

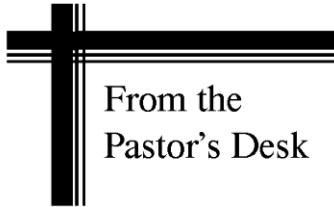


St. Paul's

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From the
Pastor's Desk

a bold confession of

Christ, Reformation naturally brings to our minds the work of Martin Luther and that which he has done for the benefit of the Church.

The final Sunday this October we will commemorate Reformation Day. This day reminds us of our need for the pure preaching of God's Word that we would know and cling to Christ rightly. Like we do with other saints who have gone before us in the faith and made

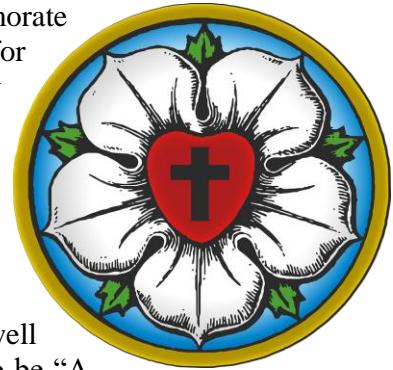
Luther wrote at least 40 hymns, many within the span of just a few years. His most well known hymn, which finds a home in many Christian denominations, certainly has to be "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (LSB 656). It is based on Psalm 46 and serves not to express Luther's feelings concerning the psalm but to interpret it and apply God's Word to the church that she would sing of God's promises in Christ in the midst of struggle and be renewed knowing that "for us fights the Valiant One, whom God Himself elected." This was Luther's approach and goal for writing hymns, not for self-expression but to serve his fellow believers that they would have a strong confession of Christ. He accomplished this in a couple different ways. Some of his hymns are catechetical, that is, they are instructional and teach. For example, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655) is a three-stanza hymn with each stanza confessing one Person of the Holy Trinity. "These are the Holy Ten Commands" (LSB 581) is obviously the Ten Commandments with a plea for mercy for where we have failed. In his catechism hymn on Baptism "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" (LSB 406), Luther uses the biblical narrative concerning Jesus' Baptism to teach us about ours. There are many more.

In a different style, Luther will put the narrative of Scripture in our minds and on our lips. In his Christmas hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I come" (LSB 358), which Luther wrote for his children, we are brought through the joyful words of the angels at the news of Jesus' birth and then join the shepherds in their response of joy and gladness. "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (LSB 556) rehearses the biblical teaching of our wretched sinfulness and need for a Savior and then declares the life of Jesus - His birth, death, resurrection, and ascension - as the cause of all our rejoicing for by His work we are set free from our sins. This list, too, could be longer.

Luther wrote - a lot. We know his Small Catechism by heart, his Large Catechism and the Smalcald Articles which are contained in our church body's official confession *The Book of Concord 1580*. Yet beyond these documents and the sermons and more documents and the translation of the Bible into German and the famous 95 Thesis which he posted on October 31, 1517, which began the Reformation, he also wrote music and hymns for the church. These also are our heritage. Not simply because Luther wrote them, but because they are solid confessions of Jesus. Which is what the Reformation was about. Jesus. A right confession of Him as our Savior who came from heaven (LSB 358), kept the commandments in our place (LSB 581) that we would be kept steadfast in His truth (LSB 655) and rejoice with all Christians (LSB 556) that we, by faith, are justified, bought and paid for, and have a trusty fortress, the kingdom of God, who is Christ Himself (LSB 656).

Happy Reformation Day. Cling to the truth of God's Word and sing boldly.

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



Our Lord is the Author and giver of life (Acts 3:15) and forms us in our mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:9). Therefore, all life is precious, has worth before God, and according to the Fifth Commandment we are to help and support our neighbor in every physical need (Small Catechism). Proposal 3, which will be on the ballot this November, directly contradicts this. The overturning of Roe v. Wade was a great and wonderful blessing, but the battle is not over. Proposal 3 seeks to enshrine within our state constitution extreme laws that will harm vulnerable children, women, and families. It opens the door for abortion at any time, no parental consent, tax-paid abortions, abortions performed by non-doctors, and even more harmful statutes which seek to erode the family. Educate yourself on this proposal with the handouts provided at church and continue to be a voice for life and an advocate for what is good, right, and true. May God have mercy on us all.

NO PROPOSAL 3

TOO CONFUSING TOO EXTREME

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Wise Men Still Seek Him

On a recent visit to see my wife's cousin I stumbled across an open-air flea market. We wandered around for a bit. As I was leaving, I spotted a booth from a local artist. Although she had many beautiful and colorful paintings, my eyes became fixed on a plain wooden board with a Christmas theme on it. It had a backdrop of the three wise men on their camels heading to the Star of Bethlehem. And there were only five words on it. But those words were very powerful. It simply said, 'Wise Men Still Seek Him'. \$5.00 later, my mind quickly focused on how subtle yet thought-provoking those five words are. As I read it again, I noticed that if you put emphasis on any one of the words it may sound different. But it seemed to me that if you're wise you should seek Him. Yes, wise men and women should seek Him. And 'yes' wise men and women should hear His words. This leads me to encourage those reading this article to encourage others to seek His words by attending regular service again. I also hope that this message hits home like it did for me.



Sincerely in Christ,

The Elder Elder



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, September 11, 2022, following our worship service.

The Ladies Aid Mission Statement was read in unison by the members present. Fourteen members and one guest answered roll call. A thank you note was read by the secretary from Concordia Seminary for our continued financial support of the Student Adoption Program.

Our treasurer, Ruth Kumaus, reported that we have about \$18,000 in the checking account.

Old Business:

1. A stand-up freezer has been purchased from Elkton Hardware and delivered to St. Paul at a cost of \$999.00.
2. Discussion was held on whether or not to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen. The single refrigerator has a refrigerant leak. We could keep adding refrigerant but there's no guarantee that it will continue to work as it has been repaired several times. Jyl Shope made a motion to buy a new refrigerator; supported by Joyce Metzger. Carried. Some research will be done before we purchase it. The repairman recommended Beverage Air brand.
3. We need to make a better effort to communicate with our shut-ins. It can be through visitation, cards, text messages. The flower committee will be responsible for this and will report back at our monthly meeting.

Shut-ins are Mabel Kain, Fern Dubs, Lola Stein, Wilma Kovach, Bev Liedke, Peggy Kelly and Jeannie Ziehm. Everyone should make an effort to reach out to them.

4. We decided to make the following casseroles to sell at the bazaar:

Meat Lasagna
Macaroni & Cheese
Chicken Pot Pies

Volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, September 28th to put the lasagnas together and package. Sandy will supply the recipe and purchase the necessary groceries. She will also supply the recipe for the pot pies.

Peggy Parrish will supply the recipe for the macaroni and cheese.

New Business

1. Doug Fritz approached the Ladies with an idea for the bazaar. He wanted to smoke turkeys and pork loins to be sliced, packaged and sold at the bazaar. He would purchase the bags to portion the slices and man the meat station if we move forward on this project. We would also need coolers and ice to keep the meat chilled. Discussion was held. We decided we needed to contact the health department to see if it was feasible. Ruth Kumaus agreed to contact them and will report back.
2. Michelle Haley recently underwent a radical surgery. Sandy will contact them to find out if there is anything we can do to help them as she is recovering from the surgery.
3. We received a request from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation Food-A-Thon. This item was tabled until we do our donations in October.

A motion was made by Joyce Metzger & supported by Peggy Parrish to adjourn the meeting; Carried. We closed with singing the doxology and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

October Happenings

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

Our church bazaar is the largest congregational fundraiser of the year. 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 is sponsoring a **Cookie Walk**. Each Sunday School family has been asked to help bake cookies.

#3 We are planning to serve **luncheon**, 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 Horseradish! We need help peeling and processing horseradish on Saturday, October 9 after our worship service. There will be coffee hour in the morning and lunch served after for all volunteers. Please bring your own peeler and paring knife.

#5 We will be selling **RADA** knives and kitchen utensils/tools, plus cookie sheets and dishwashing cloths.

#6 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 so we can get them organized for the sale.

#7 **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!

#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.

#9 We will have some **gift baskets** but not to the extent that we did other years. 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.

***Anyone donating a gift basket and desiring that we wrap it for you, please bring the basket items by October 19th. These items should be placed on the table in the southwest corner of the basement (so they are not confused with White Elephant items). Please include a note on the total cost of the items for the basket. We will do the rest.

#9 We have added yet another item to our wares. **Succulents, houseplants and garden plants** have been potted and will be available for purchase that day. If you have plants you would like to add there is potting soil and some pots in the basement for them.



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
- Disposable pie pans and covers



Get the Scoop on Youth Group!

It's been difficult getting youth group kids to commit to any of our events. I realize that we are all very busy, but I would truly appreciate if you parents would encourage your kids to come. Youth Group is a great opportunity for kids in 5th grade and higher (even in college) to spend some quality time with other Christian kids, to have some fun, and to give back to our community and those in need. Friends are always welcome!

We have a busy fall, so I'm really hoping to see more of our youth getting involved and lending a hand. Here's what we have coming up...

- Sunday, October 9th Horseradish day. Come to church and then help out afterward. Snacks and lunch included.
- Sunday, October 23rd
Bazaar Set-Up. Come to church and then help us out. The more help we have, the quicker we finish.
- Saturday, October 29th BAZAAR!!!
We need your help from 9:00 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. Please wear a Thrivent shirt and come help out.
- November we will be making up Thanksgiving dinner boxes for Adopt-A-Family. You will be asked to bring in grocery items to fill the boxes. Youth group funds will purchase turkeys for each family. Boxes will be packed on Sunday, November 20th, so they can be delivered before Thanksgiving.
- I have planned an Axe Throwing event for kids 5th grade and up. It will be held on Saturday, November 12th at Main Event in Cass City. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex.

Susan Schember, Youth Group Advisor
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586 246-4567

What's Happening in Sunday School?

We're off to a great start this school year! Classes are running pretty smoothly with most of the children coming each week. The kids are enjoying "What's In The Box?" with Pastor Suggitt. We are playing bells on Sunday, October 2nd and singing with the choir on October 30th for Reformation Sunday.

Coffee hour is back. Everyone is invited to stay after church to visit and enjoy a coffee/tea/hot chocolate/hot cider and a snack. There is a sign-up sheet in the North narthex near the bulletin board for anyone who wants to provide cookies or muffins or any other treats. Thanks in advance for helping out!

The kids helped pick pumpkins on September 24th for our annual fundraiser. Pumpkins are available for sale by donation at the corner of Kilmanagh Rd and Bay Port Road AND at Norbert and Liz Reehl's house on Owendale Road between Rescue and McAlpin roads.

On Sunday, October 9th we will be peeling and processing horseradish. Preschool thru 3rd grade will have class that day, but 4th grade and up will be helping with horseradish. We will still have coffee hour drinks and snacks, but then we will go outside to peel, peel, peel! Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at the completion of the job. Parents are encouraged to stay and help as well.

Sunday Oct 23rd is Bazaar set-up immediately after church. We will help move the big stuff and then head to Kohl Farms for Corn Maze fun. The Sunday School will pay for admission, but I suggest you bring money for concessions. All Sunday School families are invited to join us.

All Sunday School families are asked to sign up to bake cookies for the Cookie Walk at the bazaar. Faye Errer has agreed to bake all of our frosted sugar cookies. The rest is up to the parents and teachers! Don't forget to sign up!

I'm also planning a Sunday School Field Trip on Sunday, November 13th. Stay tuned for more info...

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Reformation Day

EXPLANATION OF LUTHER'S SEAL

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 Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Room 55 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3374	Beverly Liedke 160 Country Bay Drive Room 308 Pigeon, MI 48755 (989) 453-3637
	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 visit them.



On Sunday afternoon, October 2, 2022 we are blessed to welcome into the family of faith at St. Paul by the washing and renewal of Holy Baptism, Layla Ann Provost, infant daughter Katie Bolzman and Adrian Provost. Layla is the great granddaughter of Dick and Lucille Welchner. Serving as sponsor for Layla is Toni Bolzman.

Please keep Layla and her family in your prayers as they live their lives together in Jesus.

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.



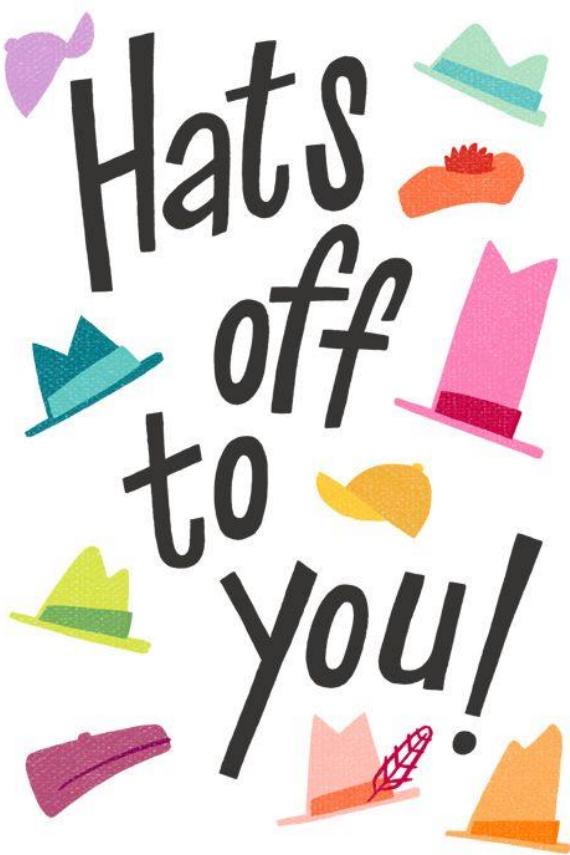
Bible Study resumes at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night. Why not come and grow in God's Word? We will meet in the fellowship hall.

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



- Thanks to all the people who have provided Thrivent grants for various bazaar projects. The grants help offset our overhead and increase our profits, so that our church can impact more people and organizations in our community and around the world. Thank you again!
- Thanks to the following people who helped with our pumpkin fundraiser: The Kovach Family, Brian S, Josh S, Zach S, Ben E, Amy H, Henry H, Walter H, Harold H, Liz R, Norbert R, Kaitlyn R, Laura S, Chase S, Sadie S, Owen R, Emma R, Braelyn S, Angie S, Matt R, Chad T, Pastor S. The monies raised from this fundraiser will help with Sunday School and Youth events during the year.
- Thanks to Lance Deming for helping power wash the West side of the fellowship hall. It looks much better!
- Thanks to Susan Schember for taking the bull by the horns and getting things ordered, delivered and prepped for the Ladies Aid lasagna project. Your help is invaluable & truly appreciated!

GOD'S ALPHABET

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



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 Flannery
	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

October 2 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 9 – Ken Haley & Joe Salcido
 16 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag
 23 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 30 – Ken Haley & Joe Salcido

Tithe Counters

October 2 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn
 16 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell
 30 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel

Greeters

October 2 – Marc & Jodi Reinhardt
 October 9 – Rich & Ruth Fluegge
 October 16 – Josh & Lisa Sprague and Family
 October 23 – Harold & Marge Weisenbach
 October 30 – Wendy Ewald & Boys

October Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

Jyl Shope 989-550-2874
 Liz Reehl 989-912-9574



October 1 Mike & Mindy Zmierski
 October 2 Richard & Kim Krohn
 October 7 Scott & Karen Gaeth
 October 20 Ellery & Shirley Fritz
 October 22 Jeremy & Rebecca Wright
 October 24 Dean & Julie Kreh
 October 26 Ken & Dorothy Rathje

October

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