



St. Paul's

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I may be romanticizing a bit, but seems as if summertime actually used to afford the time of sweet rest. Summer days waned longer as we milked the sun for all it was worth out in the yard or on the beach. To catch a sunset was a priority and eating watermelon on the porch was a staple. Conversation with friends lingered into the cool of the evening and a week or two spent with family was a highlight that children would write about when they returned to school in the fall.

I fear that we are losing the ability to do this. The feeling of loneliness and anxiety are on the rise. This past year or so hasn't helped. We've taken up computer screens and phone screens to try and find solitude but with no avail. Screens, by nature, are distracting and with increased use over the past year and half we have seen the increase of mental health problems (which certainly is also attributed to remaining distant from others, among other things). Where are the sunsets, times of quiet reflection, beach days, mutual conversation, and exercising our imaginations by gazing at the clouds? The extended family is divided politically so there is no reunion. Rest seems hard to find even in the summer.

This is not good - to not have rest. In fact, rest is so important that God has woven it into creation itself and has even given us Christians His command:

And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done. (Genesis 2:2-3)

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. (Exodus 20:8; Third Commandment)

Jesus said, Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

We need the rest that Jesus provides. We were meant for it even before the fall into sin. We need, more than ever, the peace which passes all understating and the hope and comfort that eternal life with Christ is ours by His all availing sacrifice. We need the rest in our soul that Jesus has defeated death which means that death need not be avoided by us at all costs because Jesus has won the victory.

This also means that we need the Church's worship more than ever. To be gathered in the Divine Service is to be transported out of loneliness - to be with real people who need us and we them around the gifts of God which endure. Not just images on screen, but real people united by the Spirit in the Redeemer's image restored by forgiveness, joined by grace, and refreshed in the Supper which cleanses, gives us rest, and strengthens faith.

Turn off the screen for a while. Walk with friends. Watch a sunset. Eat watermelon on the porch. But most importantly: come to church. Rest as it has been given to you - in the pew, around the altar, and with your brothers and sisters in Christ. You are a child of God and He knows to provide rest like no other. That's why it's His Service and why we call it Divine.

Peace to you in Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Forgiven 2021
Grand Rapids, MI

Higher Things is a conference for youth which is unabashedly Lutheran. The worship, the hymns, the breakout sessions - all drenched in God's Word. There was also lots of time for play and getting to know other Lutherans from around the state and country. Truly an experience to look forward to year after year. Thanks to all who helped us attend. God be praise

The group of youth and leaders from the Thumb:



Here are our youth:
Grace, Faith, Kaitlyn, and Claire



CATECHISM CLASS

There will be a meeting for parents and students on September 12, 1:30 p.m. This is for those who will be going into 6th grade and who are continuing with catechesis. Please meet in the fellowship hall as we discuss teaching our children diligently (Deut. 6:7) and training them up in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6).

A Message from the Ken Shepard Family

The Shepard family would like to provide an update. Ken has been doing great since starting the new MS medications. He has been able to return to work and he sees the neurologist once a month. At the beginning of June we were finally able to start the new medication after being approved by insurance. He has had a small polyp removed from his nose which has helped him breathe better. And most importantly his vision, which was previously double vision, has now been corrected from the steroid treatment he received for the MS flare up. While there is no cure for MS currently, we are focusing on controlling the flare ups and being mobile and working as long as possible. We as a family also decided to take and spend as much time with each other as possible. We are very grateful for the support of our church that has helped pay medical bills so that we will be able to spend the much needed time together. We have a long road ahead but knowing we have the support of our church family means the world to us. Thank you so much.

The Shepard family – Ken, Tiffany, Jaxson, and Charlotte



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING!

**Mark your calendar for Rally Day,
September 12th.**

Rally Day is the official start of the Sunday School calendar year. We will install and pray for our teachers during church; then we will announce the class rosters, followed by donuts and drinks in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for a snack after service. The kids will have a short lesson that day, so please plan to stay.

We are moving back into the classrooms for the fall! Classes will be divided into Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st/2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th. Snacks will be served immediately after church service, and then the kids will head to class at approximately 9:45 – 9:50 a.m. Class will end at 10:45 a.m. Parents are encouraged to stay for coffee hour while the kids are in class (or sit in with class if you'd like to help-especially with the little kids).

I'd like to get back to having parents take turns bringing snacks (everyone loves home-baked cookies or treats). Each week we will assign two families to provide 3 dozen snacks/treats each – this will cover the kids, teachers AND coffee hour. Sunday School will take care of coffee, tea, hot chocolate/cider, water and juice.

Just a reminder All students in preschool through 8th grade (regardless of whether they have been confirmed or not) are encouraged to attend Sunday School.

Putt-Putt update: We had six families for a total of 19 golfers at Sandy Dunes on August

10th. Pastor Suggitt won for lowest score, while Tristan Deming won for highest score. A fun time was had by all, and everyone enjoyed a sweet treat before heading home.

Cookie Walk Note: The cookie walk is one of our best fundraisers for Sunday School. It helps pay for classroom lessons, supplies, coffee hour drinks, and even field trips. As of right now, we are planning to have a full bazaar in October. Sunday School families will be asked to make LOTS of cookies to sell, and we will need some friendly volunteers to help work that station. Watch your bulletin for more information as it becomes available.

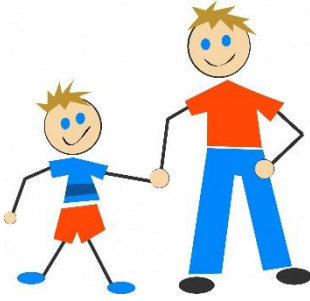
I use REMIND APP to keep Sunday School families informed about upcoming events and changes in scheduling. If you are not receiving REMIND messages, please text me to add you to my list!

See you soon!

Susan Schember
Sunday School Superintendent
586 246-4567

ST. PAUL RECEIVES NEW STUDENT TO SUPPORT FOR 2021-2022

Seminarian Dylan Smith is in his fourth year of studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, and has been appointed as our new adopted student. He is married and has two young children. Seminarian Smith hails from Wyandotte, MI and graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin before entering the seminary to be prepared for the Office of the Holy Ministry. We have agreed to support Seminarian Smith with financial gifts to help his family during their time in Fort Wayne and will remember them in our prayers as we pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up workers who continue to proclaim the Gospel and tend to God's flock.



FATHER-SON BBQ YARD PARTY

To celebrate the men and boys in our lives, we are planning a special fellowship day! Sunday, Sept 12th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. we invite all dads, sons, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends and neighbors to come enjoy an afternoon of fun with yard games and barbecue dinner.

We will have some fun outdoor games - horseshoes, corn hole, ladder ball, Kan Jam, and more, PLUS a delicious dinner from the grill. Invite all the guys and PLEASE SIGN UP, so we know how much food to prepare. There are sign-up sheets at either entrance.

This event is free, but we are asking you to **bring donations of nonperishable foods, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies** to help refill the shelves at the Pigeon Food Pantry and Huron County Blessing Boxes.

Note Youth Group girls will be asked to help with setup, serving and cleanup**

You're Invited to a



ALTAR GUILD MEETING Wednesday, September 22

We have a new influx of workers for the Altar Guild. God be praised. This is an important task.

Pastor Suggitt has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, September 22 @ 7:00 p.m. to discuss the duties involved, gain insight to serving the church in this way, learn about the colors and adornments which follow the church year, and why it all matters. Please join us if you are on the Altar Guild or want to hear more about it.

These are our current Altar Guild members.

January – Peggy Parrish & Wanda Dubs

February – Sandy Salcido & Margaret Timmons

March – Diane Dubs & Annette Prich

April – Brandy Gunsell & Tiffany O'Hare

May – Janet Truemner & Kari Ricker

June – Marge Weisenbach & Lisa Sprague

July – Shirley Fritz & Melissa Deming

August – Ruth Kumaus & Joyce Metzger

September – Wendy Tabar & Kim Dorland

October – Jyl Shope & Liz Reehl

November – Lucille Welchner & Faye Errer

December – Ruth Fluegge & Paula Holland



LIFE QUOTES

"God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That's greatness and a great life in God's eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness."

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



The church directory is all formatted and ready for print. Church members will be able to pick up a copy at church in September. A special thanks to Erika Schember for her amazing organization and formatting abilities, and to Brian Schember for getting us such a great deal on printing and binding.

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



We will be selling horseradish again at our annual bazaar on October 16th.

In order to do this, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- We'll need diggers.
- We'll need power washers.
- We'll need lots of peelers.

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.

The more helpers we get, the faster we are finished! PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND LEND A HAND. Many hands make light work!

Susan Schember

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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.



Youth Group had a couple events this summer. We had dinner and kickball in July. Pastor spoke to the kids about Angels (are they real? what do they do? etc). Then in August we went to Port Austin for Go-Karts and then back to the church for pizza and a little more kickball.

With fall coming very quickly, it's time to start ramping up Youth Group again.

- ***Youth Group girls are needed to help at the Father-Son BBQ on September 12th.***
- We will be peeling and processing horseradish on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Bring your favorite peeler! Lunch and drinks will be provided for all volunteers
- We will be needed to help with the bazaar.
- We will be picking and selling pumpkins.
- We plan to adopt families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- We will likely be doing a soup sale during the cold weather months. Busy, busy, busy!

Watch the church bulletin and REMIND APP for updates on days and times that you will be needed.

I am asking all parents to bring their kids or encourage them to participate in Youth Group. Everyone has busy lives, I understand that! But,

helping our children prioritize their faith is one of the most important jobs we have as Christian parents. Sports, clubs, hobbies, and friends are all fun, but they won't last forever. Eternal Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ - THAT will last forever!

All young people from 5th grade through college (yes, even you old kids!) are invited and encouraged to join Youth Group. We have lots of fun events AND we do a lot of community service through volunteering and fundraising.

If you are not receiving REMIND APP messages regarding Youth Group events, please send me a text to add you to my list! Hope to see you all soon!



Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader
586 246-4567



The deadline for the October issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be Sunday, September 19, 2021.

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!



Ladies Aid Meeting Today

St. Paul Ladies will hold a special meeting on Sunday, August 29th after our worship service. All ladies of St. Paul are invited and encouraged to attend.

During our meeting we will discuss the upcoming bazaar. Please join us and give your input on this topic.

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR

The annual church bazaar is our largest congregational fundraiser of the year. At this point in time we are planning for a full-scale bazaar, so we will need all-hands-on-deck to make it a big success!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th (and the Sunday before for set-up, and the day before for more set-up, and October 2nd for horseradish peeling and packaging). The more helpers we have, the smoother everything runs, **so what will you do to help out this year?**

1] We will be having a Bake Sale, so we will need all you wonderful bakers to make pies, cookies, desserts, tarts, specialty bars, butter horns, strudels, breads, etc. If you bake it, we will sell it!

2] Sunday School will be having a Cookie Walk. Each Sunday School family will be asked to help bake cookies, and we will need some friendly volunteers to work the station. We are looking at changing this station up a bit this year. We're thinking about offering about 10 types of traditional cookies on a MENU. Customers can order half or full dozen of their choice cookies from the menu which will be packaged up behind the station (instead of having the cookies out in front on the table). Cookies that aren't on the menu will be sold pre-packaged in the bake sale area.

3] We are planning to serve lunch, so we will need help with prep for soups and sandwiches AND we will need lots and lots of pies (plus a select few other high-demand desserts). If you would like to help in the kitchen area, please contact Susan Schember @ 586 246-4567.

4] Canned goods are always a huge hit. If you have extra produce, please preserve some for the bazaar – jellies, jams, canned fruits, pickles, tomatoes, sauces, relishes, sauerkraut, walnuts, honey – if you can it, they will buy it! We do have extra canning supplies in the church basement if you need them – see Ruth Kumaus or Sandy Salcido. And, if you have extra squash, gourds, potatoes, onions, apples, even flower bulbs and plants; we can offer those too!

5] Horseradish! Brandy Gunsell will be organizing the horseradish production. If you have horseradish that we can dig (or that you can dig), please contact Brandy (989)672-9495. We need to get it all dug, then washed, then peeled/ground/packaged at least one week before the bazaar. Youth group and Sunday School families and all the seasoned veterans are encouraged to help! We will plan to setup the peeling stations outside again this year. It made the job much nicer to be outside in the fresh air!

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6] Christmas Shopping made easy! The ladies have been very busy putting the finishing touches on hundreds of gift baskets. There are gifts for everyone on your shopping list! We will also offer Rada knives and kitchen utensils/tools, plus cookie sheets and dishwashing cloths

7] We are planning to have the ever-popular White Elephant Sale in the basement. If you have gently-used items that you no longer use but don't want to throw out, this is your opportunity to purge your stuff! Bring your items to the basement by October 3rd, so we can get them organized for the sale.

#8 Any crafters out there? We would love to sell your crafts, hand-made items, refurbished items. Let Ruth K know if you have anything you'd like to make and donate for the bazaar. Youth group may have a crafting day to make table decorations (watch for date/time).

9] Station/Area Managers Needed! If you are willing and able to take charge and manage one of the stations or areas at the bazaar – please talk to Ruth Kumaus ASAP. Things always run smoother when we have good leadership and organization! Many of the older members of our church have been helping forever, and it's time for some of our younger members to start filling in those key positions. We'll give you some guidance. If you would like to step up – there are so many good volunteers to help make your job easier! Just do it!

10] **YOUTH WILL BE NEEDED ALL DAY!** All kids 5th grade and older are encouraged to come help. We always need help carrying boxes, baskets, and other items during the sale. We also need help clearing tables, restocking areas, and especially with tear-down.

WATCH & LISTEN TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BAZAAR! It'll be here before you know it.



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St. Paul's "Epistles" will once again be delivered to your church mailbox.

Everybody received their newsletter either by email or snail mail during the pandemic. Now that things are becoming more normal please check your mailbox on the last Sunday of the month to receive the current issue. If you would like to receive yours via email please jot down your name and email address and give it to Sandy in the church office.



September 2 - Ethan Wissner

3 - Van Fritz

5 - Brenda Kady

6 - Dorothy Rathje

7 - Brennan Wissner

8 - Bryce Sears

11 - Avah Kady

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



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

25 - Brian & Susan Schember

27 - Richard & Elaine Renn

IN HIS SERVICE

September Elders

5 - Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar

12 - Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

19 - Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

26 - Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar

September Tithe Counters

12 - Jyl Shope & Kris Gilbert

26 - Brandy Gunsell & Jen Timmons

September Greeters

5 - Annette Prich

12 - Charlie & Margaret Timmons

19 - Derrick & Paula Holland and Kids

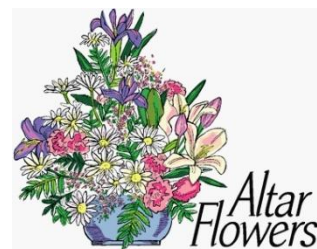
26 - Ron and Diana Dubs



September Altar Guild

Wendy Tabar

Kim Dorland



September Altar Flowers

Brandy Gunsell

Tiffany O'Hare

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5 8:30 AM Service	6	7 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	8	9	10	11
12 8:30 AM Service 9:45 AM SS Rally Day 1:30 PM Catechism Mtg. 4:00 PM Father/Son BBQ	13	14 Winkel @ Good Shepherd	15	16	17	18
19 8:30 AM Service 1:30 PM Catechism	20	21	22 7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting	23	24	25
26 8:30 AM Service 1:30 PM Catechism	27	28	29 6:30 PM Bible Study	30		

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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
Sunday, September 12, 2021