

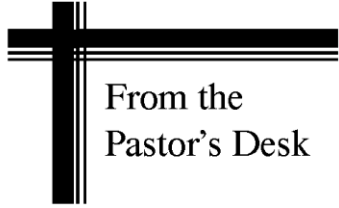


St. Paul's

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From the
Pastor's Desk

Lutheranism as you most likely well know, has its roots ethnically from Germany (less than one hundred years ago the services at St. Paul, Linkville were still in German). The faith in Christ we confess didn't start in Germany, it is the faith of the apostles handed to them by Jesus Himself, but a clear articulation and confession of the faith came back to the forefront when Martin Luther, a German,

boldly spoke before people of high estate the truth of the Scriptures. Luther's bold confession brought the purity of Gospel out from under a veil that had been placed over it by terrible teachings and practices that had crept into the church.

In October, we remember and give thanks for our forefathers of the faith who labored hard under the threat of great punishment from men of high estate to speak the truth of God's Word. Luther and his colleagues put themselves in harm's way and risked everything so that a clear understanding of what the Bible says would be heard by all. We commemorate God's work through them on October 31 and call it Reformation Day. On October 31, 1517, Luther posted 95 statements (called the 95 Theses) on the castle church door in Wittenberg in order to debate teachings in the church that had gone astray and needed correction. This served as a catalyst for a pursuit of a right and faithful confession of the Scriptures around which the church could gather and be edified to the glory of God.

This took risk. This took a reliance on a faithful confession of God's truth even in the face of powerful people. To keep him safe, Luther's colleagues staged his kidnapping in order to hide him for a time. But he certainly wouldn't remain hidden. No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket. Neither should we. We are not simply inheritors of a German tradition but inheritors of the truth of God's Word and His Kingdom. A kingdom that has no end which the gates of hell cannot prevail against.

That means the risk is worth it. Let's risk being unabashedly dedicated to our Lord's truth as put forth in the Bible. There is life in His truth. It speaks of Him. This will run you up against people in powerful places. Not necessarily those who could take your life like Luther faced, but those of the world who might then say mean things about you and try to ruin your reputation. So what? If God is for us who can be against us? St. Paul says. It's worth the risk to have the Words of eternal life proclaimed. It's worth the risk to have people come to the knowledge of truth. It's worth the risk to defend our families and our church and our community from the veil of terrible teachings and practices that lead men astray. The church is not a hiding place but a place where our Lord Jesus gives His gifts of life and salvation to renew us and equip us for living boldly in this world by His truth until He returns and ushers in the life of the world to come. He has won the victory, the kingdom ours remaineth we sing in that beloved hymn. Lord, grant us Your Spirit to risk embracing that fact wholeheartedly so that we would be bold to give a defense for the hope that is in us.

Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.
Martin Luther in 1521 in front of powerful people.

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

REFORMATION HISTORY

A Matter of Confession: *The Book of Concord*

Like most church bodies, Lutherans have a statement of what they believe, teach, and confess according to the teachings of the Bible. Ours are found in what is called *The Book of Concord* - 1580. Each congregation and every pastor of our congregations in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod must consent to abide by the confession of the faith found within *The Book of Concord* because it is faithful to what the Bible teaches.

Here are the titles of the writings contained in *The Book of Concord*, the date they were written, and the authors:

Apostles' Creed	Second Century	Unknown Author
Nicene Creed	325, 381	Council of Nicaea and Council of Constantinople
Small Catechism	1529	Martin Luther
Large Catechism	1529	Martin Luther
Augsburg Confession	June 25, 1530	Philip Melanchthon
Apology of the Augsburg Confession	May, 1531	Philip Melanchthon
Smalcald Articles	1536	Martin Luther
Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope	1537	Philip Melanchthon
Formula of Concord 1577		Jacob Andreae, Martin Chemnitz Nicolas Selnecker

The Book of Concord is readily available for you to purchase, read, and study. Some of you may have a copy already in your home. Tell Pastor Suggitt if you have one or are interested in purchasing one.



EXPLANATION OF LUTHER'S SEAL

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.

Christian Teaching/Adult Instruction for Membership

A class for those who are interested in the fundamentals of Christian teaching and life and for those who desire learning leading to membership in our church has begun.

This class will meet each Sunday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for approximately 12 weeks. The class is open to everyone even if you are already a member. If you have a Small Catechism and Bible, bring them. If not, we will provide them for you.



When I was a young boy my mother would take my sister and I to visit her grandmother and her Aunt Bertha. The aroma of the molasses cookies permeated the entire house. When it was time to leave, they would always give us a few to take home for later.

Most of you have some recollection of something similar to that. At our bazaar people take canned goods home for later. Everyone has returned from a family gathering with your favorite leftover for later. Some of you have even had 'one for the road' or a roadie or two.

Each of these examples have a similar recollection of having something we enjoyed and wish to enjoy again at a later time. When we travel, we bring home souvenirs to remind us later of that trip.

Before our Savior was crucified, He also gave us something to remember Him by. And He wants you to enjoy and refresh yourself every time you visit Him at His house. So enjoy each visit, listen to His words and take in his gifts of body and blood.

Yours in Christ,

Joe Salcido – The elder Elder



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by Vice – President Janet Truemner on Sunday, September 10, 2023, following our worship service.

The Ladies Aid Mission Statement was read in unison by the members

present. Twelve members 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.

The minutes of our special meeting held on July 23rd were read by our secretary. Our treasurer, Ruth Kumaus, reported that we have about \$18,000 in the checking account.

Old Business:

1. Four steam tables have been purchased for use at the bazaar. The cost was \$880. Other things we will need to purchase are advertising and dry goods that previous years were covered by Thrivent grants.
2. Joyce asked our opinion on how much we should charge for the grave blankets that she is working on. We set the cost at \$35.
3. Someone inquired as to where the money in the Funeral Fund would be used. We had previously designated these funds to go to Special Projects chosen by the ladies. After discussion Brenda Kady made a motion to use the money in this fund toward the acoustics for the fellowship hall; supported by Peggy Parrish; carried.
4. October is the month we select where our yearly donations will be directed. We chose the following for 2023:

a. Seminary student

Our last seminary student has graduated and is continuing his education in the Austin, Texas area. Sandy discussed our support of a seminarian with Pastor Suggitt and whether we continue to support Dylan Smith. She passed along the information and we decided to support a young man from Good Shepherd, Cass City – Ian Habicht. (We also decided to define a seminary student for future reference. **We will support ‘a seminarian who is in school in the initial years to become a pastor’.**)

- b. Christmas donations for area schools
Owen-Gage - \$500
Lakers - \$500
USA - \$500

Bad Axe - \$500

Cass City - \$500

Caseville - \$500

North Huron - \$500

c. Thumb Blessing Boxes - \$1,000

d. Safe Place - \$500

e. Orphan Grain Train

f. Imagination Library

g. Pigeon Food Pantry

h. Lutheran Fraternity Food Pantry

i. Seminary student Christmas Gift - \$500

Janet Truemner made a motion to support the above-named charitable donations; supported by Wanda Dubs, carried.

New Business:

Pastor Suggitt asked if the Ladies Aid could provide food for the members of the Pastor's Winkel on October 10th. At the most it would be for 20 men. We provide donuts and coffee in the morning followed by lunch at noon. The following ladies volunteered to furnish food:

Coffee Hour: 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Donuts (3 doz.) – Kris Gilbert

Lunch – 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lasagna – Brenda Kady

Margaret Timmons

Tossed Salad – Janet Truemner

Peggy Parrish

Dinner Rolls – Joyce Metzger

Salad Dressing – Wendy Tabar

Dessert – Shirley Fritz

Wanda Dubs

Beverages – Coffee & Water

The following ladies volunteered to work at the Winkel:

Joyce Metzger

Bev Wise

Margaret Timmons


Ruth Kumaus

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



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Keep them in your prayers, maybe give them a call and/or visit them.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.

Adult Instruction: 3:30 p.m.



Calling all students in 5th grade through college!!! We need your help: October 8th we're peeling horseradish after church; then bazaar set-up at 4:00 p.m.; October 14th is our Congregational Bazaar. Please be at the church ready to work by 9:00 a.m. All kids who volunteer for the day of the bazaar will receive their lunch for free.

Youth group is a great place to make and keep Christian friendships, to get community service hours, to help your church and community – and we almost always have fun and food! I'd like to get the youth group and parents out for a fun night in early November. Make sure that I have your cell number, so I can add you to the Youth Group REMIND APP. Stay tuned for updates as plans come together.

I would appreciate if you parents would encourage and/or bring your kids to youth group as often as possible! Thanks ahead of time.

Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader
586 246-4567

October Happenings

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR Saturday, October 14, 2023 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 are 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 a **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.

#4 Horseradish! **We need help peeling and processing horseradish on Sunday, October 8 after our worship service.** Fifth, sixth & seventh grades will help peel horseradish that day. **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 **Canned goods** are always a huge hit. If you canned it, bring it and 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!

#7 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. If you are able to help organize and display this area, please talk with Dick and Lucille Welchner to get more direction. We will need help setting up their tables on October 8th during set-up.

#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 very nice **gift baskets**. Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, baby gifts – we have a nice selection.

#9 We'll have a few **plants** – houseplants, succulents, etc. Don't forget to check them out.



******* We also need lots of strong helpers for bazaar setup on Sunday, October 8th at 4:00 p.m. Please come help!**



What's Happening in Sunday School?

We've had pretty good attendance for Sunday school. Each week we hear the Gospel during church, then we learn about it again during class. Hopefully this will encourage the children to pay attention during service and then retain the information by hearing it again at Sunday school. Please discuss what they learned each week on the way home!

Each class has a memory verse to work on during the week. Please help your student with his/her memory verse at home. We will be playing bells during church service on October 1st and October 8th. Preschool thru 4th grade WILL HAVE CLASS ON OCTOBER 8TH. 5TH – 7TH grades will help peel horseradish that day.

Pumpkins and cornstalks are for sale by donation at the corner of Kilmanagh Rd and Bay Port Rd. The kids and parents worked hard to keep the pumpkin patch cleaned, but the weather wasn't great for our crop. We don't have a lot of pumpkins, but we hope to make some money for all our hard work. If you'd like to purchase any, I suggest you do it quickly – they won't last long!

I hope to have lots of our Sunday school kids and parents volunteer to help at the bazaar. We need your cookies for Cookie Walk; baked goods for the luncheon and bake sale; we definitely need your help with set-up on October 8th; and lots of help in many areas on the day of our bazaar on Saturday, October 14th.

Susan Schember, Sunday School Superintendent
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St. Paul Ladies Aid will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, October 1, 2023 in the conference room immediately following our worship service.

All ladies of St. Paul are invited and encouraged to attend. We'd love to see some new faces.



The Quarterly Voter's Meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 immediately following our worship service.

Mark your calendar to attend this meeting so the business of St. Paul can be properly conducted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 02	Matthew Gaeth
October 03	Jason Reinhardt
October 04	Shelby Carlisle Jayce Sears
October 05	Brenden Ricker
October 06	Lancin Provost
October 07	Liz Reehl
October 09	Kim Dorland Kris Gilbert Hope Gilbert Todd Nowaczyk
October 10	Alan Kumaus Kaitlyn Reehl
October 11	Chuck Dorland Dean Kreh Sara Reinhardt
October 12	Kathleen Kovach McKenzie Flannery
October 13	Brad Renn
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 Wenskey
October 30	Erika Schember Josh Schember
October 31	Faith Suggitt

IN HIS SERVICE

Elders

Oct. 1 – Joe Salcido & Matt Reibling
 Oct. 8 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag
 Oct. 15 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
 Oct. 22 – Ken Haley & Matt Reibling
 Oct. 29 – Joe Salcido & Ron Tabar

Greeters

Oct. 1 – Jason & Patti Reinhardt
 Oct. 8 – Norbert & Liz Reehl and girls
 Oct. 15 – Wendy Ewald & boys
 Oct. 22 – Dick & Lucille Welchner
 Oct. 29 – Charlie & Margaret Timmons

Tithe Counters

Oct. 15 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell
 Oct. 29 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn

October Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

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



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

<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 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	2 6:00 PM Choir	3 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	4	5	6	7
8 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour Horseradish Peeling 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	9 No Choir	10 6:30 PM Bible Study	11	12	13	14 10:00 AM Congregational BAZAAR
15 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hou 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	16	17 6:00 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bible Study	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour Voter's Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	23 6:00 PM Choir	24 6:30 PM Bible Study	25	26	27	28
29 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	30 6:00 PM Choir	31 Reformation Day No Bible Study	<div>2023</div>			

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