



St. Paul's

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When you plant your garden this month (or next month), you will be careful in how you plant the seed. Just the right depth, spacing, and fertilizer applied in order to get a healthy plant which grows to produce mature fruit. You watch and plan as it grows. What's the weather going to be like? Is there frost in the forecast? Are we going to get any rain? You are careful and diligent to give what is needed. Protection from cold weather and wind; enough moisture to withstand a mid-season dry spell. You have to do this. You have to be intentional and specific in how you care for what is planted lest that which has sprouted be stunted and wither.

This is your life as a Christian. Faith which is planted in you in Holy Baptism has to be cared for. This is why Jesus says baptize and teach in Matthew 28 and says make learners (disciples). Learners continue to learn. It's an ongoing action. Faith must be continually nurtured in order to grow. There will be hard times. There will be attacks against the Lord's planting. This must be planned for and intentional nurturing must take place.



Psalm 1 is beautiful to lead and guide us in this regard: "*1Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord [the full counsel of God's Word], and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*"

Protected from prevailing winds and cold, lifeless teaching, the Christian who delights in grounding themselves in God's Word and teaching is like a tree planted with a constant water source. It grows. It matures. It produces fruit according to its kind. Its leaf is broad and soaks up that which is necessary. In fact, this is what it is to be a Christian. It is to be about God's life-giving Word from which springs all hope in Christ. It is our protection from the lies of the devil and the world which attempt to stunt the growth and deceive and destroy the crop our Lord's Christians through false teaching.

God's Word is truth (John 17:17). It most especially brings us the life and salvation granted by our loving Lord who gave Himself up for us and then rose from the dead. Yet it also directs us on how to live as His redeemed. God would not have us guess as to how we are to grow as men and women, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, children, and citizens. Find your Small Catechism and read the Table of Duties. Look up the Scripture passages and see what our Lord intends for your position in life. If you tend to your plants in the garden, tend your soul all the more. Come to church, read the Bible, read the Catechism, hear the Word and grow.

In the Large Catechism, Luther instructs us to be diligent in God's Word for our benefit: "For let me tell you this, even though you know it perfectly and be already master in all things, still you are daily in the dominion of the devil, who ceases neither day nor night to steal unawares upon you, to kindle in your heart unbelief and wicked thoughts against the foregoing and all the commandments.

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Therefore, you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, he breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, such is the efficacy of the Word, whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not inoperative or dead, but creative, living words." (LC 1: 100-101)

May God in His mercy mature us into the harvest of His faithful Christians.

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word:
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
(LSB 655:1)*

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



On Sunday, April 24, 2022, we welcomed into communicant membership Matthew Randel Reibling by rite of confirmation. May God continue to keep him faithful to his promises by the power of the Holy Spirit. Please be sure to welcome Matt personally into our family here at St. Paul Linkville.



Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. – Revelation 2:10

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod



celebrates 175th Anniversary

Only Jesus: No Other Name

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) was founded on April 26, 1847, when 12 pastors representing 14 congregations from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Ohio signed the church body's constitution at First St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chicago. Since that time, the LCMS has endured many trials and triumphs — all by the grace of God.

The LCMS believes, teaches and confesses faith in Jesus Christ as taught in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. For 175 years, the Holy Spirit has kept us in the one true faith and still continues to gather sinners into the Holy Christian Church by grace through faith — all on account of Christ. As we give thanks for our Synod's founding in 1847, we rejoice in the 175th-anniversary theme, "Only Jesus: No Other Name," based on Acts 4:12. Until Jesus comes, the LCMS will continue to trust in, teach and preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

Saturday, May 7th

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

All ladies are invited to attend the upcoming *Taco Bout A Party* to celebrate Mother's Day and all the wonderful moms, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, daughters, granddaughters, and friends. So that we can properly prepare for enough food and crafts, **I need everyone to sign up by Sunday, May 1st at the absolute latest!**

We will be offering a taco, nacho, and churro bar for lunch. There will be crafts for the women and different ones for the girls. So far, we have about 35 vases for the crafts (we need enough for every woman and girl who attends). Please check your cupboards and donate any extras you have!

We will also have a brief presentation by a representative from SAFE PLACE in Bad Axe. This event is FREE to everyone, but we are asking that you **bring donations to benefit SAFE PLACE**. The list is re-printed here for your convenience. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Youth Group boys and dads are asked to volunteer to serve, cleanup, and load donations into the SAFE PLACE lady's car that day. Let me

know if you can help. I will need you from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. (AND you get to eat for free!)



This event will once again be an opportunity for St. Paul to benefit our community. We will be collecting items for SAFE PLACE. The organization needs the following donations:

Grocery and gas gift cards
8-12 piece Dinnerware sets –
(microwave & dishwasher safe)
Cereal/soup bowls and large cups
Large nonstick skillets, pots & pans, bakeware
Tupperware and Gladware
Silverware sets

Food donations – Fresh, frozen & pantry.
Pantry items: soups, spaghetti sauce, chili bean mix, canned chicken & tuna, salt, pepper, garlic, mayo, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter & jelly, Bisquick, crackers, baked beans, stuffing, potatoes, snacks, like pudding, fruit & oats, granola bars, canned fruit, cereal, cereal bars, white rice, cake /brownie mix, juices, nuts, dried fruit, olive oil, vegetable oil, vinegar, salad dressings, marinades, ketchup.

Cleaning donations – Laundry detergent & fabric softener, dryer sheets, toilet paper, paper towel, Cleaning supplies with disinfectant/bleach & All-purpose cleaners, Disinfectant cleaning wipes, Lysol spray, Microban cleaner & spray, Antibacterial liquid hand soap, XXL Garbage bags 33 gallon, Bleach, Dish soap, Dish & pot and pan scrub and sponges, Washcloths, Aluminum foil, Toilet bowl cleaner with bleach, Motrin/Tylenol, Ziplock baggies sandwich and large freezer bag size

They also accept used cellphones. Thumb Cellular recycles (working & broken) cell phones (and chargers, accessories, rechargeable batteries, manuals and tablets too) and donates the proceeds to Huron County SafePlace!

Sunday School End-of-Year Information



The kids did a wonderful job singing at Palm Sunday and Easter Festival services! They sounded so good! We had a group lesson and craft for Palm Sunday. Then we had a super-fun Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.

There are only a few weeks left for the 2021/22 school year. We are singing in church on Mother's Day (May 8th) and then playing bells the following week (May 15th). Recognition Sunday is May 15th. Please join us to celebrate and recognize this year's Sunday School students and teachers. Donuts and drinks will be provided for everyone right after church.

May Snack Schedule:

5/1 – Sprague and Schwartz

5/8 – Ondrajka and Deming

5/15 – DONUTS FOR EVERYONE

Please bring 3 dozen snacks each for Sunday School and Coffee Hour.

The swim and pizza party that was scheduled for April 30th was cancelled due to low sign-up numbers and scheduling conflicts. We plan to schedule another one later in the year!

Yours in Christ,

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

Get the Scoop on Youth Group!

(5th grade through college)

Youth stepped-up big time for Easter! There were 20 students and 11 adults who volunteered for setup/prep, cooking, serving, and cleanup for Easter breakfast. We fed about 100 people that morning and raised almost \$350 for VBS 2022! The leftovers from Easter breakfast were donated to Fiddlers Green Retirement Village.

Next month I need the men/boys of Youth Group to help with Mother Daughter Banquet. Volunteers will be needed for serving and cleanup that day. Your help will be appreciated – Saturday, May 7th 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are available to help.



And then I would like help from Youth Group kids in 8th grade and older for Vacation Bible School. You will be needed to help assist with the little kids in their classroom; during craft time; and with daily cleanup. June 27-30 5:30pm-8pm.



Summer Youth Group Camp-Out at the Lake will be July 17 and 18th. Youth Group is invited to carpool down to our cottage on Harsens Island after church on Sunday for tubing, swimming, fishing, sand volleyball, BBQ and bonfire, then tent camping. The parents who attend will have real beds inside available for sleeping! Everyone is invited to stay for more fun-in-the-sun on Monday with breakfast and lunch included, before you head back home. I need to have a headcount by July 3rd please.

Parents, please help your youth make church activities a priority in their lives!

God Bless You All,

Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader
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GRADUATE SUNDAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING



College graduations are almost here. High School Graduations are right after that! Help us celebrate your graduates at St. Paul on Sunday, June 5th. Graduates are invited to attend church in their cap and gown as we recognize their accomplishments. Donuts and beverages will be served in the fellowship hall immediately after service for everyone.

Please submit a photograph of your graduate, a headshot (black & white if possible) and include: full name; school they are graduating from; degree earned (college); and future plans (college, technical school, trades, employment). Info can be dropped off on the secretary's desk or submitted via email to: salcido.sandy8@gmail.com BY MAY 22nd please.

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

FARM FRESH FAITH -

WHERE WE GROW IN FAITHFULNESS

June 27-30 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



Children ages 3 years through 7th grade (going into 7th grade) are invited to come grow your faith at St. Paul VBS! Dinner will be provided to everyone. We will have Bible lessons, crafts, music, and recess and snack each night. I have also purchased biodegradable balloons to have a balloon launch on the last night. Volunteers are needed in all areas. The older youth group kids are also needed to help. Let me know if you can volunteer!

Registration is now open! Please register your children as soon as possible and share the registration paperwork with family and friends, so they can get registered too. Registration papers are available on the table in the North narthex. Please complete them and place them in the basket. I need to have a good idea of how many kids to expect, so I have enough craft supplies and so the groups serving dinner know how much food to prepare.

This year we are changing up our daily offering. Instead of bringing in \$\$\$ for the offering each day, we are asking everyone to bring in non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and hygiene products. All donations will benefit Pigeon Food Bank and Huron County Blessing Boxes. Let us see how much we can collect to help the families in our area!



Submitted by: Susan Schember
586 246-4567



HATS OFF TO THE ADULT CHOIR! You learned a lot of new songs this Lenten season and Easter. There aren't a lot of you, but you did a wonderful job! Thanks for giving of your time and talent to make our services extra-special. Hoping that you can get some new voices to join in the jubilation!

HATS OFF TO THE YOUTH! A special thank you to the kids and adults who helped with Easter breakfast and the Easter Scavenger Egg Hunt. You make my job so much easier. Breakfast was delicious, cleanup was fast, the kids loved finding the clues and prizes, and the veterans really appreciated the extra food we donated. Great Job Again!

HATS OFF TO THE CHILDRENS CHOIR! When you are all in the front of the church singing praises to the Lord, it warms my heart and soul. We love to hear your voices and see your smiling faces each week!

HATS OFF TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS! It was great having the kids back in the classrooms for Sunday School this year. It was also wonderful to have enough kids and teachers to accommodate 4 classrooms. Thanks to the parents for bringing their children and practicing songs at home. I also wanted to thank each of the teachers and the coffee hour crew for making the 21/22 school year so enjoyable. Thanks for all you do!



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The deadline for articles for the June issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, May 22, 2022. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com.

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



The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, April 6, 2022, immediately following our worship service. Seven ladies answered roll call.

The Ladies Aid secretary read the minutes of the March meeting; approved. The treasurer's report shows we have about \$22,000 in our checking account.

Old Business:

1. Lenten supper went well.
2. Discussion re: donations to area schools. Ruth Fluegge is working with the PTO at the USA school. Wanda will check with Bad Axe school to see if they have a PTO. Volunteers of these organizations will shop for the families in the USA and Bad Axe school districts.

New Business:

1. A motion was made and accepted to do our yearly donations in September.
2. Brenda Kady donated some items to be used in the Jared boxes.
3. We need to purchase 4 new vinyl tablecloths for the fellowship hall. Ruth Kumaus is checking into that.
4. Susan Schember asked if Ladies Aid would do a meal for VBS. A motion was made and passed for us to make a meal.

5. A motion was made and supported to purchase a small microwave and a large microwave for the kitchen.
6. Ruth Kumaus stated that Ladies Aid purchased a new vacuum for the church as the old one wasn't effective any longer.
7. Ruth Kumaus will put an article in the bulletin and the newsletter re: assembling a gift basket for the bazaar. Check the May newsletter for more details.
8. Discussion was held regarding new items we could make for the bazaar. Suggestions included: frozen pot pies, succulents and other houseplants, as well as bringing back crafts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Metzger



Please help us celebrate Henry Haag's confirmation on Sunday, May 22, 2022, in the church fellowship hall.

Cookies and refreshments will be served, and EVERYBODY IS INVITED. Hope to see you there.

Robert & Amy Haag



Some of you and/or your friends and relatives will soon be getting a form letter from your church elders regarding the status of your relationship with St. Paul. It is something we elders have been working on for way too long. You see, we seem to put off one of our main duties, that is, evangelism. During the normal course of time, we continually adjust our church roster; we add new members, transfers in or out, and, of course, deaths.

As children grow up and leave the area, and others move away to another town or even state, we have been lacks in removing them from our rolls. Then there are the people who for some reason no longer attend. Those are the ones that we have failed to go and see or call on. Why? Because we are afraid to offend anyone by asking the obvious – why are you not coming to St. Paul for services? The truth is all of us know someone who no longer attends church. Some are even family members. All of us could or should ask them WHY.

As I sat in my tranquility room (front porch) I pondered how I would draft this article on the importance of attending services. Would I struggle to find ways to say 'Hey, get your butts back in church?' or use softer friendlier words to coerce people to attend services again?

Every member is on the Evangelism Committee, so you choose your own approach. With your help we can get our church roster up-to-date, and more importantly, bring our fellow sheep back to hear God's Word and receive His Sacraments again.

Respectfully,

The 'elder' Elder

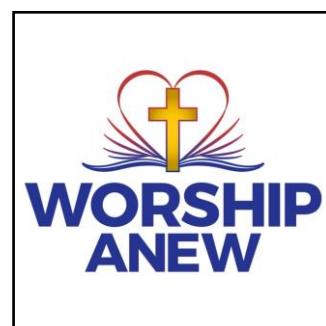


Positive Alternatives is a Christ-Centered, Pro-Life ministry working to reach the hearts and minds of abortion minded and abortion vulnerable women to encourage and empower them toward life for their unborn child. The love they have extends beyond the birth of the baby. Families are assisted with parenting help and encouraged to follow Jesus.

For the past, several years members of St. Paul who are deeply committed to the Sanctity of Human Life have taken one of the Boomerang bottles home on Mother's Day. They have prayed for the people served by Positive Alternatives, filled their bottle with loose change, bills or even checks, and returned them on Father's Day.



The pregnancy center volunteers focus on being living examples of Jesus to the women they work with each week. You can too! Watch for the bottles at either door. They will be available on Mother's Day, May 8th.



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Antenna Channel 49
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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
 18th - Onalee Carlisle
 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



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 Wenskay
 21st - Rich & Heidi Perkins
 23rd - Kevin & Sheila Truemner
 26th - Branden & Jessica Albrecht
 29th - Jeff & Erin Shuboy

IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

May 1 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
 May 8 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 May 15 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag
 May 22 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
 May 26 – Ascension Day @7:00 p.m.
 Ron Tabar
 May 29 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

TITHE COUNTERS

May 1 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn
 May 15 – Jyl Shope & Chris Gettel
 May 29 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Janet Truemner
 Kari Ricker

MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Janet Truemner
 Kari Ricker

SUNDAY SCHOOL / COFFEE HOUR SNACK SCHEDULE

5/1 – Sprague and Schwartz
 5/8 – Ondrajka and Deming
 5/15 – DONUTS FOR EVERYONE



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Need
YOU!!

2022

Congregational Bazaar

Saturday, October 29, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

CRAFTS

Let's try bringing crafts back! Have ideas.... Have the time... Ladies Aid is willing to help with the materials cost. Contact Ruth Kumaus

PLANTS

Got a green thumb? – dividing those indoor plants. Don't throw those babies away. Indoor plants are popular again, especially succulents. Please save and bring to the Bazaar to sell. Outdoor gardeners we could use your extras too. Curb appeal is still hot...just watch the Home channel.

Plastic pots and dirt are available on the basement kitchen counter. Unfortunately, we don't have a good place to keep these items at church. So, we need you to store/keep them alive until the Bazaar.

MEAT PIES/CASSEROLES

Oh, the convenience of those frozen meal entrees! You know – the ones that can be bought and then just baked. They are so popular that Stouffers now has more choices than just lasagna.

So why not offer our home baked versions. Watch for more info. We are thinking of a workday to assemble and then freeze. Meanwhile test out your family's favorite casserole-type recipe that can be assembled, frozen and baked later. Then share the recipe with a Ladies Aid member.

GIFT BASKETS

The Gift Basket team has retired. However, YOU could donate a basket. You buy ALL the items to put in the basket. Ladies Aid will provide the wicker basket and wrapping supplies (paper, filler, bow, etc.). You wrap or we will.

Basket Suggestions:

- Keep the total cost at less than \$25
- Buy an anchor item which is about half the cost of the total basket such as a crockpot.
- Fill in with less expensive items to go with the anchor such as kitchen towels & cookbook.

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hour Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	2	3 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	4 6:30 PM Bible Study	5	6	7 12:30 PM Mother Daughter Banquet
8 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 1:30 PM Catechism	9	10	11 6:30 PM Bible Study	12	13	14
15 8:30 AM Service Sunday School Recognition Day	16	17	18 6:30 PM Bible Study	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Service Youth Confirmation with Reception	23	24	25 6:30 PM Bible Study	26 7:00 PM Ascension of Our Lord	27	28
29 8:30 AM Service	30 Memorial Day	31	 Don't Forget Don't forget to plant some extra produce items in your garden for the bazaar.			2022

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