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The daylight hours have grown longer. This is a welcomed sight along with warmer weather. During the winter, I always seem to get really tired right after dinner but when summer rolls around those cobwebs are easily shaken off by a few more hours of daylight. Longer days mean I can get more things done. It is a welcomed scenario.

It also means more time with my family. The children don't go to bed as early when school is out and Kristen and I can play outside with them until nine or ten o'clock. We love to have more time together because we know before long these children will grow up, leave our house, and, Lord willing, have their own families to grow and play with.

How will you spend your summer? Are there things you're hoping to accomplish? Looking forward to longer days to get that flower bed or garden just right? I hope you have something to enjoy along with your family.

Whatever you have on your to-do list for the next few months, I would like to encourage you to a renewed devotion of taking up God's Word. It delivers the Light that scatters all darkness – Jesus. Not scattering the darkness for just a few months of the year but throughout your whole life in Him. Among your plans this summer, make devotional time one of your top priorities. Read the Bible, confess the Catechism, pray, and sing hymns. Consider it a welcomed scenario to grow not only plants this summer but more importantly to grow in the one true faith of our Lord. Of all the things you may find important on your list this summer, this is the most important – and doubly so if you have children. They are watching you. They are learning from you. They are watching and learning to see what is important.



Now is the time to grow deep roots because the ever-changing winds of the world are seeking to blow down that which is shallow. Fundamental truths are being hidden under the cover of darkness so as to stunt growth which comes from the Light. The Christian doctrine of creation is replaced by the evolutionary myth that humans are descendants of animals. The unique traits and roles of men and women as given by the Creator are being eroded all around us. The blessing of family and holy marriage as God's bedrock for a good society is under constant attack. A church which holds to God's truth will be tested by the flaming arrows of political correctness.

Therefore, there is no better time than now to take up God's Word, meditating on it day and night and finding delight in the law of the Lord. The one who does that is *like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither* (see Psalm 1). The roots will be deep and keep the Christian firm in Christ as Jesus and His great blessings are continually revealed anew each day. The doctrine of orthodox Christianity will continue to delight and comfort the faithful hearer as they put on the full armor of God against the flaming arrows.

If you are looking for help on how to start or continue a practice of enjoying the Light of God's Word this summer, here are a few places to start:

- Regularly attend the Divine Service. This is the place where Jesus meets you tangibly in His Word read and preached, His Absolution, and His Supper. From this, all other things flow. This is the foundation and absolutely essential.
- Choose an order for your devotional time and keep using it to become familiar with its parts. There are blue sheets in the literature rack in the narthex to aid you in this. Perhaps choose a few solid, Lutheran hymns over the course of this time to know and sing by heart. See Pastor Suggitt for suggestions.
- The Sunday bulletin has readings from the Scriptures laid out in day by day chunks. If you read these for a year, you will have read a great portion of the Bible.
- Take up the Small Catechism. You will never outgrow its truth which is based on Scripture. Commit it to memory once again, part by part. This is important for families with children. They are never too young to begin repeating back to you the Commandments, The Creed, and The Lord's Prayer.
- Use one of the pamphlets in the literature rack titled "A Simple Explanation Of..." to explore God's Word on a specific topic during your devotional time. Spend the summer working your way through all of them.
- Make use of the periodical "The Lutheran Witness" in the narthex for additional casual reading. Our synod's magazine has begun to put together some great issues that keep you thinking theologically with Jesus as the center.
- Attend Bible Study. As we continue to be learners (that's what *disciple* means), we learn to see Jesus and His great truth revealed in His Word. This is where you can safely ask questions and have those roots deepened by the Biblical narrative as the Holy Spirit attends to the Word.

The light of summer is great. The light of Jesus is better. Relish in the light of His Word this summer even as you take up other tasks His beautiful creation brings. Rejoice in the Word which is the power of God unto salvation for it showers us with Jesus who was crucified, raised, and ascended - all for you.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...
Colossians 3:16

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Suggitt



Pictures have been taken. Information has been collected. Photos are being developed for congregants to choose the pose they like best. Then the directory will be typed, edited, printed and bound.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE IN THE DIRECTORY BUT DID NOT GET A PHOTO TAKEN OR SENT IN, YOU MUST DO SO RIGHT AWAY. We would like to include as many congregation members as possible, but we are still missing many people's pictures and updated contact information. Send your photo and your contact info to Sandy via email: salcido.sandy8@gmail.com. We need this info: Last Name, First Name, correct mailing address, telephone number(s), and email address.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

It's simple & fun!

The Baby Bottle Boomerang began on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day, June 20th. There are still bottles left so why not grab one today?

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. Thank you for supporting this cause.

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



Graduate Recognition

High School and College Graduates are invited to wear their cap and gowns to church on Sunday, June 20th. After service, you will be invited to stand in front of the congregation to tell where you graduated and what your future plans are.

A reception with donuts and beverages will be provided in the fellowship hall for everyone!



If your youth group student is in 7th grade or older and they are available, we could really use their help at Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed to help keep the littlest kids focused and on-task in class, during craft time and music, and even at recess. Please let me know if your student is free to help!

The pumpkins have been planted. We had 11 kids help plant the seeds after church on May 23rd. The kids were rewarded with ice cream treats after we finished!

We will pull or hoe weeds in the pumpkin patch on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The more helpers we have, the faster we will finish. This is a big fundraiser for our youth, so please bring them or encourage them to come help out. Thanks to the nice person who donated the big pail of PREEN to help keep the weeds at bay!

Update from Soup and Sandwich Sale: We raised about \$1,200 on our last fundraiser until this fall. The profits will be divided and donated to: Christian Mundorf, Orphan Grain Train, Pigeon Food Bank, Imagination Library, and St Paul Sunday School. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.



I am planning a go-kart day in Port Austin for Youth Group kids in July. Watch for date and time!

Susan Schember, Youth Group Director
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We completed our Sunday School year with Recognition Sunday on May 16th. The 2020/21 Sunday School year was different than we've historically had, but we made it through. It was fun getting to know each family a little better, and it was wonderful seeing the families learning about God's love for us each week.

I am hopeful to have Sunday School in classrooms again this fall, but that is yet to be determined. A decision will be made later in the summer, so stay tuned for plans as they become available! Whether we have individual classes or group classes, we will continue to plan family field trips and activities every 4-6 weeks throughout the school year.

If you are interested in teaching or helping with crafts/activities, or if you have an idea for an outing – please let me know! MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Rally Day is tentatively Sunday, Sept 12, 2021.

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Vacation Bible School

Come Follow Jesus at VBS June 14-17th 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Bring your kids to hear the Good News from Pastor Suggitt and from their teachers in class, learn some Christian songs, make some cool crafts, have dinner and snacks, and play with friends at recess.

All children are invited to attend –ages 3 years through 6th grade. If you haven't registered yet, please do so asap. By pre-registering, we know how many crafts to prepare and how many meals and snacks to prepare.

We need lots of helpers/volunteers. Volunteers are needed for crafts, music, in-class buddies, counting offering, cleanup and setup, taking pictures, and recess assistance. Please let me know if you can help!



BRING A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT. All kids and volunteers will be painting a VBS t-shirt on Monday or Tuesday. Everyone will wear their shirt on Thursday!

The kids will be asked to bring an offering each day. We will have a competition, because it encourages the kids to give AND it is fun! Each day we will weigh the offering to see who brings in the heaviest, and then it will be counted to see who brings in the most \$. Instead of doing Boys VS Girls; this year we will do younger kids VS older kids. The money we raise will be used to help fill The Blessing Boxes that Melissa Deming has placed all over the Thumb. The Blessing Boxes provide food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries to in-need families in our community.

Dinner will be provided each night. Choir will provide dinner and snack on Monday. Ladies Aid will provide dinner and snack on Tuesday. Church Council has Wednesday, and Youth Group will finish with Thursday dinner and snack. Thanks to all of you for feeding the kids and volunteers!

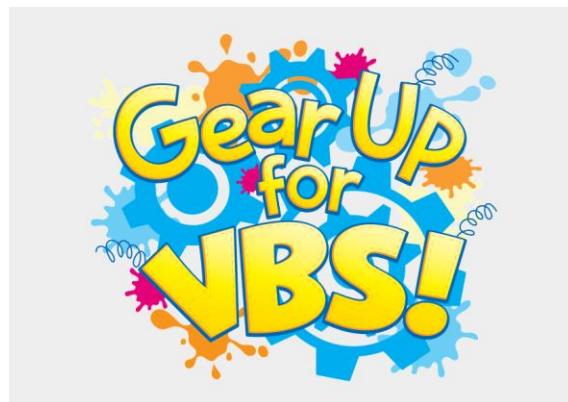
Pray for good weather, as we are planning to have classes and recess outside. Please dress your children accordingly! And... Thursday recess will be WATER BALLOON NIGHT! *If anyone is willing to purchase and fill water balloons – we will need LOTS AND LOTS! Please let me know if you can help us out with that, and how many you will be bringing.*

I'd like to have the kids sing a couple VBS songs for their families on Thursday night at the end of the night. Families are invited to join us 7:50 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. to hear the kids sing to the Lord, and to collect the crafts they made during the week. We will finish the night with Ice Cream for everyone!

I have started a REMIND group for VBS to communicate more efficiently. If you received an invitation to join, please accept, so you can start getting messages.

Contact me for questions, or to register your child, or to let me know you can volunteer, or donate water balloons.

Susan Schember
586 246-4567





**MOTHER-DAUGHTER
BANQUET
UPDATE:**

The 2021 Mother – Daughter Brunch and Bridal Show was a huge success! We had 72 ladies/girls attend. We were also blessed to have some wonderful men help serve, sell raffle tickets, MC, videotape, and cleanup. A big thank you to: Brian, Joshua, and Zachary Schember, Benjamin Engelhardt, Michael Mandich, and Joe Salcido!

Everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch and coffee/tea/hot chocolate bar. The bridal show showcased dresses, photos, and decorations from over 30 different weddings.

This event benefited Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Bad Axe. We collected enough baby items to fill an SUV. We also sold raffle tickets, raising about \$350 which was also donated to Positive Alternatives. Attendees also took home bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Don't forget to bring your money-filled bottles by Father's Day!

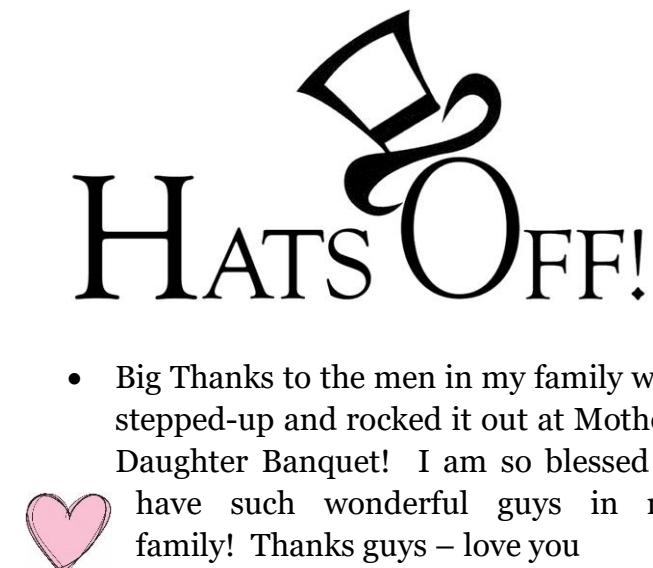
We are still working on editing the video, but once it is completed, we will upload it to the church website for your viewing pleasure!

DEADLINE!

The deadline for articles for the July/August issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is

Sunday, June 27, 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.



- Big Thanks to the men in my family who stepped-up and rocked it out at Mother-Daughter Banquet! I am so blessed to have such wonderful guys in my family! Thanks guys – love you
- Congrats to Zachary Schember who recently received 3 new scholarships to help with college expenses! It's like getting extra coupons! Yay!
- Good Job to the kids and adults who helped plant 132 hills of pumpkins and gourds for the Youth Group Fall Fundraiser!
- Thanks to Ken Errer, Jr and Don Parrish for plowing and tilling the pumpkin patch behind the church!
- Thank you to Wilma Kovach and her family for planting additional pumpkins for Youth Group to harvest in the fall!



Lutheran Service on Television:
worshipanew.org
DirectTV Channel 377 - Sundays
11:30am
Antenna Channel 49
Comcast Channel 8

A Godly Father

A Godly father loves his child
More than words could ever say,
For his heart is like the Shepherd's
As he leads the righteous way.
He knows he shall give an account
To his Lord above one day
For the way he molds that life he holds...
As a yielded piece of clay.

With tender loving care, he trains,
Not sparing his shepherd's rod,
While praying each and every day
For a closer walk with God;
For he knows his child learns much more
By the example he sees,
Than what he is told by one grown cold...
And instructions he receives.

A Godly father knows his days
Are limited with this clay;
While it's still soft and pliable,
He must form it in God's way;
And when he departs for glory,
He'll leave clear footprints behind
For his child to trace and find his place...
In Christ's great kingdom sublime.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

2021 High School Graduates



Madison Sara Renn

Daughter of Richard Renn Jr & Danielle Renn
Graduate of Laker High School
Future plans: Study to be a Radiology
technician at Delta College



Zachary David Schember

Son of Brian & Susan Schember
Graduate of Armada High School
Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences
Zachary will be attending the Honors College
at Oakland University to study Finance.

Issues, Etc.



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

WWW.issuesetc.org



2 - Tristan Metzger
3 - Susan Albrecht
6 - Izabella Collon
6 - Scott Engelhardt
6 - Wilma Kovach
7 - Carson Toner
10 - Levi Adams
11 - Tina Sears
14 - James Dubs
14 - Patty Seibel
16 - Bryan Parrish
20 - Brock Verbeek
21 - Shyann Kady
21 - Mary Jamieson
22 - Peggy Parrish
22 - Sandy Salcido
23 - Dorothy Prich
23 - Scott Weisenbach
25 - Travis Albrecht
27 - Zachary Britt
28 - Kloei Kady



6 - Erwin Burkle & Kathleen Kovach
11 - Charles & Judy Wright
12 - Perry & Karen Britt
14 - Cody & Kristi Howard
14 - Rich & Ruth Fluegge
14 - Tony & Jaime Harmer
16 - Eric & Lindsay Bismack
19 - Doug & Valerie Fritz
19 - David & Mary Jamieson
27 - Alan & Sherry Kumaus

In His Service

June Elders

June 6 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
June 13 – Ron Tabar & Warren Stoeckle
June 20 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
June 27 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

June Tithe Counters

June 13 – Patti Reinhardt & Kim Krohn
June 27 – Ruth Fluegge & Liz Reehl

June Altar Guild

Ruth Fluegge
Paula Holland

June Altar Flowers

Marge Weisenbach	989-326-2545
Lisa Weisenbach	989-529-9643

LIFE QUOTES

[W]e demand an end to the injustice of abortion. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. But we do so as confessors. We confess that we are sinners, great sinners, with the culture of death flowing in our veins and pulsing through our corrupted brains. And we confess that only in Jesus is the life we need.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org*

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Service <i>First Communion with Confirmation</i>	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9	10	11	12
13 8:30 AM Service	14 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS No Bible Study	15 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	16 10 – 11:00AM Youth Group Weeds Pumpkins 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	17 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	18	19
20 8:30 AM Service Father's Day	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:30 AM Service	28 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30			

PLAN AHEAD

If you are planting a garden or have fruit trees/plants – don't forget about the church! We are hoping to have some sort of Bazaar this fall, so we will be needing lots of canned goods, baked goods, and produce. Feel free to grow some extra to donate to our bazaar.

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