



St. Paul's

# "Epistles"

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On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, visibly marked as fire, landed on the Apostles giving them the ability to speak in foreign languages that they hadn't learned. This was so that they could proclaim the Gospel to all nations and that the nations could hear the Gospel in their own native tongue.



The Apostles formed the first Christian church. This church continues into our day with the same Gospel being proclaimed - sinners have refuge in Christ who has died for their sins which bestows hope for fallen man knowing they are loved by God in Christ. In turn, faith in this reality of Jesus' atoning death and resurrection seeks to hear what God says about all aspects of our life.

The world needs this message of the church and guidance from the Word of God. People are hurting. People are horribly confused. Parents are putting their children on hormone blockers to try and become something God hasn't created them to be. Children are desperate and lonely. We see another school shooting. Humanity wrestles with figuring out life's purpose only to be disappointed by the theory of evolution which says life is meaningless - you are only here by some random chance.

Keep watch, dear saints. Turn not a deaf ear to Christ's church. The Holy Spirit has a message for you. He has a message for your children and for the world. It's about Christ and life in Him. And not only eternal life at the final day - although it is that first and from which all other things spring - but also for your life now lived out within His creation and among the confused and hurting who need to fill the hole in their heart. Live by the word of Christ before them. Show them the beauty in God's created order in male and female and His desire for marriage and the family. Speak of redemption and forgiveness found in the wounds of Jesus. You are not a random chance nor are you left alone, but you are a person created by God Himself with His Spirit bringing you in to the family of the church. There is a message to be shared and a better way than what man invents. It is the way of hope through the cross, the way of grace, the way of virtue and honor for living for someone other than yourself.

The message of the church hasn't changed since the first Christian Pentecost. It is as relevant now as it was then. It is a message of refuge in Christ and hope for a dying world. It gives you a place to belong and a church family to be united with. Do not be afraid to live according to God's will for life among the people of the world or to speak His Word. People are in desperate need and horribly confused. They need a new song to sing. The Spirit has given the church that song. They are His lyrics and Jesus is the refrain. Let us keep watch and sing.

*Come, holy Fire, comfort true,  
Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your power prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!  
(LSB 497, st.3)*

In Christ,  
Pastor Suggitt

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ 50TH ANNIVERSARY +



On June 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Good Shepherd will celebrate 50 years of God's grace and mercy in Caseville. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, sinners have found life and salvation in the Name that is above all names proclaimed there since 1972.

The anniversary service will include former pastors of Good Shepherd, a combined choir from St. Paul, Linkville and Good Shepherd, and will feature a catered luncheon following the service. Photos and documents of their history will be on display in the parish hall as you mingle and converse with your brothers and sisters in Christ from over the years.

While not necessary to attend, if you sign up in our narthex it will help them in planning the luncheon.

***To God be all glory!***

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET UPDATE

Taco Bout A Party was a great day for the ladies of St Paul. Our Mother-Daughter Banquet was a wonderful success. We had sixty-nine women and girls attend for taco and nacho bar luncheon.

MJ Storey from SafePlace gave a brief presentation. The ladies brought in so many donation items that we FILLED HER SUV TO THE BRIM! Everyone who attended decorated a modge podge flower vase and took home some fresh flowers or craft flowers. Twenty attendees took home a small succulent that they won in our drawing.



A special thank you goes out to: Brian and Joshua Schember, Benjamin Engelhardt, Michael Mandich, Tristan Deming, Chase Swartzendruber, Owen Reibling, and Henry, Walter and Harold Haag. These gentlemen helped with serving, cleanup, and loading donations into the SafePlace vehicle.



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 A graphic of two red hearts, one slightly larger than the other, positioned in the center of the bottom cell.	Bonnie Nowaczyk 7305 Main Street Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 553-4286 or (989) 678-4286

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## FARM FRESH FAITH - WHERE WE GROW IN FAITHFULNESS

June 27-30  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The name of VBS is **FARM FRESH FAITH**. The theme is **GROWING IN FAITH**. The program will be June 27 –30th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please pre-register by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Tell your friends and neighbors and get them registered too! All children aged three through seventh grade are invited to attend. Adults and older youth are encouraged to volunteer to help!

We will be having a balloon launch instead of a water balloon fight on the last night. I have purchased biodegradable balloons and will make tags to put on them. Does anyone have a helium tank? or do I need to rent one?

The kids will recite the Lord's Prayer each day and we will sing the first verse of "I am Jesus Little Lamb". Please practice at home with them.

I received a Thrivent grant and a donation from Meijer to help defray cost. Jyl Shope also got us a donation of water bottles from Bay Port State Bank.

**\*\*\* LOOK\*\*\*** *We will be doing a food and household item drive **INSTEAD** of money offering each night. Everyone will be asked to bring non-perishable food items, household cleaning items and hygiene items to donate each night instead of money. This is part of Thrivent's volunteer month program and will benefit The Blessing Boxes and Pigeon Food Pantry.*

Dinner and snacks will be included for all kids and volunteers each night. Meals: Monday (Youth Group) - pizza, veggies and dip, chocolate milk and juice, ice cream treats; Tuesday (Sunday School) - soup, bread/rolls, fruit, lemonade, and cupcakes; Wednesday (Council) - hotdogs, mac n cheese, Rice Krispie treats, chocolate milk; Thursday (Ladies Aid) - pancakes and sausage, fruit, yogurt, juice. Faye Errer and Elaine Thies have agreed to bake lots of cookies for snacks during the week.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!



## Baby Bottle Boomerang

*It's simple & fun!*

**The Baby Bottle Boomerang** began on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 to church on Father's Day.



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.

## A Godly Father

A godly father is a wonderful man,  
Kind, reliable, gentle and strong.  
One who leads you along the right paths,  
And discourages you from the wrong.

He gives to you the most valuable gift,  
the sharing with you of his time;  
He is always there when you have a care,  
Loves you clean, or covered with grime.

As you grow older you notice his ways,  
How they change as you both move along,  
The advice that he give and the life that he lives,  
As he tackles big trials with a song.

He is a sage at advice, always there with the price  
Of events and special occasions;  
He can help with your math, show the right path  
using correct mathematic equations.

When you become grown, move away from his  
home,  
He is still there for your every need;  
When your feelings get hurt or you have  
problems at work  
He gives comfort in both word and deed.

Yes, a good father's love is a gift from above  
Direct from the Master's own hand  
And the life of every child, to become meek and  
mild,  
Should be guided by a God given man.

~ Joyce Guy ~

## LIFE QUOTES

“The dad who keeps his eyes focused on Christ, prays for his children and expresses his unconditional love for his kids, will, in the end, have been a good father and be blessed with adult children who will always be grateful for the dad God gave him.”

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



Our Sunday School calendar year ended on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The kids played bells during service. After church all the students and teachers were recognized. All students who were present received a treat and a gift certificate to Dairy Barn! Teachers also received a gift certificate because they like ice cream too! The day ended with donuts and beverages for everyone.

Classes will resume in the fall with Rally Day scheduled for Sept 11, 2022. Please continue to bring your children to church to hear the Good News all summer. And, if you haven't registered yet, please sign-up for Vacation Bible School.

### Summer plans for the kids:

1) The kids are planting pumpkins behind the church on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30 p.m. Thanks to Mr. Errer for plowing, Mr. Reibling for killing the weeds, and Mr. Kovach for tilling the ground! If your kids are at church this summer and you see weeds, please have the kids go out and pull the weeds while you're there. We will be harvesting on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

2) Vacation Bible School is set for June 27-30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Children aged three through seventh grade (going into seventh) are invited to come *Grow in Faith*. Register by June 5<sup>th</sup> please. Sunday School is providing dinner on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. I will do the cooking, but **I need parents to make cupcakes for dessert! I will also need help with serving and cleanup that day.**

3) Planning a Sunday School putt-putt golf outing later this summer. Please check your newsletter and bulletin and WhatsApp for updates.

Susan Schember, Sunday School Superintendent  
586 246-4567



All students in fifth grade through college are invited and encouraged to be part of our Youth Group. We have fun events and outings; we help with community service projects; we donate to people and organizations; AND we get to hear God's word with other fellow Christians!

- Youth are helping plant pumpkins on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m.



We will be harvesting on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and possibly cutting and binding cornstalks to sell that day also.

Stay tuned to your bulletin and WhatsApp for updates.

- Youth group is providing dinner at VBS on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. **I could use some youth group kids (who aren't in VBS) to help with serving and cleanup. I would also love to have you guys volunteer to help with recess, music, class helpers, and crafts all week or any days you are available.**

- This summer we're having a Youth Group Camp-Out at the Lake! We are hosting two days at our cottage on Harsens Island for fun in the sun. Youth group kids are invited to carpool to the island after church on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We will swim, fish, kayak, tube, paddle board, play volleyball, can jam, cornhole, BBQ, bonfire, and tent camp! Kids will sleep in tents (bring sleeping bags and pillows).

Parents are invited to stay also, but you can sleep in actual beds indoors. The fun will continue on Monday with a big breakfast, more fun in the sun, lunch, and then off to your homes again! Let me know who's coming, so I can plan for meals and snacks.



- Christ the King's COLLIDE Youth Group is planning a summer fun day at Camper's Haven in Bad Axe. I don't have dates yet, but I believe it will be on a Sunday afternoon AND we will be invited to join them. Once the date and time has been determined, I will notify everyone.

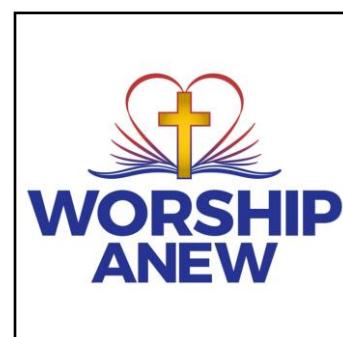
- I'm also hoping to have a couple kickball nights at church this summer. We can pull a few weeds in the pumpkins, have a quick dinner, and then play some kickball. First date will be Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30-8pm. Let me know who's coming!



## NewsLetter DEADLine

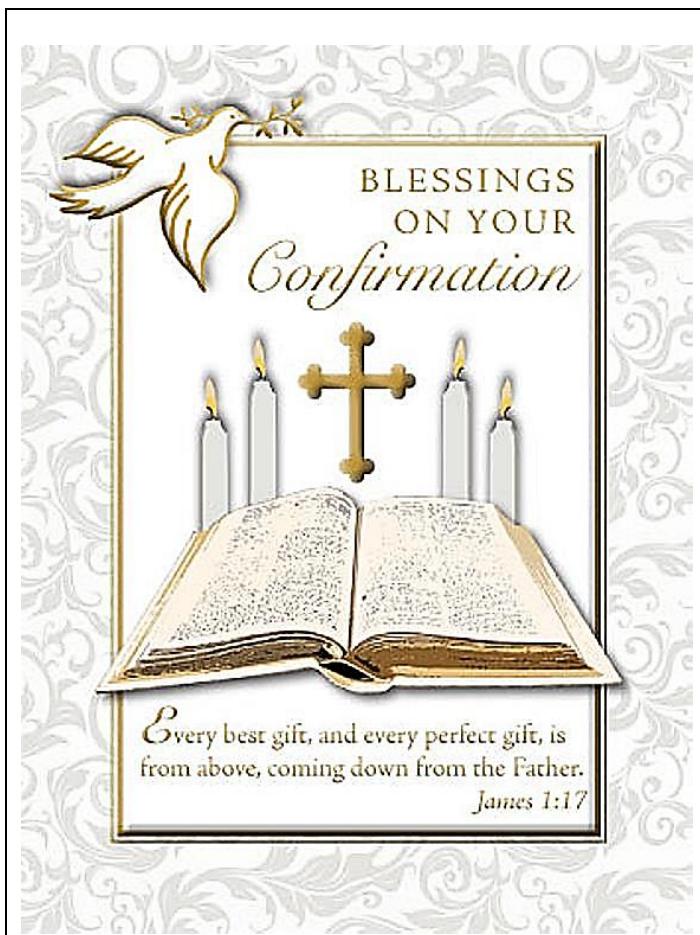
The deadline for articles for the July/August issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, June 19, 2022. Email them to Sandy at [salcido.sandy8@gmail.com](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com) or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

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



Lutheran Service on Television:  
[worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org)  
DirectTV Channel 377 - Sundays 11:30am  
Antenna Channel 49  
Comcast Channel 8

# The Rite of Confirmation and First Communion



## 2022 Confirmand

**+ HENRY ROBERT HAAG +**

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

*By his wounds you have been healed.*

1 Peter 2:24

Henry is the son of Robert and Amy Haag

We give thanks to God for bringing this, His child, to the most Holy Supper of Christ's true body and blood. Here he joined in the public confession of the faith while proclaiming the Lord's death for him as he received the Sacrament of the Altar.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*



I'm having a cup of tea in my tranquility room (front porch) and have a thought. Wow, how time flies! It's been a month since you all were reminded that you, yes 'you' are on the Evangelism Committee at St. Paul.

So, how did you do? Have you approached anyone about not seeing them in church? Have you spoken to a loved one or friend who would benefit from hearing God's Word? Not an easy job, is it?

Now imagine how the Apostles felt when Jesus told them he was going away and that it was their job to tell people about Him. He even told them to lay low for a while. Then came the Ascension. In a sense, He turned them loose to "Go Tell the Good News."

I'm sure the Apostles did not always succeed, but they persisted and grew the flock. We also will not always be successful. But like the Apostles, we too can make our membership grow. So, I urge you all to make a plan. Remember, it's our job to spread the Good News and help others to hear that Good News.

See you in church!

The 'Elder' Elder



# 2022

## High School Graduates



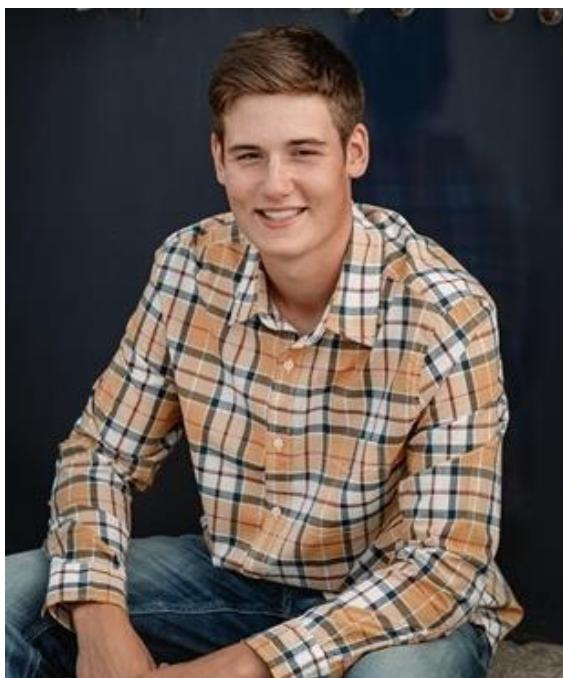
**Macy Judith Reinhardt**

Daughter Marc & Jodi Reinhardt

Graduate of Unionville Sebewaing High School

Future plans: Michigan State University

Plans to study Nutritional Sciences



**Conner Charles Timmons**

Son of Chad & Jennifer Timmons

Graduate of Laker High School

Future plans: Pursuing a job in the construction trades and helping on the family farm

# 2022

## College Graduate



**Clinton John Shope**

Son of Jylan Shope

Graduate of Saginaw Valley University

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Physical Education/Health Teacher

*For I know the plans  
I have for you,  
declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you,  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
hope and a future.*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

To Our Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure! We are so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation, and so immensely proud of you, too!"

God's Blessings,

St. Paul Congregation



June 2 - Tristan Metzger  
3 - Susan Albrecht  
6 - Izabella Collon  
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 - Scott Weisenbach  
25 - Travis Albrecht  
27 - Zachary Britt  
28 - Kloee Kady



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

# In His Service

## ELDERS

June 5 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley  
June 12 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag  
June 19 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague  
June 26 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

## GREETERS

June 5 – Rob & Amy Haag and family  
June 12 – Brian & Susie Schember  
June 19 – Norbert & Liz Reehl and girls  
June 26 – Dick & Lucille Welchner

## TITHE COUNTERS

June 12 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn  
June 26 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

## ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

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



[LutheranPublicRadio.org](http://LutheranPublicRadio.org)

June			Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Bible Study	2	3	4
5 8:30 AM Service	6	7 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	8 6:30 PM Bible Study	9	10	11
12 8:30 AM Service	13	14	15 6:30 PM Bible Study	16	17	18
19 8:30 AM Service  <b>Father's Day</b> Baby Bottles Due	20	21	22 6:30 PM Bible Study	23	24	25
26 8:30 AM Service 11:00 AM Good Shepherd 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	27 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	28 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	29 No Bible Study 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	30 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS		

2022

### PLAN AHEAD

If you are planting a garden or have fruit trees/plants – don't forget about the church! The Annual Congregational Bazaar will be held on October 29, 2022 this year. Feel free to grow and/or can some extra to donate to our bazaar.

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