



St. Paul's

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But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

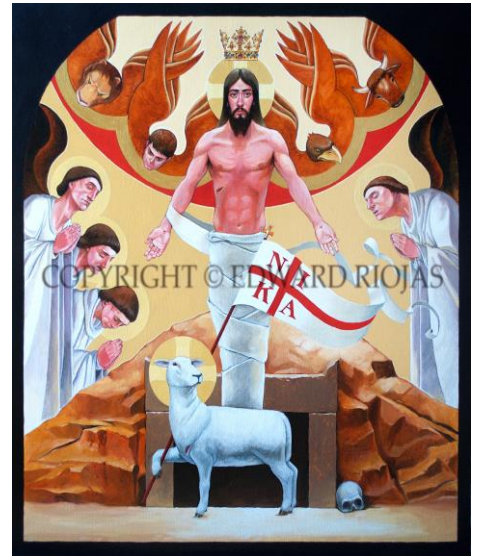
The Easter celebration continues. It is ongoing in the church year until the day of Pentecost. Well, actually, we never stop with our Easter joy because every Sunday is considered a "little Easter." Jesus rose from the grave on that day and that's why Christians have gathered on Sunday ever since. We gather to receive the good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose triumphant and still dwells with us by His Word and Supper. So as the church counts her days, we are still in the season Easter during this month and the beauty of Christ's resurrection is still fresh before our eyes.

Therefore, I would like to turn your attention to one of the pieces of art purchased for St. Paul's 125th anniversary back in 2019. The depiction of our resurrected Lord is one part of a larger piece, but that which hangs on our wall speaks volumes and points to what we confess here every Lord's Day: *He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures.*

Hanging near the exterior doors in our church is Christ risen from the dead. He is the Lamb of God that John the Baptist pointed at - slain for our sins but now alive. Notice the crucifixion wounds in the flesh of Jesus which Thomas was implored to notice and also the wound bearing Lamb who holds the victorious banner. The banner reads "NIKA," which is Greek for "victory" or "conquer" and displays a cross which is red like the blood of Jesus spilled for our redemption.

Death lies dead at the foot of the empty tomb where the skull lies as we are reminded of Ezekiel 37: *can these bones live?* The answer comes from the Lord, *I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.*

Heaven is depicted in the piece stooping down as the four creatures - representing the four Holy Evangelists; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - surround Him as Jesus takes center stage with His crown and tri-radiant nimbus (the circle around His head) declaring Him Lord of all. The angels and the heavenly host worship the risen Christ; the victorious Lamb.



Take a minute or two and explore this beautiful artwork. It hangs where you can see it before you depart out the doors and into the world so that you would hold tight to the fact that Jesus is risen from the dead and therefore you need not fear it anymore. He was slain, is risen, and has won the victory. And we, His saints, are the spoils of His battle. Let all creation bend the knee at Christ risen from the dead.

The peace of Christ be with you,

Pastor Suggitt



Mother-Daughter Brunch & Bridal Show

**Saturday, May 8th
11:00 a.m.**

All girls and women are invited to come enjoy a delicious brunch with coffee/tea/hot chocolate bar, followed by a fashion show!

We are looking for wedding gowns from St. Paul members and from those who were married in our church. Brides, mother-of-the bride, bridesmaids, and flower girl dresses are needed. **If you are willing to have your dress or dresses in the show, please bring them to the church by Sunday, April 25th.** If you'd like to model your dress, please let me know. If you want to show your dress but not model it, we will find someone to model it for you! And, if any dresses are too delicate to be worn, we would still love to display them.

It would also be fun to display our members' wedding photos or albums. A special table will be set up, if you are willing to display yours that day.



This event will be free to attend, but we will be collecting DIAPERS, WIPES, ONESIES, AND BABY FOOD OR FORMULA for Positive Alternatives in Bad Axe. Please bring your donations that day! We will also be distributing baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign on that date. Bottles are to be filled with loose change and returned to church on Father's Day. All bottles will be donated back to Positive Alternatives. And finally, bring your wallet, because we will be selling raffle tickets to raffle off the plants/flowers that will be used as centerpieces at the event. All proceeds will go directly to Positive Alternatives.

For your information: **Families will be seated at their own tables to allow for proper social distancing.** The fashion show will happen in the fellowship hall, so we won't need to move in a large group into the sanctuary. For anyone who may not feel comfortable attending, we will be videotaping the fashion show to put on our church website for your viewing pleasure.

There is a sign-up sheet posted, so we can plan enough food for the group and a proper seating arrangement. Hope to see all the ladies there!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Registration 2021

VBS will be held June 14-17 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. 3yrs. to 6th grade

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Home Church: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Are you willing to volunteer? Y N Are you willing to provide snacks? Y N

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Sunday School End-of-Year Information

We are down to the last few weeks of Sunday School for this school year. Almost all of the Sunday school families were able to attend Easter breakfast and Festival service, but unfortunately a week later we had four families stuck at home due to Covid quarantine. It's been difficult to fill the church pews, but we are making slow progress. Have faith and be strong – God never gives us more than we can handle.

Things to know:

We will be making Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts during class on Sunday, May 9th. We will also be playing bells during service that day. I hope all the kids can be there that day for this fun event.



The following weekend is Recognition Sunday and last day of Sunday School – May 16th. The kids will be playing bells on that day too! We will also have donuts and beverages after service. Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall for a snack and short message from Pastor.

Sunday School will be providing the meal for VBS on Thursday, June 17th. I will need help with set-up, serving, cleanup, desserts, and snacks that day.

Make sure to register for VBS! Forms are available at Sunday School. Please get them in by June 5th. Feel free to get friends and family to register also.

Susan Schember, Sunday School Superintendent
586 246-4567 bssandsks@yahoo.com



June 14 – 17 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Youngsters 3 years old thru 6th grade

Registration forms are available at Sunday School and attached to this newsletter. Please register by June 5th. You can drop them off in the office or email directly to me at bssandsks@yahoo.com. Feel free to get your friends and family to register also.

7th grade and older are encouraged to come and volunteer with recess, music, crafts and helping with the littlest kids. I'm hoping to set up tents for the classrooms outside. Crafts and music will be inside. Choir, Church Council, Ladies Aid, and Sunday School/Youth Group will be providing meals and snacks each night.

I am planning some great crafts, but I need some help preparing them. If you are good with wood and tools, please let me know right away. Volunteers will be needed in many areas. If you can help, please let me know!

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ATTENTION GRADUATES

May, June (and last December) are high school and college graduation months.

If you have a graduating senior, please submit a headshot (black & white if possible) along with:



Name of Graduate
Parent's/Grandparent's
Names
Your School
Degree Earned (if applicable)
Future Plans

All information can be dropped off on Sandy's desk or emailed directly to her salcido.sandy8@gmail.com by May 23rd so they can be included in the June issue of the "Epistles". We want to celebrate your accomplishments too, so Graduate Recognition at St. Paul will be held on Sunday, June 20th. All graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown to church that day. After service, you will be asked to stand and tell the members of the congregation where you graduated from and what your future plans are.

The Special Events committee will serve donuts and beverages in the fellowship hall immediately after church. Everybody is invited to celebrate YOU!

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



Individuals or families who desire to receive the Lord's Supper should contact Pastor Suggitt to set up a time. This can be done in a safe way for those with concerns. (989)551-3976.



The deadline for articles for the June issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, June 20, 2021. Email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

Thanks for keeping the congregation informed about what's going at St. Paul.



Member DIRECTORY

YOUR PHOTOS ARE NEEDED!

Have you had your family photo taken yet for the new St. Paul Church Directory? We haven't done one in a long time.

If you have not, please contact Susan Schember 586 246-4567 as soon as possible to schedule your appointment. We're taking pictures on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings or evenings, and Sundays after church. Planning to print and bind in June – so please don't delay!!!

If you CANNOT make it into the church to get your photo taken, please email a head and shoulders picture to Sandy at the church office by May 22nd salcido.sandy8@gmail.com

We also need the following information:

Family Last Name
First Name(s) of Family Members
Home Phone
Cell Number(s)
Home Address
Email Address



How would you like to receive your newsletter – by email or snail mail?
youth group updates



Youth activities

The youth group served Easter breakfast to about 80 people this year. It was a big success, even with masks and social distancing in place. We had 22 youth and adults help with breakfast and cleanup! Couldn't do it without you! Everyone seemed to enjoy the breakfast, and they were generous in giving to our free-will offering! Thanks to all who donated – we are happy to report that we raised almost \$450 for the Ken Shepard family.

Our next Youth Group event is the Soup and Sandwich fundraiser. We will be packaging and sorting orders on Saturday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m. I'll plan dinner for everyone who comes to help! This will be our last fundraising event until fall. Proceeds will benefit: Pigeon Food Pantry, Orphan Grain Train, Imagination Library, and Christian Mundorf.

On Sunday, May 23rd we will be planting pumpkins after our church service (weather permitting). Please bring outdoor clothes to change into after church.

Vacation Bible School is June 14-17th 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. All youth in Junior High and older are encouraged to volunteer to help. We will need volunteers for crafts, recess, registration/sign-in table, preschool buddies, and clean-up. Let me know which days you can help! Youth Group/Sunday School will be providing the meal for VBS on Thursday, June 17th. I will need help with setup, serving, cleanup, desserts, and snacks that night.

I'm planning a summer Youth Group Go-Kart trip to Key North in Caseville. Watch your email and Remind App for date and time!

Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader
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Fall family trip?!

I'd like to plan a church family field trip to The Ark Encounter in Kentucky this fall. I am currently looking into group pricing, a possible passenger bus, hotel rates, and date options. This will likely require an overnite stay on the night before, as it is a 7 hour drive from the church, but I think it's totally worth looking in to.

The Youth Group will be able to pay for most of this event. Let me know your thoughts!

Susan Schember



Mother's Day and Father's Day are just around the corner. Looking for gift ideas??? Check out the Lady gift baskets....and we've started to work on the Men's/Sports baskets too.

Gift Baskets are located in the basement kitchen area. Any questions, contact Ruth Kumaus at 734-730-0129 or rak0514@yahoo.com



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| <p>Mabel Kain Country Gardens 203 N. Caseville Rd. Room 401 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3374</p> | <p>Beverly Liedke 160 Country Bay Drive Room 308 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3637</p> |
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A brief meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, April 11, 2021 following our worship service.

Seven ladies answered roll call. A thank you was read from the Huron County Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund of the Huron County Community Foundation for the donation given by the Ladies Aid at Christmas time. They stated that with our support, they can continue to strive toward their goal of improving the quality of life in Huron County.

Ruth Kumaus reported on the Cheeseball Fundraiser to assist the Ken Shepard Family. With support from our members as well as families and friends we were able to contribute \$1,674.00 to the Ken Shepard Fund.

Ruth Fluegge had called Thrivent with a question concerning an idea she had for some Thrivent money. She had a lengthy discussion with the Thrivent representative. Ruth then discussed different uses besides fundraising for Thrivent grants.

A motion was made Ruth Kumaus to adjourn the meeting; supported by Jyl Shope. Carried.

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

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido – Secretary



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A BIG THANK YOU goes out to The Marc & Jodi Reinhardt Family, Jason Reinhardt, and Richard & Ruth Fluegge for all your help with cleanup at the Easter Breakfast! You guys really did a super job and made my day go smoothly! God Bless You All – Susan

To Molly, Grace, Faith, Claire, Henry, Lance (and Tristan), Taylor, Anyssa, Erika, Isaac, Josh, Brian, Brandy, Amy, Melissa for helping make Easter Breakfast a huge success! Getting up early isn't always easy, but you guys rocked it out! Thanks again! – Susan

To Zachary Schember – Zach will be attending the Honors College at Oakland University in the fall. He has received the Presidential Scholarship from OU! Zachary will be graduating from Armada High School and Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences as a Distinguished Scholar. Good luck at Oakland in the fall!

To the Sunday School kids for beautifying the Easter Festival Service with your singing and bells! It was so great to hear you all praising the Lord with music! Good Job!

To The Cheeseball Crew – Don Parrish, Joe Salcido, Rich Fluegge, Patti Reinhardt, Peggy Parrish, Diane Wildman, Marge Weisenbach, Joyce Metzger, Margaret Timmons, and Ruth Kumaus (for your accounting skills) – In a matter of 3 hours we produced 187 cheeseballs and helped make a great contribution to the Ken Shepard Family. Great Job!

Rich Fluegge, our head Trustee for all the hours he puts in keeping things running smoothly at St. Paul. The fellowship hall looks sparkling! Check it out!

*Cease to hear instruction, my son, and you
will stray from the words of knowledge.*

Proverb 19:27



One of the responsibilities of your elders is to encourage our members to routinely seek knowledge by regularly attending services. When we regularly attend services, we gain that knowledge by hearing God's word.

I still remember returning to school every fall. I often needed 'refresher quizzes' on things we had learned the previous year. Soon the wheels in my brain would begin turning again and it became easier to learn.

Perhaps you 'know someone' or 'are someone' who hasn't been attending regular services. It could be something as simple as your encouragement that results in that 'someone' returning to hear God's word, and to once again gain the knowledge that we have strayed from.

I'm urging each person who reads this to be 'that encouraging elder' and reach out to that 'someone'.

Sincerely,

An "Encouraging" Elder



Any of these items are welcome for the Food Pantry at any time.

Crackers
Cereal
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Fruit Juices
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ketchup
Mustard
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent
Shampoo
Conditioner
Tooth Paste
Canned Spaghetti-O's
Canned Ravioli, etc.
Tuna Fish
Boxed Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beans of all kinds
Ramen Noodles

Please be sure to check the 'use by' date on all your items. Thank you.

LIFE QUOTES

"It's a terrible thing to see any life that is used and abused instead of being protected and cared for. The value of life should not be based on the benefits it can offer. So we pray to the Lord to move all people to value and appreciate all life as God's gift." *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

BIRTHDAYS!

3rd - Cory Fritz
 Harrison Conrad
 6th - Wendy Tabar
 8th - Mark Sticken
 9th - Tonya Parrish
 10th - Mindy Zmierski
 Zane Schember
 12th - Susan Errer
 Kayla Parrish
 13th - Nevaeh Parrish
 14th - Ruth Kumaus
 16th - Gabriel Rogers
 19th - Michelle Gayari
 Susan Dubs
 21st - Melissa Deming
 Ken Errer, Jr.
 Rebecca Wright
 22nd - Loren Stein II
 25th - Daniel Dubs
 26th - Manuel Thies
 28th - Jaime Harmer
 29th - Ava Gies
 31st - Julie Kreh
 Chloe Collon



5th - Henry & Ava Gies
 7th - Marc & Jodi Reinhardt
 8th - Chad & Jennifer Timmons
 Don & Peggy Parrish
 10th - Joe & Sandy Salcido
 11th - Todd & Michelle Murphy
 17th - Dennis & Fern Dubs
 Pastor & Sheryl Wenskey
 21st - Rich & Heidi Perkins
 23rd - Kevin & Sheila Truemner
 26th - Branden & Jessica Albrecht
 29th - Jeff & Erin Shuboy

IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

May 2 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 May 9 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
 May 13 – Joe Salcido
 May 16 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 May 23 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar
 May 30 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

TITHE COUNTERS

May 16 – Jyl Shope & Kris Gilbert
 May 30 – Brandy Gunsell & Jen Timmons

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Janet Truemner
 Kari Ricker

MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Janet Truemner
 Kari Ricker



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

As you do your spring cleaning please know that the need for new and gently used clothing is constant at Orphan Grain.

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*)

May

| <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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| 2 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism | 3 6:30 PM Bible Study | 4 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 11:00 AM Mother Daughter Brunch & Bridal Show |
| 9 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School No Catechism | 10 6:30 PM Bible Study | 11 | 12 | 13 7:00 PM Ascension of Our Lord | 14 | 15 |
| 16 8:30 AM Service Sunday School Recognition Day 1:30 PM Catechism | 17 6:30 PM Bible Study | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 8:30 AM Pentecost Catechism Examination | 24 6:30 PM Bible Study | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 8:30 AM The Holy Trinity | 31 No Bible Study | |  | | | |

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Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.