

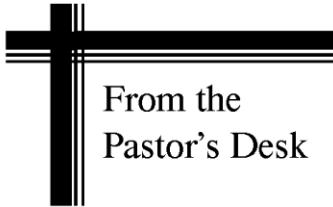


St. Paul's

"Epistles"

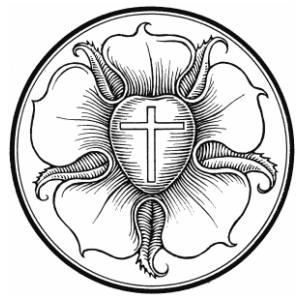
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When Reformation Day comes around on October 31, Lutherans are often accused of worshipping Martin Luther in some way. This couldn't be any farther from the truth. What is true is that Luther was an excellent scholar, writer, and preacher whom God used to once again bring with great clarity the most precious Gospel of Jesus crucified for sinners and raised from the dead that we, by faith in Jesus and His work, are justified before God. Our sins are atoned for through Christ alone and He gives us life and salvation rescuing us from sin, death, and the devil.

Because of this clear truth, our Lutheran Confessions (which we subscribe to because they are a clear exposition of God's Word) contain several writings by Luther which teach us great things and bring comfort to God's people. We don't worship Luther - we worship the same Triune God he proclaimed and are not shy to say so. The event that we commemorate on October 31 is the beginning of Luther's boldness to point to Christ alone as revealed in the Scriptures as our only source of faith and hope. What began with him nailing the 95 Theses on the castle church door in Wittenberg that day in 1517, continued as Luther stood on the sure Word of God and many more became bold to follow suit.



And so it is that we have inherited the love of God's Word and have retained the heritage that has been handed down which extols the gifts of Christ. And we too should not be afraid to be bold. *If God is for us, who can be against us?* St. Paul asks rhetorically (Romans 8:31). Which is to say, when we stick to God's clear Word we need not be afraid. We need not be afraid of those who desire to remain in darkness, nor be afraid of what attacks they might bring. We have Christ! We have His Gospel! We have His body and blood! The highest and best treasure in a world gone mad. Trust not in princes and their ever changing dictums and ideologies. Be bold, confident, and rest securely on the Word of the Lord which endures forever. For it is there that we are given real truth, real hope for the day, and real strength for tomorrow. Here we stand. We can do no other. All other ground is shifting sand and will come to naught when our Lord returns.

Our Lutheran church is about the glory of Christ crucified and raised for sinners, God's clear Word in the Bible, and the Holy Spirit guiding us by that Word and delivering the gifts to make us holy people - people set apart. In the world but not of the world. We live in daily repentance with faith in Christ and seek Him in the throne room of His church. If that makes us different than everyone else: GOOD. We should be. We don't worship Luther, our trust is in the One he trusted and was bold enough to proclaim - Jesus, the Lamb of God, who on the cross didst suffer.

Happy Reformation Day this month. Be bold. Be different. Be Lutheran. Repent and trust Christ. Be forgiven and live that way pointing to Jesus alone. Against all attacks and fears, He is our trusty shield and weapon - our Mighty Fortress.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by Vice - President Janet Truemner on Sunday, August 29, 2021 following our worship service. Pastor Suggitt opened the meeting with a devotional from Acts 2 - Christian witness.

Eleven ladies answered roll call. Thank you notes were read by the secretary from Ruth Fluegge for the plant that our organization sent after her accident; from Susan Schember for the supper prepared by the Ladies Aid for the children & staff during VBS; and from Lutheran Fraternities of America. Our treasurer, Ruth Kumaus, reported that we have about \$14,500 in the checking account.

Old Business:

1. Bazaar

- A. Discussion was held on whether or not to have a full bazaar. Joyce Metzger made a motion to hold a full bazaar following the CDC guidelines at the time of the bazaar; supported by Wanda Dubs. Carried
- B. Susan Sember is applying for the food license from the Health Department.
- C. Supervisors – Sandy will consult the past supervisors to see if they are willing to continue in that role.
- D. Discussion was held concerning the prices of the canned goods offered at the bazaar. A few items will see price increases.

New Business

1. Ruth Kumaus stated she had received a request from Susan Schember concerning the Father/Son Barbecue. She asked if some of our members would supply homemade desserts for this event. Sandy will send a text message requesting these desserts and members will respond if they are willing.
2. Linda Roe brought a flyer from LWML concerning the fall retreat. Information was shared and each individual will decide if

they would like to attend. The flyer will be placed on the bulletin board at the top of the steps.

3. Linda also mentioned that she and Janet had visited Fern recently. She also stressed the importance of keeping in contact with our shut-ins.
4. Discussion was held on the date for another special meeting concerning the bazaar. We decided to meet again on September 19 to share compiled information about it.

Joyce Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; supported by Peggy Parrish. Carried.

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

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido – Secretary

A special meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by Vice-President Janet Truemner on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Pastor Suggitt opened the meeting with devotion. We need to humble ourselves, relax and don't worry about ourselves and enjoy what Jesus gives us, depend on Him.

Discussion was held concerning where we stand in preparation for the annual bazaar. The treasurer stated we have about \$13,500 in checking.

- Canned good prices will be raised fifty cents across the board.
- Cookie prices were discussed. The Cookie Walk prices will be set by the Sunday School as it is their fundraiser. We'll go over prices for baked goods.
- Supervisors – We still need help with the gift baskets as well as someone to run the White Elephant Sale the day of the bazaar. Ruth will work on securing the help we need.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are back in the classroom! It's great to have your kids back to hear God's Word and learn about how we are saved through Jesus Christ our Savior. There are 29 kids on the Sunday School Roster and we're hoping to see all of them on a weekly basis.

Teachers this year are as follows:

Preschool/Kindergarten

Paula Holland and Anyssa Sember
1st/2nd grades

Michelle Reibling and Wendy Ewald
3rd-5th grades

Amy Haag and Kristen Suggitt
6th-8th grades

Brandy Gunsell and Susan Sember

Substitute

Liz Reehl

Snack Schedule for October

Please bring 3 dozen treats each:

- 10/3- Ewald & Deming
- 10/10- no class (bazaar set-up)
- 10/17- leftovers from bazaar
- 10/24- Reibling & Haag
- 10/31- Gunsell & Sprague

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. Sunday School families have been asked to make LOTS of cookies to sell. If you haven't signed up yet, please see Susan ASAP!



We'll need help with Bazaar set up on Sunday, October 10th immediately after service. The big kids can move heavy stuff. The littler kids can help move baskets. Please stay and help if you can.

CORN MAZE FIELD TRIP will be Sunday, October 17th. We will have a snack and brief meeting after church, and then we will drive to Kohl Farms near Unionville. Drivers will be needed. Please sign up by October 10th, so I know how many are coming. Maze cost will be covered by Sunday School. If you or your children might want donuts or cider, please bring money for that!

 We will be playing bells and/or singing a song in church at least one time per month. It would be great to have all the kids in church on those days. **Our first bells day will be October 17th.**

Susan Sember
Sunday School Superintendent
586 246-4567

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

Get the Scoop on Youth Group!



We had a good turnout for pumpkin picking on September 19th. If you want pumpkins, gourds, or cornstalks to decorate this fall, please check out the sale in front of Chad and Jennifer Timmons' house on Owendale Rd or at the corner of Kilmanagh and Bay Port Rds. Monies raised will benefit Youth Group and Sunday School events.

Thanks to the Kovach family for helping us out by planting a second pumpkin patch!



We need Youth Group kids (and parents) to help for a couple hours on Saturday, October 2nd for horseradish day! Come at 9:30 a.m. for pastries and coffee/juice; peel and process a bunch of horseradish; then have a quick lunch before you go!

On Sunday, October 10th immediately after church we need lots of strong helpful volunteers to help set up for the bazaar.

Then the following week please come to help from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with the Congregational Bazaar Saturday, October 16th.

If you need volunteer hours for school or something else, this is a great way to earn those community service hours.

I am hoping to plan a fun event in November. Stay tuned to the bulletin and REMIND APP.

Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader
586 246-4567

FATHER-SON BBQ RE-CAP



We had a great day with the men! There were 35 men and boys in attendance. They enjoyed some fun competition outside before the rain came.

Everyone ate until they were full, including lots of desserts! The guys donated lots and lots of hygiene items, cleaning products, and non-perishable food for Pigeon Food Pantry and Blessing Boxes.

Pastor Suggitt even had the opportunity to speak to the guys. Special thanks to the girls and moms who helped setup, serve, and cleanup (and to my guys for helping, even when they didn't have to).



Coffee Hour is Back! Everyone is invited to come have a cup of coffee, or tea, hot chocolate, or hot cider and a snack. Join us immediately after church service in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

LOTS OF STUFF ABOUT THE BAZAAR



Our church bazaar is the largest congregational fundraiser of the year. We are planning for a full-scale bazaar, so we will need all-hands-on-deck to make it a big success. It's scheduled for Saturday, October 16th (and the Sunday before for set up, and the day before for more setup)! The more helpers we have, the smoother everything runs, so we hope you can be there!

#1 We will be having a bake sale so we'll 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 has been asked to help bake cookies.

#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 and desserts for that. Please sign up.

#4 Canned goods are always a huge hit. If you can it, they will buy it! If you have extra produce; extra squash, gourds, potatoes, onions, apples, even flower bulbs and plants; there's a market for those too!

#5 Horseradish! We need help peeling and processing horseradish on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. There will be pastries in the morning and lunch served after for all volunteers. Please bring your own peeler and paring knife.

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

#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 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.



If you're baking for the Pie Station or Bake Sale these items are available for your baking convenience on the table in the fellowship hall. Help yourself.

- White, brown and powdered sugar donated by Michigan Sugar Company
- 5 pound bags of flour
- Disposable pie pans and covers

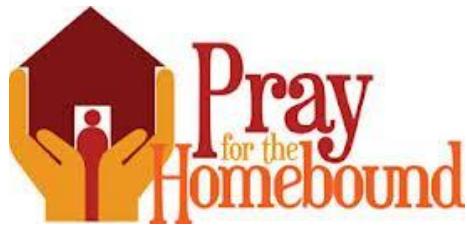
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The deadline for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be **Sunday, October 24, 2021**. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.



Bible Study resumes at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night. Why not come and grow in God's Word? We will meet in the fellowship hall.



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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
Barbara Main 7717 Berne Road Bay Port, MI 48720 (989) 553-3620	Bonnie Nowaczyk 7305 Main Street Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 553-4286 or (989) 678-4286



Keep them in your prayers,
maybe give them a call
and/or to visit them.



Reformation Day

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.

LIFE QUOTES

"God has put us in our roles as life-affirming Lutherans in this place at this time. We must continue despite the world's resistance. We must lean on God because He will support us. We must remember He has the words of eternal life!"

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org

St. Paul recently received a note from the seminary concerning the adoption of our new seminarian.

Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Greetings to you in Christ!

Thank you all for your generous ongoing support of the Student Adoption Program at the Fort Wayne Seminary.

We began our 176th academic year last week (9/7). We are pleased that our incoming class is larger than last year.

It is a joy that we have supporters like you who enable us to continue to train workers for Christ's harvest field.

Blessings,

Rev. Larry Wright



Letter From Our Newly Adopted Seminarian

To the saints of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pigeon,

Greetings!

It's a great joy for us to have been adopted by you this year! I'd like to thank you for your generosity and introduce myself.

I'm from Wyandotte, Michigan, a little south of Detroit. I grew up in the LCMS and have attended Lutheran schools since preschool. In my sophomore year of high school I shadowed a

local pastor and that left such an impression on me that I've wanted to be a pastor ever since.

At Concordia University Wisconsin, I majored in German and Theological Languages (Greek, Hebrew, and Latin). At that time I had the opportunity to study abroad in Cambridge, England at Westfield House. Two years later I studied abroad in Berlin, Germany. Learning languages has been a passion of mine since college. It's a joy to study Scripture in the original languages and to read Christian theology in other languages. Since college, I've been tutoring languages and that has been rewarding and nice part-time work throughout college and seminary.

A few weeks after I graduated from college, I met my wife, Abigail. We were married just one year later after my first year of seminary. Our daughter, Elsie, was born the following summer. Then we moved to Wheaton, Illinois for vicarage. We had a wonderful year and I learned so much from the pastors there and from my duties as a vicar.

Instead of returning for Fort Wayne for fourth-year studies, we moved to Oberursel, Germany for an exchange year at our sister seminary the Lutherische Theologische Hochschule. We loved living in Germany, traveling, and making new friends. Best of all, our son Felix was born there in March.

This has been a busy summer for us moving back to America and settling into Fort Wayne. We are looking forward to living in Fort Wayne for my fourth-year studies and for classes to begin.

We are so grateful that you have adopted us. Living expenses go up with children and it seems many things are more expensive than they were a year ago. Your generosity is so helpful and very encouraging!

Please keep us in your prayers this year! Joy!

Dylan Smith
dylan.smith@ctsfw.edu

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
	Todd Nowaczkyk
October 10	Alan Kumaus
	Kaitlyn Reehl
October 11	Chuck Dorland
	Dean Kreh
	Sara Reinhardt
October 12	Kathleen Kovach
	McKenzie Reinhardt
	Tammy Haag
October 13	Brad Renn
	Michael Wissner
October 14	Tyler Parrish
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 Sember
	Josh Sember
October 31	Faith Suggitt

IN HIS SERVICE

Elders

Oct. 3 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 Oct. 10 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
 Oct. 17 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar
 Oct. 24 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 Oct. 31 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

Greeters

Oct. 3 – Jim & Tiffany O'Hare
 Oct. 10 – Ken & Cathy Haley
 Oct. 17 – Wendy Ewald & Boys
 Oct. 24 – Matt & Michelle Reibling and Family
 Oct. 31 – Jason & Patti Reinhardt

Tithe Counters

Oct. 10 – Kim Krohn & Patti Reinhardt
 Oct. 31 – Ruth Fluegge & Kari Ricker

October Altar Guild

Jyl Shope – 550-2874
 Liz Reehl – 912-9574

October Altar Flowers

Margaret Timmons – 678-4146
 Tammy Timmons – 553-4748



October 1 Mike & Mindy Zmierski
 October 02 Richard & Kim Krohn
 October 07 Scott & Karen Gaeth
 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
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3 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Coffee Hour 1:30 PM Catechism	4	5 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	6 6:30 PM Bible Study	7	8	9
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