



St. Paul's

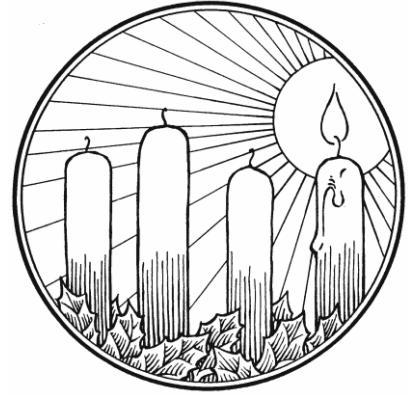
"Epistles"

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My older sister used to work in retail – namely in clothing stores located inside of malls in one city or another. As a manger she moved a few times to bring some new life to the place she was assigned. Although no longer in that business, I can remember her describing how things were about to shift immediately following October. After a brief stint of Thanksgiving decor, things would go full throttle to take advantage of the Christmas season. Decorations, sales, and music playing on a loop in the store would be all the rage for weeks and weeks and weeks until she would become numb to the whole thing. Christmas Day became a thing to look forward to only because it would all be over. The day after, one could be done with the music and be done with the decor. In fact, she needed to be. It was so busy and so all-encompassing she needed to move on from that overload to something new. December 25 finally brought a reprieve for another year or so unless, of course, there might be “Christmas in July.”

Thanks be to God the church has the season of Advent. Advent begins a new church year and is the four weeks prior to Christmas. It is its own season with its own decor, its own color, music, themes and things like the Advent Wreath. It is a season that makes us slow down while the world runs around like a chicken without a head. Advent draws us in to ponder and reflect upon the coming of our Lord. The anticipation it builds is not simply the coming of Jesus in the manger, but also about the final revelation of Christ when He leads His ransomed to the inheritance reserved in heaven. It's a time of humble repentance as we with anticipation hear John the Baptist cry out for us to confess our sins and prepare for the incarnate God to come. We contemplate the humility of Christ's first coming and we look forward in hope to the glory of His second. We anticipate that the Word made Flesh who came down from heaven, will come again for us on the final day. The subdued nature of Advent make us slow down and accept with patience and building joy what Christmas brings and the reality that Jesus will come again.



In Advent we gather more often around God's promises in mid-week services. We are reminded that God is faithful to deliver His people and remains true to His Word. Devotional booklets are made available to help in the home. Advent sets us apart from the world and its rush to get things done and over with and move on to the next thing because it is burned out. The church waits on Christ in prayer in this wonderful preparatory season. We rest as the world wrestles. We confess as they clamor. We hope as they hustle from one thing to another.

As a way to signal the season of Advent this year, we will gradually introduce the decor in the church leading up to Christmas. Through the four weeks of Advent, each week another addition will be made as we patiently wait for Christmas. For example, at first the color will change and the Advent Wreath will appear; next, the tree with lights; then, the Christmons (symbols of Christ) will be added to the tree and slightly more decor on the final week. When Christmas arrives, our anticipated yearning will be satisfied as the church breaks forth in full splendor at the Nativity of our Lord. It will be worth the wait to finally have the curtain pulled back to reveal a full delight of the eyes as the congregation gathers at the high festival season of Christmas.

The world may rush from one thing to another and burn out easily for it has no sure anchor. But we do. We focus on Christ who patiently hears our prayer - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. And He does come. In word and flesh He comes. That we might quiet ourselves in Him, slow down for a moment, ponder and linger in the forgiveness and blessings He gives us along our way.

Peace to you in Christ and a blessed Advent,
Pastor Suggitt



HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE 2022

FOR YOU



There were a lot of scheduling conflicts, but we did have a few really hard-working youth group members who volunteered at the bazaar. Great job and thanks goes out to – Conner Becker, Molly Sprague, Zachary Sember, Taylor Engelhardt, and Meleah Timmons (plus Ali, Anyssa, Erika, Michael, and Isaac.)

Happy Thanksgiving! Next month is Thanksgiving. We are adopting a family from USA and Lakers schools. Two turkeys will be purchased using Youth Group funds. Each Youth family is asked to donate other groceries to complete the two meals (potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, pie, rolls, vegetables, etc.) All donations should be brought to church by November 21st, so we can get everything delivered.

Youth Group and Sunday School will be providing Advent Supper on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. Parents will be asked to help with desserts. Kids will be asked to help setup, serve, and cleanup. We will be collecting a free-will offering to help offset the cost of Christmas Adopt-A-Family gifts. The entire congregation is invited to come enjoy a meal and Christian fellowship before service.



Get Involved in Youth Group!
Susan Sember
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"BROTHERS, I AM MAKING KNOWN TO YOU THE GOSPEL... THROUGH WHICH YOU ARE SAVED." (1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-2)

Six letters – that's all you need. Six letters to explain the point of everything. Six letters to make crystal clear the entire Christian faith. What are those letters? **FOR YOU.**

"For you" makes the Gospel, well, the Gospel! The Gospel isn't that Jesus died and rose. No, that's just history (even the demons believe that). What the Lord did isn't just historical fact. He did it all for a reason, and His merits—His perfect life, death, and resurrection—are for someone. **FOR YOU!**

COMING IN JULY FOR OUR YOUTH. KEEP WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOCATION AND REGISTRATION. SEE PASTOR FOR ANY QUESTIONS.



So far, so good! We've been in class for over a month now. We played bells in front of the church on October 17th and we are singing with the Adult Choir on October 31st to celebrate Reformation Sunday. We will be playing bells again on Sunday, November 21st.

Snack Schedule: (please bring 3 dozen snacks each)

11/7- Holland and Suggitt

11/14- Reehl and Dyer

11/21- Osantoski and Mandich

11/28 – no class

12/5- Schwartz and Ondrajka

Big THANKS go out to all the cookie bakers! Our cookie booth was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

I also want to thank the Sunday School kids who helped at our bazaar – Molly and Silver Sprague, Dallas and Kolbie Holland. These young people worked really hard all day. Great Job kids!

We will be starting to practice songs for our Christmas Program very soon. The program will be Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 p.m. We will have our final practice that day after



church, and we will plan a pizza party immediately following the program that afternoon. *If you're child/children will not be able to attend the program, please let me know*

asap, so I don't give them a speaking part. It is very important that the children are here each week to learn the songs, learn their parts, and especially to learn more from God's Word.

The Corn Maze was fun on October 17th. We had 24 attendees enjoy the corn maze, some tried the soybean maze, some drove the pedal tractors, some picked pumpkins, and some enjoyed treats before they went home. Our next Sunday School event will be a scavenger hunt and bonfire on Sunday, November 21st. Sunday School families are invited to stay and participate.

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See you in Church and Sunday School!

Susan Schember

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PUMPKIN SALES UPDATE



The kids raised over \$600 on pumpkin sale donations. The money raised was used to help pay for the Corn Maze and will be used to help purchase Christmas gifts for our Adopt-A-Family program.



Well, you did it again! St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville had another great bazaar. Each October the men, women, and children of this congregation come together to serve at the annual congregational fundraiser. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful Christian men, women, and children.

Thanks to everyone who helped before, during, and after the bazaar. The bazaar monies will help benefit our church, our Sunday School and Youth Group, our community, and other charitable organizations. Extra soup, sandwiches, desserts, and cookies were donated to: Fiddler's Green, Birchwood AFC, and Rockefeller AFC.

A special thanks to the youth of our congregation who helped in many capacities. You probably could have found other more fun or exciting things to do that day, but you didn't and 'YOU ROCK'!!

Thank you to those who went above and beyond – without their extra effort these great things at St. Paul wouldn't happen.

We do have some extra gift baskets if you missed out!



CHEESEBALL PRODUCTION

Great News! St. Paul Ladies Aid will have their delicious cheeseballs again this year just in time for your culinary delight at Thanksgiving.

Order forms are available at either entrance. Why not grab one and get some orders right away so we know how many we need to produce? They will be either plain or with horseradish. Deadline for orders is Tuesday, November 16th.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. as we give thanks to our Gracious God for the cornucopia of spiritual fruit that we share with one another – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

***** We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantry on Thanksgiving Eve. Please share what you can.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back when you go to bed on November 6th! Daylight savings time ends on November 7th. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep and then come see us at church and Sunday School!



Fern Dubs 2423 Smith Road Bay Port, MI 48720 (989) 453-2959	Don Fibranz Satchell's Christian Foster Care Home 2662 E. Caro Road Caro, MI 48723
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
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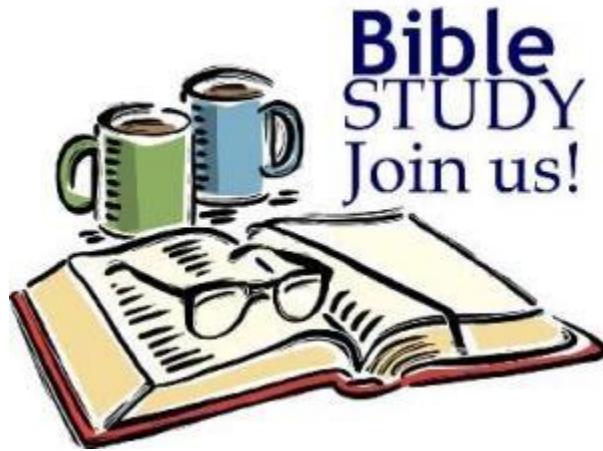
Keep them in your prayers, maybe give them a call and/or to visit them.

LIFE QUOTES

"We ask for the ability to welcome and love and embrace and care for all children—our own included. We open our arms to the orphans, whether they are frozen embryos, babies with mental or physical challenges, or those placed for adoption by a young mother. We trust that the life God gives, in whatever stage and condition, is a blessing from Him."

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

lutheransforlife.org



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



The deadline for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be **Sunday, November 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.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 2 – Eric Wissner
 3 – Dean Deering
 3 – Tiffany O'Hare
 4 – Tiffany Murphy
 4 – Cody Howard
 7 – Travis Deering
 8 – Kevin Truemner
 8 – Matthew Ricker
 12 – Tracy Schaper
 12 – Connor Timmons
 13 – Myrna Born
 15 – Melissa Gilbert
 16 – Tristan Deming
 16 – Melissa Witkovsky
 16 – Jylan Shope
 20 – Clinton Shope
 20 – Megan Schaper
 20 – Riley Richmond
 21 – Emily Dubs
 23 – Connor Ewald
 24 – Brianna Fritz
 24 – Kendal Truemner
 25 – Walter Haag
 27 – Amanda Gettel
 27 – Jeffrey Dubs
 30 – Ashley Rockefeller
 30 – Dianna Dubs

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 3 – Richard & Beverly Wise
 4 – Lee & Janet Truemner
 6 – Pastor & Kristen Suggitt
 21 – Kendal & Rose Truemner
 22 – Gerald & Angela Dubs
 24 – Gerald & Bonnie Nowaczyk

IN HIS SERVICE



Nov. 7 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar
 Nov. 14 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 Nov. 21 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
 Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving Eve) – Ron Tabar
 Nov. 28 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar

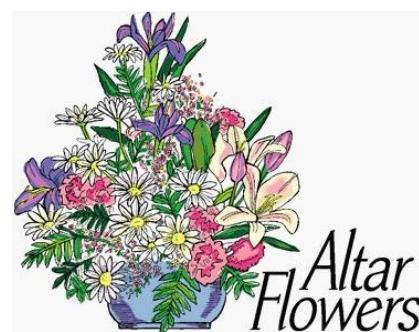
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Worship the Lord in Giving

Nov. 14 – Jyl Shope & Kris Gilbert
 Nov. 28 – Brandy Gunsell & Jen Timmons



Lucille Welchner
Faye Errer



Sandy Salcido
Susan Schember

November

<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	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. <u>Scavenger Hunt</u> <u>& Bonfire</u> 1:30 PM Catechism	22	23	24 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service Food Pantry Donations	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26	27
28 8:30 AM Service No SS or Catechism	29	30				

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