



St. Paul's

# "Epistles"

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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



The buzz is all around. Will schools reopen this fall and, if so, what will that look like? Will there be high school sports? Will they flip flop the seasons? Will the governor attempt to shut down the state again? Will she impose more mandates upon us? Will she try and shut churches down again? The buzz is as constant as the beehive in the field on the corner of Kilmanagh and Notter Road.

To put it simply: We don't know. Plans are being made, but we don't know. We know not what the future holds right now for our community, state, or even our country. And this is scary for us. We want to have it all planned out but right now we are living in limbo. There's no certainty when it comes to conflicting reports that relentlessly keep us checking on the latest updates and news.

In the midst of all that, let me offer you something you *can* plan on. You can plan on the crucified and risen Jesus being the best thing for you. You can plan on His everlasting care for the calming of your soul. You can plan on Him hearing your prayers. You can plan on Him not being six feet away but dwelling with you and in you by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can plan on Him continuing to beckon you to come unto Him for the cure of your anxiety ridden flesh. You can plan on Him to deliver you from your fears and sin and death.

Thus, in Him, you know the future. Maybe not the future of school or government decrees or

even attendance at a Tiger's game. But you know your eternal future in Christ. He has established His church to gather you unto Himself and give you certainty during all the buzz that is around. Him and His Word is what you know you can rely on. "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." (Psalm 118)

In the deafening buzz, you can trust that our Lord will care for you. You can trust that come what may there is nothing better for you than the antidote He provides through His flesh. As you partake of Him, you know that your future is secure. It is vital that you remain connected to the One in whom your future is secure. The buzz of fear is all around us and it can be easy to succumb to it. Dear Christians, you can plan on Christ carrying you through all things. Rely not on governments that keep you guessing on what might be around every corner, but rely on Jesus who has proven Himself trustworthy and true.

In Christ,  
Pastor Suggitt

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## OFTEN ASKED OF ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN –

What particular donations do you take? This is a question not always easy to answer. Nearly every week someone will ask us at Orphan Grain Train about items so diverse we never considered them before. For example, someone recently asked whether Orphan Grain Train would take old motel drapes. Sometimes we have to decline the generosity as graciously as possible when items are not considered humanitarian in nature.

But the simplest answer is that we gladly receive clothing ("gently used"), shoes, hospital equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers, quilts/bedding, stuffed toys, and operable bicycles. A more extensive list is available at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org), but please never hesitate to ask. The essential aim of Orphan Grain Train is to share resources and bring Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near.

### Clothing: *gently used or new*

- Infant, children's, women's and men's clothing
- Shoes – clean and wearable
- **New** underwear (**only**) – all ages and sizes (*Customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments.*)
- Socks (*good used or new*)



### Orphan Grain Train does not take the following:

*These goods for international distribution are not considered humanitarian.*

Anything with an expiration date  
Appliances or kitchenware  
Computers, printers  
Decorative items  
Draperys  
Fabric under 1 yard  
Food  
Furniture – household  
Games needing English languages skills  
Holiday decorations  
Household items  
Perfume and make up  
Pillows  
Pharmaceuticals  
Toys with batteries  
Undergarments unless new  
Vacuum cleaners

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

**From Ron Nimtz, Our Brother In Christ  
At Good Shepherd Caseville**



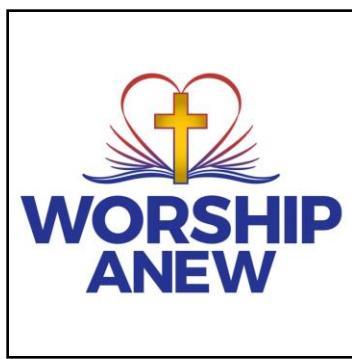
I have been on renal dialysis for almost three years now. I am wondering if anyone is interested in being a Living Kidney Donor for me.

If this is something you may be interested in, you can call me at 989-375-2771 for more information. You may also call the U of Michigan Transplant Coordinator at 1-800-333-9013 and they can answer your questions and give you more information.

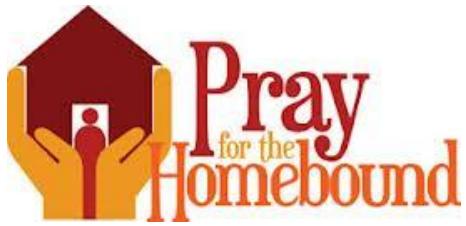
I really appreciate your interest in this process. Thank you very much for reading.

Ron Nimtz [mrnimtz46@gmail.com](mailto:mrnimtz46@gmail.com)

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Dorothy Prich Courtney Manor Room 214 167 E. Hopson Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-6534	 <b>Keep them in your prayers and maybe give them a call and let them know they're not forgotten as visitors are not allowed.</b>



The deadline for the September issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be Sunday, August 23, 2020. You can mail them to Sandy at [salcido.sandy8@gmail.com](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com) or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.



## Women of the Church

A brief meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 following our worship service. Ten ladies were in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide if we were going to have our annual bazaar. Discussion was held on the subject.

We could possibly have a number of separate sales for items such as gift baskets, canned goods, baked goods, etc.

Janet Truemner made a motion to NOT have the bazaar in the traditional way we usually hold it. We will have another meeting to discuss the possibilities as the bazaar date gets closer. The motion was seconded by Peggy Parrish; Carried.

Respectively submitted,

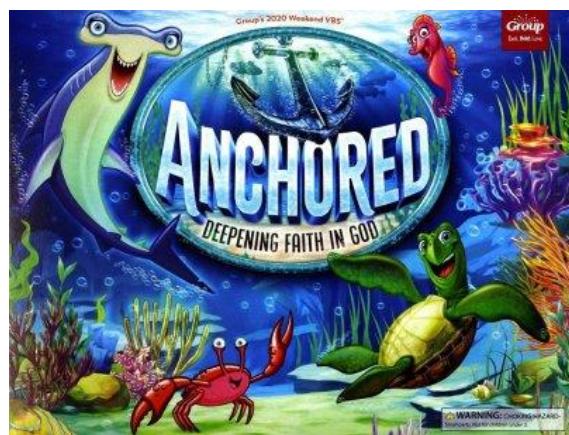
Sandy Salcido

**Attention Ladies Aid Members:**  
**A special meeting will be held on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall**  
(so we can practice social distancing) immediately following the service.

We will be discussing options for fall fundraising. If you would like to be part of the discussion, so that we can make some solid plans, please come to the meeting.



VBS is available online through EDMONDO. The directions for how to join EDMONDO and access our VBS was included in each VBS bag. Families can watch 3 lessons, puppet skits, and messages plus learn some new songs. 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.



We filled 45 bags for VBS. Bags had craft supplies, snacks, drinks, directions for the VBS link and even some Thrivent t-shirts. Almost all of the bags were picked up or delivered on July 21<sup>st</sup>. If you didn't get one, there were a few left on the pews in the North narthex. If they run out, please contact me. I can make up some more bags if needed.

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.



# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

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. Hoping to sell at Joyce Metzger's house, Holland's house, Chad Timmons' house, and maybe Reibling's house? We are in need of flat-top trailers – if you have one we can borrow for the month of October, please let me know.

The pumpkins are starting to come on! Some weeds have been



popping up again. Anytime the youth group kids are at the church, please have them take a few minutes to pull out some more weeds! Every little bit helps.

Youth group is open to all students in 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



We are going to Sandy Dunes Adventure Golf on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at

11:00 a.m. to carpool to Port Austin. If any parents are able to drive, please let me know. I'd like to keep it to Youth Group kids and parents only (sorry, no little brothers or sisters this time). We will play 18 holes of putt putt golf and then have an ice cream before we return to the church. I anticipate being back at the church for pickup at 1:15 p.m. or shortly after.

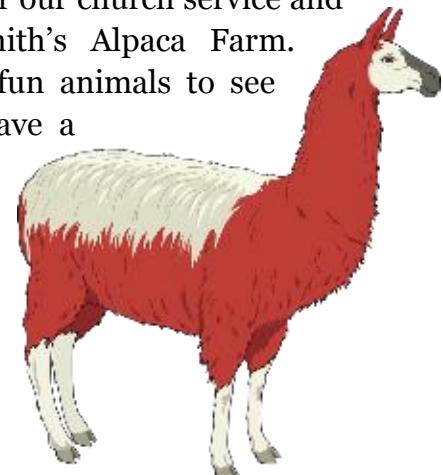
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## Sunday School MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We are anxious to start Sunday School class again this fall. At this time, we are waiting to see what happens with the local schools, and then we can make a plan. One way or another, we are planning to have Christian education for your kids starting sometime in September. Stay tuned as things unfold!

I'm planning a Sunday School/Youth Group field trip in the fall. It will be a family event. We will gather after our church service and then head to Smith's Alpaca Farm. There are lots of fun animals to see and pet! We'll have a picnic lunch on the lawn.



The date has not been set, but looking at late September or early October.

Susan Schember  
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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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## Baby Bottle Boomerang

There are still a number of baby bottles left for this worthy cause.

- 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.



**These Food Pantry items are always welcome.** Place them in the totes under the coat rack. Thanks for helping.

Crackers  
Cereal  
Pancake mix  
Pancake syrup  
Canned vegetables  
Canned fruit  
Canned fruit juice  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Canned SpaghettiOs  
Canned ravioli  
Canned tuna  
Boxes macaroni & cheese  
Macaroni  
Spaghetti  
Spaghetti sauce  
Canned beans  
Ramen noodles  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Laundry detergent  
Dish detergent  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Toothpaste



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# Blessing Boxes

## Who are we?

Melissa Deming & Michelle Paionk, two private agency social workers who see the ongoing need for the families that we service in Huron and Tuscola Counties. We work in family preservation and see the struggles that our families have to meet basic needs such as food, laundry items, hygiene products, diapers, wipes and cleaning products.

The Blessing Boxes are designed to be an easy access point in the community for these families to get the items that they need without feeling shame for not being able to provide them on a daily basis. This is also a simple way for people in the community who want to help but can only give maybe \$5-10. You can easily go to the dollar store and grab 5 body washes and drop them in a box.

We currently have two locations – at Wilcox Park, 650 Whitlam Street Bad Axe, MI 48413 and at the Elkton Missionary Church, 220 Main Street Elkton, MI 48731. We are looking to spread for other locations and would eventually like to spread to all towns in Huron and Tuscola County. In order to do this we will need support from the communities in which we place the boxes. If you are interested in helping you can contact our Facebook page. There are some rules regarding the boxes that are posted there.

Each box costs us about \$100 to put up. Right now we have enough items for 4 additional locations – we just need the locations. We'd love to place a box in your town if approved so you tell us the location and we'll make it happen!

This is a picture of our Bad Axe Location so that you can see what it looks like. Other locations will be on a smaller scale with a stand and the tote on top – just one tote. If the need is there for more totes we can always make a bigger stand but to be able to cover more area we will just be doing one at future locations.

I've created a wish list of items which I will continuously add to keep a good variety of items in each box. These items will be directly shipped to my home and I will get them in the boxes. I also have totes and other things in there to help with new locations. Here is that list or feel free to take what you have and place in the box.

Here's how it works – it's pretty simple:

**1) Take what you need, leave what you can.**

**2) Please don't place perishables in these totes or off to the side.** I know garden items will be coming out soon but it's too warm outside for produce to be placed in the totes.

3) The City of Bad Axe is letting us do this as a trial run. **Please be respectful of the park and re-latch the totes after you open them to ensure that animals are not getting into them.** There are two latches on the front and two on the back. Please make sure that it's closed when you leave. We very much want this to be an ongoing thing for the community.

**4) No clothing please** as it just takes up too much room. The best items are non-perishable foods, baby foods, formula, diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies and hygiene products.

Melissa and Michelle

For those interested in donating, **Thumb Blessing Boxes** has a **Facebook** page where people can find **box** locations, contact information, and an Amazon Wish list full of ideas for items needed for the **boxes**.



Aug. 3 - Chris Gettel  
3 - Jacob O'Hare  
4 - Michelle Murphy  
5 - Richard Renn Sr.  
5 - Chase Swartzendruber  
7 - Remington Bismack  
7 - Benjamin Engelhardt  
7 - Noah Osantoski  
8 - Brandy Gunsell  
11 - Derek Ricker  
11 - Justin Dubs  
12 - Don Parrish  
12 - Jerold Stein  
13 - Ruth Fluegge  
13 - Kaylee Krohn  
14 - Garry McKellar  
15 - Adam Reinhardt  
17 - Gerald Dubs  
19 - Jeremy Jamieson  
19 - Tiffany Jamieson  
19 - Charles Wright  
19 - Joe Salcido, Jr.  
19 - Kevin Dubs  
19 - Lacie Prich  
22 - Rich Witkovsky  
25 - Paula Holland  
26 - Jeffrey Kovach  
26 - Pastor Suggitt  
27 - Jane Schuette  
27 - Laura Toner  
27 - Jennifer Timmons  
28 - Jean Gransden  
28 - Larry Prich  
29 - Chris Tabar  
30 - Madison Renn  
30 - Kaitlynn Stein  
31 - Deborah Ziehm

## In His Service

### **Elders**

Aug. 2 - Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar  
Aug. 9 - Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague  
Aug. 16 - Joe Salcido & Ken Haley  
Aug. 23 - Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar  
Aug. 30 - Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

### **August Tithe Counters**

Aug. 9 - Kim Krohn & Patti Reinhardt  
Aug. 30 - Ruth Fluegge, Kari Ricker, Liz Reehl

### **August Altar Guild**

Peggy Parrish & Sandy Salcido

### **August Altar Flowers**

Faye Errer 678-4105  
Wendy Tabar 977-1537



Aug. 8 - David & Hope Gilbert  
15 - Charles & Margaret Timmons  
24 - Kevin & Tracinda Wissner  
25 - Jason & Patti Reinhardt

# August

<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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<b>2</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Elders  <b>7:00 PM</b> Council	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Service  <b>9:30 AM</b> Ladies Aid Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> Youth Group Sandy Dunes Putt Putt	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Service	<b>31</b>					

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