

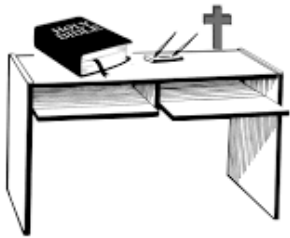


St. Paul's

"Epistles"

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From the Pastor's Desk

The past few months have given us cause to reflect on our lives. God disciplines His own (Deut. 8:5; Heb. 12:11). We should be thankful for any discipline we receive for in it God corrects us just as an earthly father does to his children. This discipline includes a call for us to examine our lives according to the First Commandment. What is it that we fear, love, and trust in above all things? In what do we place our faith?

Luther writes in the Large Catechism concerning the First Commandment:

13] Thus you can easily understand what and how much this commandment requires, namely, that man's entire heart and all his confidence be placed in God alone, and in no one else. For to have God, you can easily perceive, is not to lay hold of Him with our hands or to put Him in a bag [as money], or to lock Him in a chest [as silver vessels]. 14] But to apprehend Him means when the heart lays hold of Him and clings to Him. 15] But to cling to Him with the heart is nothing else than to trust in Him entirely. For this reason He wishes to turn us away from everything else that exists outside of Him, and to draw us to Himself, namely, because He is the only eternal good. As though He would say; Whatever you have heretofore sought of the saints, or for whatever [things] you have trusted in Mammon or anything else, expect it all of Me, and regard Me as the one who will help you and pour out upon you richly all good things.

16] Lo, here you have the meaning of the true honor and worship of God, which pleases God, and which He commands under penalty of eternal wrath, namely, that the heart know no other comfort or confidence than in Him, and do not suffer itself to be torn from Him, but, for Him, risk and disregard everything upon earth. 17] On the other hand, you can easily see and judge how the world practises only false worship and idolatry. For no people has ever been so reprobate as not to institute and observe some divine worship; every one has set up as his special god whatever he looked to for blessings, help, and comfort.

The only access to the true God is through Christ (John 6:22-59). As we are led by the Holy Spirit away from the other gods in our life, we see Jesus even more clearly as the way, the truth, and the life, and rejoice all the more that He has been revealed to us as such. In all things let us be thankful, even in being disciplined, for God knows precisely what we need and when we need it. He always acts toward you out of love as displayed prominently on the cross. Dear Christians, cling by faith to the Triune God, He is the only eternal good and will deliver you from all evil according His good and gracious will.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Suggitt



STEWARDSHIP

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – Newsletter Article September 2020

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

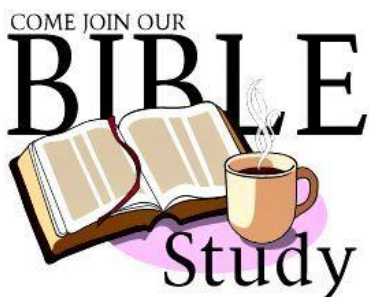
Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

The following mini-article was included in the September 10, 1907 issue of Der Lutheraner under the title Warum ich auch bei Regenwetter in die Kirche gehe.

Why I Also Go To Church When It's Raining

1. Because God sanctifies every Sunday through his Word and makes no exceptions just because it is raining.
2. Because I expect that our pastor will be tending to his duties, and I would be very astounded if he remained at home because of the weather.
3. Because my presence will be all the more necessary at church, the less the attendance unfortunately is on such days.
4. Because my example will have an influence on others under all circumstances, whether I attend worship or stay away.
5. Because I see that the unchurched people, even the weakest among them, do not abstain from their amusements just because it is raining.
6. Because the life to which a Christian is called may never be dependent on the change of the barometer, and because my behavior towards God's Word is a measurement of my love towards him.
7. Because I make the observation: those who use the excuse not to go to church because of the cold, heat, or because it is raining – these also make excuses when the weather is beautiful.
8. Because the man who shrinks away because of such small difficulties may finally fear hindrances which are only figments of his imagination. Whoever follows the Lord from afar, as Peter did on the night of Holy Thursday, he easily is in danger of denying him completely.
9. Because it can be, that according to God's will, a special blessing awaits me in church on a rainy day.
10. Because I do not know how many Sundays I have left on this earth.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Beginning on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:30pm come and grow in God's Word. We will meet in the fellowship hall. Geared for Jr. High through adult ages.



Putt putt was a great day! We had 11 students and 2 adults golf while I took pictures. A fun time was had by everyone (regardless of scores). We enjoyed ice cream treats and listened to a lesson from Pastor on the lawn after golfing.

PUMPKIN SALES

Youth group will be selling pumpkins “by donation” at the following places: Joyce Metzger’s house on Sebewaing Road; Derek and Paula Holland’s house on Sebewaing Road; Matt and Michelle Reibling’s house on Kilmanagh Road; Chad and Jennifer Timmons’ house on Owendale Road. **We will pick pumpkins on Sunday October 4th at 11:00 a.m.** If parents with pickup trucks could come help haul pumpkins to each of the locations, that would be greatly appreciated.

Youth group kids and parents are needed to help peel horseradish on Sunday, Sept 27th after church. Bring a potato peeler and mask to help for an hour or two. The more helpers we have, the quicker we will finish. Please explain to your kids that service events like this are important. Because of those types of events, we are able to afford fun events like golfing, bowling, pizza parties, etc.

Youth group families are also invited to join the Sunday School families for the Corn Maze at Kohl Farms on Sunday, September 20th.

PRE-ORDER SOUP AND SWEETS SALE

Due to logistics and storage space, the pre-order soup sale WILL NOT be held on the same day as the pre-order Bazaar. Instead, Youth Group will be selling pre-order soups and turnovers on Sunday, November 8th. I could use some help packaging soups and turnovers on Saturday night, November 7th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We will be taking orders for Quart Soups and Fruit Turnovers. A copy of the order form is included with this newsletter as well as paper copies in the narthex.

Quart soup will be \$7/each: Chicken Noodle, Creamy Potato, Navy Bean with Ham, and Vegetable Beef with Barley, Low-carb Zuppa Tuscano. (We will do another soup sale with different flavors on another date.)

Turnovers will be \$2.50/each: Cherry, Raspberry, Apple, Cherry with Cream Cheese, Raspberry with Cream Cheese

All orders must be turned in BY Sunday, October 27th. Pickup will be Sunday, November 8th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Everyone from St. Paul is invited to take an order form!

Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader



Pre-Order Soup and Sweets

All orders must be turned in by Sunday, October 27th.

Pick up will be Sunday, November 8th 10am - 11am

Pay by Cash or Check made out to: St. Paul Lutheran Church
memo: Youth Group

Church Member Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Type of Soup	Chicken Noodle	Creamy Potato	Bean with Ham	Veg Beef with Barley	Low Carb Zuppa Tuscano
# of Quarts \$7/each					
Total Due					
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Type of Turnover	Cherry	Cherry with Cream Cheese	Raspberry	Raspberry with Cream Cheese	Apple
# ordered \$2.50/each					
Total Due					

Total Due for Soup and Sweets: _____





Sunday School Rally Day September 20, 2020

TIME TO BRING YOUR KIDS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

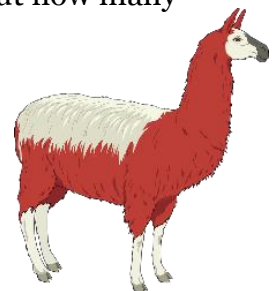
It's September, which means it's time to start Sunday School again! With all the social distancing rules and regulations, we are trying to make a plan for Christian education for your kids. To start the year, we are planning to utilize the fellowship hall for group classes. We will be learning lessons from "My First Catechism" to begin the year.

We would like to get the families involved in Sunday School to start the year. We will start with a big group class spread out at tables in the fellowship hall. Parents of small children are asked to stay with their kids to help with social distancing and keeping the kids focused on the lesson. We will provide snacks for everyone (in a safe manner) and hoping to do some crafts, projects/activities, and some simple songs. Depending on the number of kids attending, we may branch into 2 or 3 groups in the larger classrooms.

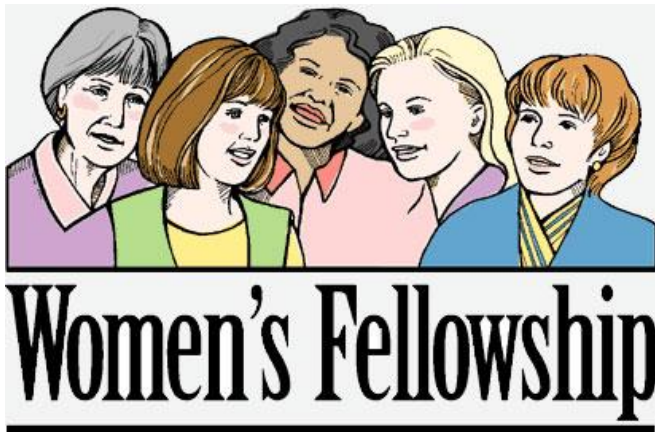


Another change to start the school year – we are planning some family field trips. The first will be on Rally Day Sunday, September 20th. Families are invited to meet in the fellowship hall immediately after church service (hopefully for donuts and beverages if we can figure out how to serve them). We will have a quick message from Pastor Suggitt as a group, and then we will drive to Kohl Farms for family fun in the Corn Maze! There is a signup sheet in the North narthex, so I can let the farm know about how many families to expect.

The next family event will be Sunday, October 11th. Again, Pastor Suggitt will have a short message in the fellowship hall and a snack. Then everyone is encouraged to come with the kids to tour Smith's Alpaca Farm near Gagetown.



Please be patient as we work through all the nuances of Sunday School during COVID.



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, August 9, 2020 following our worship service

Ten ladies answered roll call with one guest, Faye Error, in attendance. The secretary's report from a brief meeting that was held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 was read. A motion was made by Wanda Dubs and supported by Janet Truemner to accept the Secretary's report as read. Carried.

Treasurer Ruth Kumaus gave account of the Ladies Aid treasury – Checking: \$18,801.83; Savings: \$11,275.53; Petty Cash: \$161.25.

Discussion was held on the church bazaar-type sale. Ruth Kumaus brought up a liability issue if we should go forward with it. Would the church be liable if someone attended our bazaar and then was diagnosed with the Covid 19 virus? Ruth Fluegge said she would have Rich check with the health department to find out how we should proceed if we have the bazaar.

After much discussion we decided to vote.

Plan A: Farm market in the parking lot

Plan B: Sell items only to our congregation members (and their friends, families – ordered through members)

Members voted to go with Plan B.

It was decided we would offer the following:

1. 100 gift baskets –
 - A. Ladies baskets
 - B. Home baskets
 - C. Baby baskets
 - D. Christmas baskets
2. Pre-order Soup Sale
3. Pre-order Canned Goods - a price sheet with available items will be ready soon
4. Pre-order Pie Sale – 3 varieties only
5. Pre-order Butterhorns & Cut-out cookies

Items will be offered to the congregation on the first-come, first-serve basis. When they're gone, they're gone. Orders must be made via email to the church secretary for most items.

We will have drive-thru pick up on designated dates. Members will pre-order their items; drive thru the parking lot on the given date; pick up and pay. They must write a check or have the exact change for their order.

Sandy presented a request from the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Bank for monetary help to purchase items needed for students attending there. Wendy Tabar made a motion to give \$500 to the Food Bank; supported by Peggy Parrish. Carried.

Wanda Dubs made a motion to adjourn; supported by Peggy Parrish. Carried.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and singing the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Colossians 3:17 NIV)





We will be selling horseradish as part of the pre-order canned goods sale on October 17th. We won't be making as much as in previous years, but we should have enough for our church members to purchase for family and friends.

In order to do this, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- Brandy Gunsell, Ron Tabar, and I will be digging the horseradish at Tabar's and Mabel's patches.
- Rich Fluegge and Joe Salcido will powerwash it.
- We will be peeling on Sunday, Sept 27th immediately after church.

We will setup tables outside on the North parking lot to allow for proper social distancing (although I wonder how Covid could possibly survive horseradish vapors!) Please bring your potato peeler and a mask.

The more helpers we get, the faster we are finished! Rich Fluegge has agreed to grind the horseradish. Brandy and I will package it and store it in the basement refrigerator until the sale.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND LEND A HAND

Susan Schember



CONSIDER AN ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN VOLUNTEER TEAM

Volunteers are vitally important to process the increasing quantity of goods generously given for the mission of Orphan Grain Train. Have you thought of possibly making up a small team? Please consider the possibility from your church whether from the Thumb or wherever in the Valley region. A carload of two or three volunteers might come to Sebewaing once a month. The time involvement, whether much or little, would be entirely up to you. The satisfaction in serving distant people whom Jesus loves is enormous. For information about volunteering contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan branch manager, Pastor Dave Reed at 989-600-2264. No qualifications are necessary except a heart for those around the world who are impoverished, displaced, or discouraged.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.



Youth Catechesis/Catechism

Catechism class will begin on September 20, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Pastor will reach out to parents to set up a meeting before class begins.



The deadline for the October issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be Sunday, September 20, 2020.

You can mail your article to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

Don't forget those "Hats Off" items!

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Mabel Kain Country Gardens 203 N. Caseville Rd. Room 401 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3374	Beverly Liedke 160 Country Bay Drive Room 308 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3637
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Keep them in your prayers and maybe give them a call and let them know they're not forgotten as visitors are not allowed.



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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2 - Ethan Wissner

3 - Van Fritz

5 - Brenda Kady

6 - Dorothy Rathje

7 - Brennan Wissner

8 - Bryce Sears

10 - Jim Schember

Tiffany Reinhardt

11 - Avah Kady

Drew Howard

12 - Alan Gettel

Corbin Sparkes

16 - Jeffrey Dyer

17 - Dedra Sherman

18 - Sadie Swartzendruber

Jaxson Shepard

19 - Karen Gaeth

Molly Sprague

21 - Kaitlyn Reinhardt

Kari Ricker

23 - Joshua Leinweber

Cayden Metzger

24 - Janet Truemner

25 - Bailey Krzeszewski

Vida Fluegge

26 - Macy Reinhardt

Raymond Fritz

28 - James Gilbert

30 - James Albrecht

Ava Dubs

Alexis Gilbert

IN HIS SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER

Elders

Sept. 6 - Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

Sept. 13 - Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar

Sept. 20 - Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

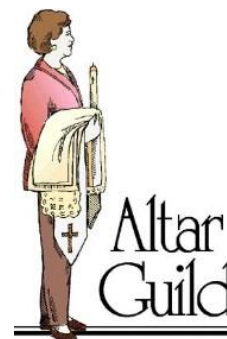
Sept. 27 - Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

Tithe Counters

Sept. 13 - Jyl Shope & Kris Gilbert

Sept. 27 - Brandy Gunsell, Liz Reehl & Jen Timmons

Diane Dubs
Kim Dorland



Happy Anniversary



- 4 - Dan & Susan Dubs
- 5 - Ron & Laura Dubs
- 11 - Ron & Wendy Tabar
- 12 - Norbert & Liz Reehl
- 16 - Ken & Cathy Haley
- 19 - Craig & Tina Sears
- 20 - Jeramy & Melissa Deming
- 22 - Jeff & Debbie Leinweber
- 25 - Brian & Susan Schember
- 27 - Richard & Elaine Renn



September Altar Flowers

Janet Truemner
Kari Ricker

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	2	3	4	5 9:00 AM Service @ GS
6 8:30 AM Service 9:45 AM Ladies Aid Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12 9:00 AM Service @ GS
13 8:30 AM Service	14 6:30 PM Bible Study	15	16 9:00 AM Bible Study @ St. Paul	17	18	19 9:00 AM Service @ GS
20 8:30 AM Service 9:45 AM SS Rally Day Corn Maze Field Trip 1:30 PM Catechism	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22	23 9:00 AM Bible Study @ St. Paul	24	25	26 9:00 AM Service @ GS
27 8:30 AM Service 9:45 SS & Youth Group Horseradish Peeling 1:30 PM Catechism	28 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30 9:00 AM Bible Study @ St. Paul			

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

Sunday School
Rally Day – Corn Maze Field Trip
Sunday, September 20, 2020