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When brought before Emperor Charles V in 1521, Martin Luther was under extreme pressure to retract what he had been writing concerning Christ and His Church. He was called on to stop publishing and teaching at the threat of being deemed an outlaw within the empire. As he stood before the Emperor, he spoke these famous words:

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures and or by clear reason... I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me. Amen.

(Luther at the Diet of Worms, April 1521)



Here I stand. Luther's remarks flow from the fountainhead of Scripture. What had been clouded over for years once again was being proclaimed boldly - the crucifixion and blood of Christ is the complete and total hope of salvation for sinners who look upon that holy death to justify them before God. This is the truth of Scripture and the comfort of the cross of Christ. Luther would not back down or buckle because the truth was at stake. Here I stand.

It is because of God's work through Luther and his colleagues that we celebrate Reformation Day in the church. The truth of Christ continues to go out. We are inheritors of this great heritage built on the truth that sinners are justified before God by grace alone through faith alone for the sake of Christ alone, a truth revealed to us in Scripture alone. These are the things that saturate the landscape of the Lutheran Church. From our great and strong Reformation era hymns to our highest regard of God's Word and reverence before the altar of Christ, we are bathed from the great fountainhead from which Luther and the Reformers also drank.

We too should say *Here I Stand*. We should stand firm on all of what has been handed down to us in a world that seeks to confound us. Because what has been handed down to us is the clear and beautiful announcement of Jesus alone as our Redeemer and our hope in the midst of fear. "In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). We are under pressure to deny not only this truth but other truths which flow from Holy Scripture, such as: God creates life at conception; marriage is one man and one woman. If we begin to deny parts of the truth of the Word of the Lord, we are in grave danger of denying the Lord Himself. Luther understood this well and staked everything he had on God's clear Word and the mercy of Jesus' shed blood - *Here I Stand*.

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Have you been away from church for a while, the place where the life giving Word of the Lord goes out and Jesus hands over His blood to you? Come and rediscover anew this most wonderful gift which caused Luther to confess *Here I Stand*. Let's bask and be strengthened together once again in what the Reformers were so thrilled to defend - the very truth of God's Word and the mercy for sinners found in the the crucified and risen Christ. He places himself in our midst each Lord's Day by His Word and Supper to give life and salvation to us who are surrounded by chaos and pressure so that on the last day we will stand bathed in His mercy.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God Jacob is our fortress.

Happy Reformation Day,

- Pastor Suggitt

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EXPLANATION OF LUTHER'S SEAL

The black cross in the center reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. The red heart reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior. The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation. The white rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit, who makes us pure and holy in God's sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for him. The sky blue background pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in him. Finally, the golden ring outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance—a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior's presence.



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, September 8, 2020 following our worship service. The meeting opened with a devotion based on I Corinthians 12:4 – 7, 'every person in the faith has simple gifts to be used for the kingdom.'

Eleven ladies answered roll call. The secretary's report from the August 9, 2020 meeting was read. A motion was made by Janet Truemner and supported by Wanda Dubs to accept the Secretary's report as read. Carried.

Treasurer Ruth Kumaus gave account of the Ladies Aid treasury.

Old Business:

1. Discussion was held on the bazaar.

- Questions were asked about the gift baskets – how they could be viewed, etc. Ruth Kumaus explained.
- An order form will be included in a special 'Epistles' issue that will be sent to members. It will include the following:

Cut-Out cookies
Assorted cookies/bars
Butterhorns
Nut tarts

Pies
Apple – double crust or
crumb topped
Baked or frozen

Cherry
Baked or frozen

Pumpkin
Rhubarb
Baked or frozen

- ❖ Pie pans and containers are available for anyone wishing to bake pies

Horseradish
Honey

- The information sheet will also include a list of bazaar volunteers needed.
 - a. volunteers to bake cookies and pies.
 - b. Volunteer to assemble orders on October 16th.
 - c. Volunteers to distribute the orders on October 17th.

New Business:

1. Sandy presented information concerning the 'Blessing Boxes' – a project being done by Melissa Deming and a co-worker to help some of the less fortunate in the Thumb. After discussion a motion was made by Joyce Metzger; supported by Wendy Tabar to donate \$500 to this worthy cause as well as placing a box for donations at the church; carried. Needed items include: non-perishable food, laundry items, hygiene products, diapers, wipes and cleaning products.
2. Sandy also presented some information concerning Huron County Safe Place. The effects of the Covid 19 outbreak and the resulted confinement has brought about an increase in the number of women and children who have sought their help. After discussion was held a motion was made by Jyl Shope; supported by Shirley Fritz to donate \$1,000 to Safe Place; carried.
3. Ruth Kumaus reported that we have a new seminarian to support. His name is Christian Mundorf and he is from Saline, Michigan. Ruth made a motion that we increase the dollar amount given quarterly to \$200 effective October 2020; supported by Joyce Metzger; carried.
4. Sandy mentioned that we should start thinking about who we would support at Christmas. We will discuss after our fall sale.

A motion was made by Jyl Shope and supported by Wanda Dubs to adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with singing the Doxology and saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido – Secretary



Horseradish

Update

We will be selling horseradish as part of the pre-order canned goods sale on October 17th. Please fill out a pre-order form to purchase yours. Cost is \$4/half pint or \$8/pint.

On Sunday, September 27th we had about 20 volunteers (adults, youth, and Sunday school) help peel, grind, and package. Thanks to all the wonderful help, we successfully filled 216 half pint and 27 pint jars in under 3 hours! If we sell all of the jars, our profit will be \$1080 – just from horseradish!

The group worked like a fine-oiled machine. The weather was perfect for peeling outside, which really helped with ventilation.

Thank you to everyone who helped – from the Thrivent grant, to digging, to cleaning, to peeling, to grinding, to packaging, to hauling, to clean-up. We are truly blessed with fine Christian men, women, and children at St. Paul.

Susan Schember



The deadline for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be **Sunday, October 25, 2020**. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs



In case you missed the last note:

We would like to get the families involved in Sunday School this year. We will start with a big group class spread out at tables in the fellowship hall. The offering can will be on the table. Kids can place their offering in the can and then take a seat. Parents are asked to stay with their kids to help with social distancing and keeping the kids focused on the lesson. We will provide snacks at the tables.

When Pastor leaves to go to Caseville, we will have music, or puppet skit, or craft/activity. Class will be done at 10:15 a.m. Each week Pastor will also give the kids a memory verse. Please practice it with them during the week, so they know it the following week! There might even be some little prizes to encourage participation.

Another change to start the school year – we are planning some family field trips. Families are invited to meet in the fellowship hall immediately after church service. We will have a quick message from Pastor Suggitt as a group, and then we will leave for the field trips. Our first trip was to Kohl Farms Corn Maze. We had a great turnout – 25 kids at Sunday School and 40 kids and parents attended the maze!



The next family event will be Sunday, October 11th. Again, Pastor Suggitt will have a short message in the fellowship hall and we will have a snack. Then everyone is encouraged to come with the kids to tour Smith's Alpaca Farm near Gagetown. Then on **Sunday, November 1st** we will have a hayride and bonfire.



Susan Schember, Sunday School Superintendent
586 246-4567

Get the Scoop on Youth Group!



Pumpkin Sales: We picked pumpkins on Sunday, September 20th. Amy Haag made sloppy joes and Grace Suggitt donated frozen yogurt for the kids lunch.

We had 10 families help pick pumpkins and put them on trailers at 4 area homes.

One week after we put the pumpkins out, the kids have already made about \$500 in donations and we have less than 50 pumpkins left! The monies raised will go to Youth Group and Sunday School to provide Christmas Gifts for our Adopt-A-Family event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a very successful fundraiser – tilling, planting, weeding, picking, hauling, selling, and buying!

Next youth group work day is Saturday, November 7th 6-8pm. We will be packaging soups and turnovers for the pre-order sale.

PRE-ORDER SOUP AND SWEETS SALE:



Youth Group sponsoring a Pre-Order Soup and Sweets Sale. **All orders must be turned in BY Sunday, October 27th.**

We are taking orders for Quart Soups and Fruit Turnovers:

Quart soup will be \$7/each:

Chicken Noodle

Creamy Potato

Navy Bean with Ham

Vegetable Beef with Barley

Low-carb Zuppa Tuscano

(We will do another soup sale with more flavors on another date)

Turnovers will be \$2.50/each:

Cherry

Raspberry

Apple

Cherry with Cream Cheese

Raspberry with Cream Cheese

Pickup will be Sunday, November 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Everyone from St. Paul is invited to take an order form!**



Thanksgiving Feast Donations

We were gifted a Thrivent Grant from Janet Truemner for our Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving Event.

Thanks to the Thrivent grant, we will be providing a Thanksgiving Meal grocery package to 4 area families – one from Cass City, Lakers, USA, and Bad Axe Schools. *Youth group kids will be asked to help package the gifts on Sunday, November 22nd immediately following Sunday School.*

Susan Sember, Youth Group Leader
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.



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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.



Bible Study continues at 6:30 p.m. on Monday night.

Why not come and grow in God's Word?

We will meet in the fellowship hall. This Bible Study is geared for Jr. High through adult ages.



St. Paul Adopts New Seminary Student

As we seek to support the proclamation of the Gospel, St. Paul has received a new seminary student to support as he receives theological training in order to be placed into the Office of the Holy Ministry. Seminarian Christian Mundorf is in his second year of study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He hails from Saline, Michigan and is a graduate of Valparaiso University.

Please remember seminarian Mundorf as we pray for him and also support him with financial assistance as he seeks to serve in our Lord's church.

Christian Mundorf
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FORGIVEN



IF YOU FORGIVE ANYONE HIS SINS,
THEY ARE FORGIVEN
(JOHN 20:23)

This **Higher Things Conference** is coming to Michigan again this summer! Our plans for last year came to an end with the cancellation due to Covid. But take heart, we can plan for summer 2021. The conference will take place July 20-23 at Calvin University, Grand Rapids and geared is toward students in 6th - 12th grade. Early Bird registration begins Nov. 1. For more information see Pastor Suggitt or go to higherthings.org.



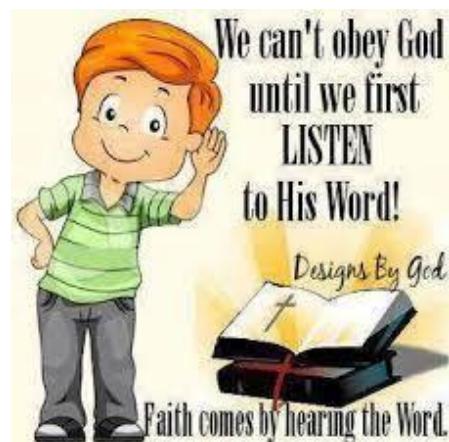
Dear saints, opportunities for you to grow in God's Word are available and encouraged. We have small booklets covering different topics located in the rack in the narthex. Take them home with you - they are yours to keep. You will also find in the rack some guidance on how to conduct daily devotions in your home.

Bible Study is offered every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. We are currently working through the Gospel of Matthew.

Sunday School after church is meant for the entire family. Hear the Word of God with your children and discuss these great truths as you raise your children in the faith.

Your word is lamp to my feet and light to my path.

Psalm 119:105



If you desire to submit your offering to the church on your phone or computer, you can! Visit our website **stpaullinkville.org** and navigate to the online giving link, follow the prompts, and your offering will go to the church. It's an easy way for you to continue to support the work of the Gospel here at St. Paul.

NOTE TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN:

Using this option will no longer let your children see you place your offering in the plate and ask questions about how and why we regularly give. Thus, you will need to initiate this important conversation with them and show them that you are using this new way to give to the church.

We hope this electronic giving is simple and effective for you to use if you choose to do so.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 02	Matthew Gaeth
October 03	Jason Reinhardt
October 04	Shelby Carlisle
	Jayce Sears
October 05	Brenden Ricker
October 07	Liz Reehl
October 08	Mabel Kain
October 09	Kim Dorland
	Kris Gilbert
	Hope Gilbert
	Marcia Kundinger
	Steven Roeber
October 10	Todd Nowaczyk
	Alan Kumaus
October 11	Kaitlyn Reehl
	Chuck Dorland
	Dean Kreh
October 12	Sara Reinhardt
	Kathleen Kovach
	McKenzie Reinhardt
	Tammy Haag
October 13	Brad Renn
	Michael Wissner
October 14	Tyler Parrish
	Amy Richmond
October 16	Herschel Adams
	Sawyer Ondrajka
	Sailor Ondrajka
October 17	Branden Albrecht
	Shirley Fritz
	Jodi Reinhardt
	Laura Dubs
October 18	Diane Wildman
	Lynette Ziehm
	Wyatt Romzek
October 19	James David Gilbert
October 20	Beverly Liedke
October 21	Holly Byrnes
	Marc Reinhardt
October 22	Ace Albrecht
	Sylas Albrecht
	Maeson Kady
October 23	Kari Osantoski
October 24	Warren Stoeckle
October 25	Ron Dubs
October 26	Deb Leinweber
October 27	Margaret Timmons
October 28	Madalyn Adams
	Faye Errer
	Sheila Truemner
	Sheryl Wenskay
October 30	Erika Schember
	Josh Schember
October 31	Faith Suggitt

IN HIS SERVICE

Elders

- Oct. 4 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar
- Oct. 11 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
- Oct. 18 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
- Oct. 25 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar

Tithe Counters

- Oct. 11 – Kim Krohn & Patti Reinhardt
- Oct. 25 – Kari Ricker/Liz Reehl & Ruth Fluegge

October Altar Guild

- Brandy Gunsell
- Tiffany O'Hare

October Altar Flowers

- Margaret Timmons
- Tammy Timmons



October 1	Mike & Mindy Zmierski
October 02	Richard & Kim Krohn
October 07	Scott & Karen Gaeth
October 15	Jimmy & Amy Richmond
October 20	Ellery & Shirley Fritz
October 22	Jeremy & Rebecca Wright
October 24	Dean & Julie Kreh
October 26	Ken & Dorothy Rathje

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 AM Divine Service @ Good Shepherd
4 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM SS Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	5 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	7 9:00 AM Bible Class @ Good Shepherd	8	9	10 9:00 AM Divine Service @ Good Shepherd
11 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM SS Trip to Alpaca Farm 1:30 PM Catechism	12 6:30 PM Bible Study	13	14 9:00 AM Bible Class @ Good Shepherd	15	16	17 9:00 AM Divine Service @ Good Shepherd 10:00-2:00 PM Pick Up Date
18 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM SS 1:30 PM Catechism	19 6:30 PM Bible Study	20	21 9:00 AM Bible Class @ Good Shepherd	22	23	24 9:00 AM Divine Service @ Good Shepherd
25 8:30 AM Worship Reformation Observed 9:30 AM SS 1:30 PM Catechism	26 6:30 PM Bible Study	27	28 9:00 AM Bible Class @ Good Shepherd St. Simon and St. Jude	29	30	31 9:00 AM Divine Service @ Good Shepherd Reformation Day

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