie

walk of some sort. Take-out meals are do-able too. The baskets are not put together yet, but we do have lots of stuff to make them. Getting them organized and put together is logically difficult, but we're trying to figure out a way to start doing that. We do have a volunteer who would be willing to post all the baskets online to sell if in-person sales are not possible. The white elephant sale is not feasible this year.

Honestly, the bazaar may become several smaller events:

- Maybe an outdoor "farmers market" to sell fresh-grown produce, canned goods, bake sale items, and cookie walk stuff?
- Maybe a couple pre-order soup and sandwich sales?
- Maybe a Facebook Marketplace basket sale?

Advertising will be the key to all these things being successful – so it will take lots of volunteers to spread the word on social media, post flyers, and possibly put a few ads in local papers. We may not be able to make lots of money in one big day, but we could raise smaller amounts in several events!

If you have ideas or want to help make some of these events possible, please contact Susan Schember or Ruth Kumaus right away. We would like to get something planned before August gets here!



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

The Rite of Confirmation and First Communion

Confirmation celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among our catechumens and, in cases where the candidates have not yet communed, welcomes them to the Lord's Table. The rite declares of a catechumen that he or she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of catechumens to the Lord's Table assumes that ongoing catechesis is the way of life for the faithful Christian.

On June 27, 2020 one of God's children at St. Paul publicly confessed the one true faith and received the most Holy Supper of our Lord's body and blood. May she, by God's grace, continue steadfast in this confession and faith, seeking always to receive what our Lord gives, that when the final day comes she may be found prepared to inherit eternal life.

**Kaitlyn Elizabeth Reehl
Daughter of Norbert and Liz Reehl**

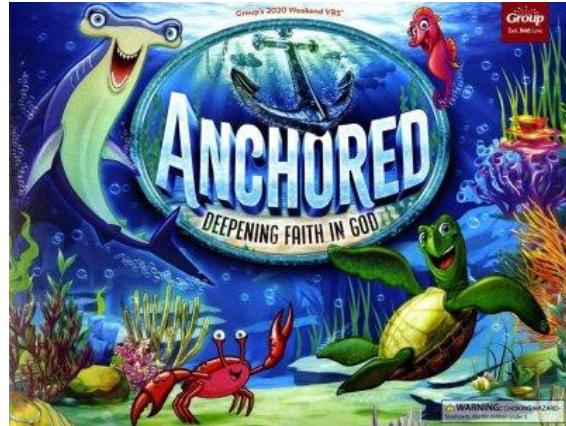
We give thanks to God for bringing this, His child, to the most Holy Supper of Christ's true body and blood. Here she joins in the public confession of the faith while proclaiming the Lord's death for her as she receives the Sacrament of the Altar.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Confirmation
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VBS will be available on our website in late July or early August. Families can click on a link to watch 3 lessons, puppet skits, and messages plus learn some new songs.



We will have a drive-thru pickup at the church on Tuesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. – parents can pick up 3 days of snacks and 3 days of crafts to go along with the VBS themes. Please tell your friends and neighbors to come and get their Vacation Bible School supplies and then watch our church website for the link!

Sorry we can't have VBS in-person, but hopefully, this will be a fun new way for the children to hear the Good News.

Thanks to Ruth Fluegge, Paula Holland, and Pastor Suggitt for doing all the hard work. And, thank you to the Errer family for donating a Thrivent Grant to purchase crafts and snacks.



Sunday SCHOOL



SUNDAY SCHOOL STUFF

I didn't get the Sunday School certificates delivered in early June, oops! I'll work on getting those to each of the families when I'm around.

I'm still working on the Sunday School videos. Please be patient with me, as I try getting these ready. Watch your Remind App for updates. If your family is not on the Sunday School Remind, please send me a text and ask me to add you to the group.

I'm planning a Sunday School/Youth Group field trip in the fall. We will be taking a tour of Smith's Alpaca Farm. Lots of fun animals to see!



Susan Schember 586 246-4567

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

YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group is growing pumpkins at the church and at Wilma Kovach's house. We will be selling pumpkins for donations to the Youth Group at several places beginning in early October. If your house is in a good location for selling the pumpkins, please let Susan Schember know, so we can make plans to put a pumpkin trailer in your front yard. Speaking of trailers – if you have one we can borrow for the month of October, let me know that too!



The youth group weeded the pumpkin patches on Monday, June 29th. We enjoyed lunch afterward. There were ten volunteers who came to help! Jeff Kovach also brought his tractor and worked up between the rows at both patches – my hero!

Youth group is open to all students in 5th grade and higher. Parents are encouraged to get their children involved. Friends are always welcome. Community service hours can also be earned at youth group events!



The kids suggested a beach day for our next event. If we do a beach day, the date and time will be picked and everyone will be notified via REMIND a few days before (as we will have to watch the weather). Also planning a Putt-Putt day in September.

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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.



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 to 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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Dorothy Prich Courtney Manor Room 214 167 E. Hopson Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-6534	A circular logo with a purple heart in the center. Two hands are shown, one holding the other, with the text "KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS" written around the heart.

**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

The deadline for articles for the August issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, July 26, 2020. Email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

In His Service

July Elders

July 5 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
July 12 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar
July 19 – Josh Sprague & Manuel Thies
July 26 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

July Tithe Counters

July 9 – Patti Reinhardt & Kim Krohn
July 30 – Ruth Fluegge & Liz Reehl

July Altar Guild

Ruth Fluegge
Paula Holland

July Altar Flowers

Faye Errer 678-4105
Wendy Tabar 977-1537



I've been contacted about possibly helping with a mobile pop-up food truck.

If we are chosen, we would be asked to provide at least 15 volunteers (but more likely 20) to help with a free outdoor food pantry pickup sometime in August.

I don't have much information yet, but I know that we can get enough help to do the job if asked! Stay tuned...



2 - Anna Haag
2 - Todd Murphy
4 - Gage Metzger
4 - Pastor Lee Wenskay
5 - Richard Welchner
7 - Patrick Fritz
11 - Katelyn Dubs
12 - Joshua Seibel
13 - Allen Roe
14 - Kolbie Holland
14 - Joell Wissner
15 - Jeannette McDonald
15 - Jeannine Ziehm
15 - Kristen Suggitt
16 - Dennis Dubs
16 - Tristin Bruce
17 - Nichole Nowaczyk
24 - Sharyn Rockefeller
25 - Stephen Rockefeller
27 - Dylan Dubs
29 - Annette Prich
29 - Wanda Dubs
31 - Joyce Metzger
31 – Katelyn Romzek



2 - Ron & Diana Dubs
5 - Matt & Michelle Reibling
10 - Derrick & Paula Holland
13 - Jim & Kris Gilbert
28 - Travis & Kari Osantoski

July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5 8:30 AM Service	6 Pastor Suggitt Away	7 Pastor Suggitt Away	8 Pastor Suggitt Away	9 Pastor Suggitt Away	10 Pastor Suggitt Away	11 Pastor Suggitt Away
12 8:30 AM Service	13 Pastor Suggitt Away	14 Pastor Suggitt Away	15 Pastor Suggitt Away	16 Pastor Suggitt Away	17	18
19 8:30 AM Service	20	21	22	23	24	26
26 8:30 AM Service	27	28				

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Pastor Suggitt will be away from 7/6-7/16. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during that time, you may contact Pastor Lee Wenskay at 989 453 – 2382.

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