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Guard The Deposit Entrusted To You

The Fourth of July comes and you celebrate freedoms and rights God has established for you in our country which are exercised because of the work of others who came before you. You dress up in red, white, and blue, fly a flag of the same colors on the front of your house and tell your children and grandchildren about those who have died and make those colors mean something. There's rightfully talk of liberty, justice, and the instilling of the sense of awe of what has been handed down to you.

Parades happen and everyone stands up and claps when the veterans roll by. Honor is given and the young are encouraged that to serve as those others did is a virtuous thing - to guard what is good. We recognize that the stakes are high to keep what we have in our country and to let things decay because of laziness or apathy is to let the proverb come to pass upon ourselves, "The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4).

The Fourth of July comes and you want to protect the good things passed down and you want the next generation to take up the mantle to steer our country, which was brought about by the providence of God, in a way that is pleasing and honors the heritage you have inherited, which is more than colorful bunting on the front porch or a bumper sticker on your pick-up, but a duty you see to be handed over to the next generation. This is good.

If we think this way and act this way on the Fourth of July (again, a great thing that we need to keep doing), we should even more so, concerning the Christian faith, heed the words of the apostle Paul to Timothy, "Guard the deposit entrusted to you" (1 Timothy 6:20). The deposit entrusted to Timothy was not the sacrifice of many, but of one Man, our Lord Jesus and the blessings He seeks to give to His Christians. This also has to be guarded, spoken of,

taught, relished in, encouraged among ourselves and the younger generation. The zeal for the heritage of our Lord should outweigh any other heritage we have received. If we think our country is being eroded to stray from the foundation and principles upon which it was built and are compelled to rehearse its underpinnings at our celebrations, know that St. Paul understood that erosion can happen to the Christian faith and therefore exhorts Timothy to *guard the deposit*. This isn't presented to Timothy as just an option because St. Paul knows what's at stake. It's also not an option for us; it our duty. As much as it is our duty to stand up for what's right according to God in our country, it is our duty to guard the deposit of faith found in Christ and His Word - through prayer, reading the Bible, examining ourselves, discipline, and leading the younger or those who haven't heard of Jesus.

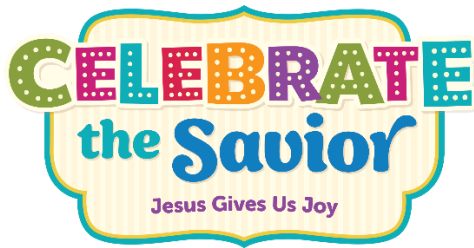
So we adorn ourselves with His true Word. We parade into the Church to honor the One who gave fully of Himself and receive His gifts. We stand at the proclamation of His Gospel. We encourage the young to take notice of what our Lord Jesus has handed over to us by faith that it would become a part of who they are. We dress up and fly the flag of courage and humility to be counted as one of Jesus' blood-bought citizens of heaven.

Honor that which is good, right, and true, and most of all *guard the deposit* and give thanks to God "who richly provides us with everything to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



Vacation Bible School @ St. Paul



This year we had a wonderful group of kids and adults for VBS. We had a total of 39 kids registered and an additional 20+ volunteers. The children learned about our Savior Jesus Christ from his humble birth in a manger to His blessed death and resurrection. We learned about some of the miracles he performed, and about his unending love, the forgiveness of sins and our eternal salvation. All of these wonderful gifts belong to all Christians, because God so loved the world and sent His son to be our Savior! Now that is something to celebrate!

We collected an offering daily to support "Sharing the Savior". This mission project provides books about Jesus to children all over the world. The kids really enjoyed the friendly competition each day-boys vs girls for the heaviest offering AND the most \$ offering. In just four days, our VBS raised \$783 toward this wonderful outreach. That is amazing!

A special thanks goes out to all the wonderful volunteers! I truly could not do any of it without all the moms, dads, grandparents, and youth who came out to help. Our church is truly blessed with wonderfully gracious people. Thanks also to the Sunday School, Church Council, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group for providing meals each night. And thanks to Coca Cola Company for providing milk, sport drinks, waters, and lemonades for the week. Money from Thrivent and Easter Breakfast donations also helped offset our costs. Lastly, thank you to everyone who made God a priority and brought the children to hear His word at VBS!

Susan Schember, VBS Coordinator

Youth Group and Sunday School *Summer/Fall Plans* **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

Youth Group (5th grade and up) will be heading to Key North in Caseville for a fun day on

Wednesday, July 10th from 4:00 –

6:00 p.m. We can meet at the church and carpool. Kids will



get a pass for bumper boats, putt-putt golf and go karts. I will also buy them an ice cream. Money from the soup sale will pay for this event. **Youth group kids only for this event – no extras this time. Please let me know who's coming by July 3rd.**

I'm also planning to have a crafting day to make some cool things to sell at the bazaar. I'll send a text or REMIND notice when I have a day and time. Stay tuned.



Sunday school is having a Family Fun Day at the lake on **Tuesday, August 6th**. All Sunday school families are invited to drive down to Harsens Island for lunch, fun in the sun, dinner, and bonfire. Bring swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen. We will have swimming, yard games, sand volleyball, and a bonfire. There's a ferry that brings you to the island. I need to know who is coming, so I can get ferry tickets for everyone ahead of time. Please let me know if you and your family will be attending by July 28th.

Rally Day and first day of Sunday School will be **September 8th**. Hay Bale decorating at Kohl Farms will be Sunday, Sept 22nd right after coffee hour. If it works out, we will also do the corn maze that day!

St. Paul's Bazaar is **Saturday, October 12th**.

Youth will be asked to volunteer. Sunday school will be asked to make lots and lots of cookies for the Cookie Walk. Horseradish peeling and processing will be **Sunday, October 6th** right after church. There will be no class that day, so the kids and parents can help!

Susan Schember, Youth Leader 586 246-4567
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Wilma Kovach Celebrates 100 Years



Wilma Voss Kovach was born on June 6, 1924. She was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, and was the first baby baptized at the current church location. Her faith and church family have always been important to her and remain a source of strength and comfort to this day.

A celebration of Wilma's life and 100th birthday was held at Sherwood on the Hill on June 8th. The Open House was also a celebration of neighborhood and community, with gratitude for the people in her life from Linkville and Owendale as well as St. Paul Lutheran Church fellowship. Over 200 family and friends joined Wilma in a joyous gathering filled with delicious food, refreshing drinks and plenty of laughter.

Family members provided an overview of Wilma's life experiences and accomplishments. She followed with her recitation of a poem she wrote for the 1963 Mother and Daughter Banquet. It was quite a hit . . . she was quite a hit! Wilma expressed her thanks to all who attended as well as the many people who sent birthday card well wishes.

Wilma spreads goodwill with her smile and generous spirit. She often says that a smile is free. It costs nothing, but it makes everyone feel good. She holds in her heart faith, family and friends. She is blessed.



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Wilma Kovach 2700 Notter Road Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 678-4356	Beverly Liedke c/o Brenda Baugher 7180 S. Loomis Road DeWitt, MI 48820
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Catechism: 1:30 p.m.



October 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.

The church bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th. What will you and your family do to help make it a success? We need lots of crafts, canned goods (jams, jellies, peaches, pears, beets, pickles, sauces, relishes, sauerkraut, applesauce, etc.), extra produce, lots of baked goods (pies, cookies, tarts, breads, specialty treats, etc.). Let's get everyone involved!

A group of volunteers have been busy working on baskets and grave blankets for the bazaar. If you'd like to help or want to make some baskets to sell, please talk to Ruth Kumaus or Joyce Metzger. We've begun collecting items for White Elephant Sale. Gardens are growing, so hopefully you've been planning what you will be canning for the bazaar. Canning isn't difficult, so let's get more people involved! We have lots of canning jars for your use. Pick them up from the church basement next time you're at church. If you are good at crafting, knitting, crocheting, quilting, refurbishing, we would love to sell those things too!

We will be peeling and processing horseradish on Sunday, October 6th right after church. If you are willing to help dig, we will likely do that on Wednesday, October 2nd. Contact Susan Schember or Brandy Gunsell if you can lend a hand digging!

If you were able to freeze extra asparagus for the bazaar soup, please put it in the freezer next time you're at the church. We did get lots of rhubarb, so yay! If you have extra beef stew meat, hamburger, ham or chicken for the soups, please let Susan Schember know. We can save a lot of \$\$\$ by getting those expensive things donated.

Donations needed:

The bazaar gift basket and grave blanket makers are in need to several items to complete their wares. They are as follows:

Baskets

(If you bought gift baskets in previous years, please feel free to return the baskets to be re-used)

Ribbon for the gift baskets

Silk flowers for the gift baskets

Wide ribbon

(preferably the kind with wire and weather-proof)

HATS OFF!!!

- A very special congratulations to Layla Bolzman (Joe and Sandy's granddaughter). She attends St. John, Kilmanagh but is also part of our Youth Group. Layla won 1st place medals at MHSAA Division 4 Track and Field State Championship in 100m and 200m! She was also part of the USA Softball team who won the MHSAA Division 4 State Softball Championship! And, if you didn't know it, in the winter, she also won a State Championship medal in MHSAA Powerlifting! We are very proud of her.
- Congratulations to Mark Reinhardt for coaching USA Softball to their 5th straight State Championship in East Lansing!
- Shout Out to Jayce Sears for being named to the Division 3 MHSAA 1st Team All-State as a catcher. What a great way to end your high school career!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the September issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, August 18, 2024. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com.

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

Come and Hear the Teacher and He will tell you the Truth

‘She who must be obeyed’ sent out the reminder text saying, “newsletter articles are due by”. As I scratched my head for ideas or a theme, I came up either lame or too preachy. Later on, the frustration of finding something catchy or cute to say continued to linger.

The next morning, I went out for my morning coffee in the tranquility room (front porch) and picked up my Bible (which I had forgotten to read for several days). I forgot what passages I had read but it struck me that there were some words that kept coming up in their texts. I had been reading mostly Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. All of them used the word ‘teacher’ when writing their accounts of Jesus. And all of them quoted the ‘Teacher’ Jesus saying, “I tell you the truth.”

As an elder we are encouraged to read the Book of Concord, the Augsburg Confession and Apologies, and Luther’s Small Catechism. During our elder’s meetings we will read sections of these books as a reminder of our Lutheran heritage. Sometimes during our discussions, we ask questions of our Pastor and he will answer them; and then use a quote from scripture that pertains to his answer. In the Bible verses the apostles also would ask the teacher what he meant and the teacher would clarify His words by quoting the law.

It all makes sense – God sends His ‘teacher’ for us to hear; He sends the Holy Spirit to make sure there’s an accurate account of what the teacher said and did for us; He sent out those who were taught to build a church for us to be taught by the teacher’s words and deeds; and, that church gives us faithful pastors to deliver the teacher’s words. So when we attend services to hear God’s Word we get to hear what the ‘Teacher’ has said in His own words. We get to hear when He says, “I tell you the truth”.

See you Sunday! Joe Salcido, the elder elder

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Church mailbox?

Snail mail?

Email?

I was recently reading some articles on the Google feed on my phone when I came upon a blurb from the United States Postal Service. Well, guess what? They are going to raise the cost of a first-class postage stamp AGAIN!

I recently ordered copy paper from our supplier, and, guess what? The cost of it has skyrocketed.

- Are you willing to fetch your newsletter from your church mailbox?
- Would you be interested in having it delivered via email?

If you’re interested in receiving your newsletter via email or in your church mailbox, drop me a note on the desk in the church office and I’ll get ‘er done.



There is a large box of trophies in the church office from Dart ball and softball; some from many years ago. They were taken out of the cabinet in the narthex. If anyone is interested in taking some of them OR all of them home please feel free to do so ASAP.

LIFE QUOTE

We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of 'the compassionate relief of suffering' or 'death with dignity' or 'right to health care' or 'simple medical procedure.' You know many more. God calls us to confront these with His truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in His truth so they do not end up 'possessed' by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is, but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through His Word of truth and grace.

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



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IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

July 7 – Ken Haley & Joe Salcido
July 14 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling
July 21 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag
July 28 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

GREETERS

July 7 – Kari Ricker & Janet Truemner
July 14 – Ron & Diane Dubs
July 2 – Marc & Jodi Reinhardt
July 28 – Joe & Sandy Salcido

TITHE COUNTERS

July 14 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn
July 28 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

JULY ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Shirley Fritz 989-453-2987
Melissa Deming 989-553-1304

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ELDERS

August 4 – Ron Tabar & Josh Sprague
August 11 – Robert Haag & Joe Salcido
August 18 – Ken Haley & Matt Reibling
August 25 – Ron Tabar & Josh Sprague

GREETERS

August 4 – Charlie & Margaret Timmons
August 11 – Chad & Jen Timmons
August 18 – Brandy Gunsell
August 25 – Joyce Metzger

TITHE COUNTERS

August 11 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker
August 25 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Faye Errer 989-678-4105
Wendy Tabar 989-977-1537

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2 - Anna Haag
2 - Todd Murphy
4 - Gage Metzger
4 - Pastor Lee Wenskay
5 - Richard Welchner
7 - Patrick Fritz
11 - Katelyn Dubs
12 - Joshua Seibel
13 - Allen Roe
14 - Kolbie Holland
14 - Joell Wissner
15 - Jeannine Ziehm
15 - Kristen Suggitt
16 - Dennis Dubs
16 - Tristin Bruce
17 - Nichole Nowaczyk
24 - Sharyn Rockefeller
25 - Stephen Rockefeller
27 - Dylan Dubs
29 - Annette Prich
29 - Wanda Dubs
31 - Joyce Metzger
31 - Katelyn Romzek



July 2 - Ron & Diana Dubs
5 - Matt & Michelle Reibling
10 - Derrick & Paula Holland
31 - Shawn & Laura Swartzendruber



Aug. 3 - Chris Gettel
3 - Jacob O'Hare
4 - Michelle Murphy
5 - Richard Renn Sr.
5 - Chase Swartzendruber
7 - Benjamin Engelhardt
7 - Noah Osantoski
8 - Brandy Gunsell
11 - Derek Ricker
11 - Justin Dubs
12 - Don Parrish
12 - Jerold Stein
13 - Ruth Fluegge
13 - Kaylee Krohn
14 - Garry McKellar
15 - Adam Reinhardt
17 - Gerald Dubs
19 - Jeremy Jamieson
19 - Tiffany Jamieson
19 - Charles Wright
19 - Joe Salcido, Jr.
19 - Kevin Dubs
19 - Lacie Prich
22 - Rich Witkovsky
25 - Paula Holland
26 - Jeffrey Kovach
26 - Pastor Suggitt
27 - Jane Schuette
27 - Laura Toner
27 - Jennifer Timmons
28 - Jean Gransden
28 - Larry Prich
29 - Chris Tabar
30 - Madison Renn
30 - Kaitlynn Stein
31 - Deborah Ziehm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 8 - David & Hope Gilbert
15 - Charles & Margaret Timmons
25 - Jason & Patti Reinhardt

July

<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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7 8:30 AM Service	8 Pastor on Vacation	9 Pastor on Vacation	10 No Bible Study Pastor on Vacation	11 Pastor on Vacation	12 Pastor on Vacation	13 Pastor on Vacation
14 8:30 AM Service Pastor on Vacation	15 Pastor on Vacation	16 Pastor on Vacation	17 No Bible Study Pastor on Vacation	18	19	20
21 8:30 AM Service 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study Quarterly Voter's Meeting	22	23	24 6:30 PM Bible Study	25	26	27
28 8:30 AM Service	29	30	31 6:30 PM Bible Study			

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August

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11 8:30 AM Service	12 Pastor Away	13 Pastor Away	14 No Bible Study Pastor Away	15	16	17
18 8:30 AM Service 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	19	20	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22	23	24
25 8:30 AM Service 7:00 PM Young Men's Group	26	27	28 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30	31

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