



St. Paul's

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From the
Pastor's
Desk



"But exhort one another every day, as long it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end." Hebrews 3:13-14

We share in Christ. This isn't to mean that we simply share our dessert at the potluck with one another because we are Christians. It means we partake in the Christ. We participate in the benefits of His sacrificial death and His resurrection from the dead.

We share in what He has bestowed upon us at our Baptism: His holiness, righteousness, innocence, blessedness, and the title of Child of God.

Because of that, we do share Him with one another. *"But exhort one another every day"* is a way to say that we should be reminding each other of the things of our Lord all the time. *Encouraging one another* is another way to say it. Speaking the word and will and promises of God to each other that we may remain firm in the faith until the end.

How often? *"Every day."* Yikes. That seems like too often. People might think I'm some sort of religious person or something. Besides, why would we need to encourage each other so often with the word, will, and promises of God? Isn't that something simply for Sunday morning once and while? Seems pretty good to me, I know what I'm doing.

No, it isn't. And no, you don't. You are not as strong as you think you are and you are surrounded by all sorts of trouble. Sin is deceitful. It dresses itself up to look harmless to you. That's why we have to be told, *"exhort one another every day... that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."* If we knew by our own nature we wouldn't have to be told. But we do have to be told in order that we would be protected from attacks and deceitfulness of sin and wield the weapons our Lord gives us not only for our own benefit but also for the benefit of our family in Christ.

It is assumed, as you can see in the passage from Hebrews, that the Christians are together to exhort and encourage each other. *"Every day"* implies that the body of Christ is connected frequently with the result that they know the struggles and the harms that each other face. This is how they are able to encourage one another with God's word and prayer. They are together. First of all at the Divine Service on Sunday but also through the week. Like a family. Checking on each other. Encouraging each other. Speaking the promises of Jesus to each other.



Dear saints, exhort and encourage one another. We have come to share in Christ. God will bless your effort. He wants what's best for you.

In Christ,



Catechesis

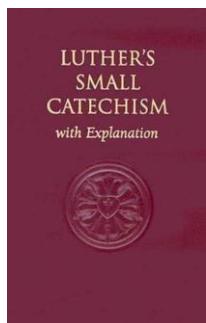
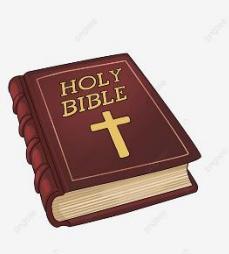
Youth Catechesis/Confirmation

There will be a parent and student meeting for those in sixth grade or who have begun Catechism/Confirmation class with Pastor Suggitt. We will meet on Sunday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul to discuss the upcoming year as well as how parental involvement is the key to training up a child in the way he should go.

May God richly bless our families.

Adult Catechesis Class

Beginning Sunday, September 11 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. we will embark on a class focusing on the fundamental truths of Christianity.



This class is for those who desire membership at St. Paul yet is also open to all (high school through adult) who want to once again explore the content of our confession. This means this class is for you. We will meet each week for 10 - 12 weeks. Bring your Bible and Small Catechism if you have them. If not, we will supply them for you.



Some mornings I have my coffee or tea in the 'tranquility room' (front porch). It is always peaceful and quiet out there. It often inspires me to be a better man.

But this morning, it was different. I was feeling somewhat guilty. You see, I recently made a commitment that kept me from hearing God's Word and receiving his sacrament. I had broken the vow I made at the time of my confirmation. It was pretty easy to make all those commitment vows at the time I first recited them from the Small Catechism. Then guilt really set in – thinking of all my current transgressions.

But as I finished my coffee a peace settled over me. How thankful I am that I have a Father who knows how weak and sinful I have been, and is still willing to put all that aside if I just put my faith in Him. Now that's 'tranquility'.

When I get to church I know I am always welcome back. My hope is that YOU can encourage someone – a friend, perhaps a relative that has been away from service to know that they are always welcome, and that God will welcome them with open arms.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Elder Elder

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR STARTING!



Sunday School begins on Rally Day, Sunday September 11th. Coffee hour will resume that day too! Please join us for pastries, juice, and coffee after church.

Class will begin that day.

We intend to have Sunday School begin at 9:45 a.m. (ish) each week, and class will be dismissed by 10:45 a.m.

Children 3 years through 7th grade are encouraged to attend Sunday School each week. If you have a child or grandchild who is new to my roster, please let me know asap! Parents are invited to sit in on classes or stay to visit with your fellow congregants at coffee hour while you wait.

DO YOU WANT TO BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR COFFEE HOUR? If you'd like to provide snacks for coffee hour any given week, there will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary on the North end of church. We usually need at least 5 dozen snacks to feed the kids, teachers, and church members who stay. We will always provide coffee, hot water for tea, cider or cocoa, juice, and bottled water. Thanks in advance for helping!

Quick look at the schedule for the beginning of the year:

Sept. 11th - Rally Day/1st Day of Sunday School

Oct. 9th - preschool through 3rd grade in class

4th grade &up - help peel and process horseradish

Oct. 23rd - bazaar set-up after church

&

Corn Maze Field Trip at 10 :00 a.m.

Oct. 29th - BAZAAR (need lots of helpers)

We will be having our Cookie Walk during the bazaar on October 29th. Sunday School parents and teachers will be asked to bake cookies for this big fundraising event. I will also be baking braided

coffee cakes for this sale on Thursday, October 27th after school if anyone is available to come help.

See you in Sunday School!

Susan Schember, SS Superintendent
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bssandsks@yahoo.com

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

August 18, 2022

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

All of us are so thankful for your generous support along the way in seminary. We are very moved that you have decided to continue your support to our family for this additional year while I complete the Master of Sacred Theology program. I am encouraged to be diligent in my studies in gratitude for your aid in making this opportunity possible!

My program has been going well so far this summer. I've been able to narrow my research and thesis proposal to the topic of Jonah's psalm that he prayed from the belly of the fish. In addition to thesis research, I've been preparing for an exam I'll be taking in Modern Hebrew in the Fall that I will use as a research language in my thesis and I have been studying for the comprehensive examinations I will take. Starting in September, I will be taking and teaching classes, to which I eagerly look forward.

We are happy to report that God has answered our prayers and granted a safe birth to our son, Ezra John Chrysostom, on July 17th. He was born 9 lbs. on the dot. We've been enjoying time with him and his siblings love to give him hugs and kisses. Ezra was baptized at Redeemer in Fort Wayne the following Sunday, July 24th.

I will keep you updated on my studies this year!

Joy,

Dylan, Abby, Elise, Felix, and Ezra



Youth group is a wonderful way to get and keep your student involved in church, make friends with other Christian kids, give back to our community, and have some fun along the way.

St. Paul Youth Group is open to all kids in 5th grade through college age. We help at church events, we fundraise, we donate to local organizations and families, we go on field trips, and we have activities at church. Friends are always welcome and encouraged to attend. I encourage all parents to get their sons/daughters involved in youth group!

HAYRIDE AND HAUNTED HOUSE FIELD TRIP

 Join us for *EVERSCREAM* at Evergreen Park on Saturday, September 10th for a non-scary hayride and then a haunted house! Please meet at Evergreen Park (on M-53 south of Cass City) at 7:45 p.m. for 8:00 p.m. hayride; followed by 9:00 p.m. haunted house. Youth group will cover the cost (\$5/person hayride, \$10/person haunted house). Feel free to bring \$ for concessions afterward. Please make sure your student has a ride home afterward. Anyssa Mandich will be the chaperone for this event. Her number, in case you need it, is 586 246-6411.

Our first big event is the bazaar. Youth group kids are needed to help with horseradish on October 9th after church, then for set-up on October 23rd, and for sure on bazaar day, October 29th!



All youth group students and parents should make sure I have your cell numbers, so I can add you to the REMIND list. I use REMIND to keep everyone notified when there's a new event or schedule change.

Hope to see you soon!
Susan Schember – YG Leader
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	Bonnie Nowaczyk 7305 Main Street Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 553-4286 or (989) 678-4286



The deadline for the October issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be Sunday, September 18, 2022.

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!



A Message from Positive Alternatives:

Thank you so much for participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang! Your church collected \$609.23!

We are so grateful for your partnership in the ministry at Positive Alternatives!

Because of your support, we are able to continue this life-giving kingdom-building work.

Blessings,

April Woodall



A Message from the Huron County Sheriff's Office:

Dear Members,

Thank you for your monetary donation. We appreciate your support on behalf of the Sheriff's Work Program. Because of your generosity and support, we are able to provide this service.

Kelly J. Hanson
Huron County Sheriff



If you have any changes to your phone number, address, etc. please notify the church office so our records can be brought up to date. Thank you in advance for letting us know.



FELLOWSHIP HALL

Are you having a gathering, a reunion, a shower, even a wedding any time soon? Don't forget that we have a beautiful facility – our fellowship hall AND a well-equipped kitchen for you to use.

All our members need to do is contact Sandy in the church office and give her the date you would like to rent the hall. She'll check that date to be sure it's available and give you the necessary forms to fill out. It's that easy!

We have a spacious facility, why not utilize it for your special day?



A special meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was held on Sunday, August 14, 2022 following our worship service.

Our secretary reported that our request for a sugar donation from Michigan Sugar has been denied. Sugar donations have been suspended so they can fulfill their customers' orders this year. They said to be sure to apply again next year.

A thank you note from the Rev. Josh Errer and family for our donation toward his continued education was read.

Sandy received an email from Shana Adkins regarding the succulent plant sale we are planning for the bazaar. She sent some beautiful photos of some of the planters she has made. She will be bringing a number of them to the bazaar for us to sell.

Ruth Kumaus reported that we have about \$19,000 in the checking account. She said the proposed freezer we would like to purchase was going to cost around \$1,500. She's working on getting it purchased and delivered soon so we can use it for bazaar prep.

Discussion took place concerning the frozen casseroles we want to offer for bazaar sales. Several types were suggested. We need to nail it down what kinds we will make. We're planning a work day to produce them.

Linda Roe reported that she and Peggy Parrish had been to visit Fern recently. They had a very nice visit. We all agreed that we need to work on our visitation of shut-ins in the future.

A seed was planted regarding recruiting some new members for Ladies Aid. We will discuss it at a later date. Maybe a tea, brunch or luncheon?

Discussion was held on when to hold our September meeting due to the Labor Day weekend. We decided to meet on Sunday, September 11, 2022 in the conference room as tithe counters will not be counting that day.

Joyce Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; supported by Jyl Shope. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

Life Quotes

“So, pray, dear army of God, for the courage to seize opportunities to speak of God's saving glory and the peace it brings! So, pray, dear army of God, for those God has sent, in His name and ours, to herald that message where we cannot go! So, pray, dear army of God, that God would ... equip the next generation of faithful witnesses to add their voices to the chorus.”

*Rev. Dr. Rich Gurgel
President of Martin Luther College
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
lutheransforlife.org*

October Happenings

ST. PAUL'S BAZAAR IS COMING SOON!!!!

How will you contribute to the bazaar this year? We need more canned goods, fresh produce, potted plants, lots and lots of home-baked pies, cookies and other bake sale items, white elephant items, and CRAFTS! If you've helped in the past, we implore you to keep it up! If you've never helped, now is the time to start! If you know how to can/preserve, we need you! (jars, lids and rings are available in the basement). If you are crafty, please start crafting. If you can bake a few more pies, or cookies, or specialty desserts, or breads, start now and put them in the freezer. So many ways you can help make the bazaar a success, so let us know how you will help! Contact Ruth Kumaus, Sandy Salcido, or Susan Sember



We will be peeling and processing horseradish after church service on Sunday, October 9th. Please bring your favorite potato peeler and join us on the back parking

lot for a fun day of Christian fellowship. Snacks will be available after church AND lunch for all volunteers when we finish!

Set-up will be Sunday, October 23rd after church. Luncheon prep and cooking will begin on Thursday, October 27th. Final set-up and drop-off day will be Friday, October 28th. Watch your bulletin for updates and new information as it becomes available.



ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR Saturday, October 29, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Supervisor of Logistics: Ruth Kumaus

Advertising: Jan Stoeckle

Supervisor Lunch Preparation:

Susan Sember

Supervisor Desserts & Drinks:

Margaret Timmons



Supervisor Bake Sale & Pie Station:

Shirley Fritz & Melissa Deming



Supervisor Cookie Walk:

Kristen Suggitt

Supervisor White

Elephant: Lucille Welchner

Supervisors Canned

Goods & Produce:

Peggy Parrish

Ruth Fluegge

Joe Salcido

Supervisor Cutlery & Crafts: Janet Truemner

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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
22 - Jeff & Debbie Leinweber
25 - Brian & Susan Schember
27 - Richard & Elaine Renn

IN HIS SERVICE

September Elders

4 - Ron Tabar & Robert Haag
11 - Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
18 - Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
25 - Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

September Tithe Counters

4 - Jyl Shope & Chris Gettel
18 - Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker

September Greeters

4 - Annette Prich
11 - Derrick & Paula Holland, Dallas and Kolbie
18 - Jyl Shope
Sept 25 - Don & Peggy Parrish

September Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

Ruth Fluegge 989-598-2453
Paula Holland 989-598-4156

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.
Adult Catechesis: 3:30 p.m.

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4 8:30 AM Service	5	6 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9	10
11 8:30 AM Service 9:45 AM SS Rally Day Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism Mtg. 3:30 – 4:30 PM Adult Catechesis	12	13 Winkel @ Good Shepherd	14 6:30 PM Bible Study	15	16	17
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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 11, 2022