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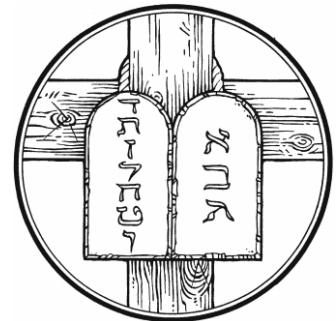
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And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children... Deuteronomy 6:6-7

After Moses led Israel out of Egypt, God gave him instructions to teach the people. It was a command from the Lord that Moses was to impart onto them so that they, having been rescued by the Lord's mighty hand, would not only remember the mercy shown to them but also to make sure that the following generations knew and that they knew how to live as His people. So God says through Moses, "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

We are beginning a new year of Sunday school and Catechism class. These are God-pleasing things. We want our children to be raised in the faith knowing the mercies of our Lord and provide ways for them to continue hearing of Jesus' mercy and how to live their lives as His Christians. God be praised when parents bring their children to Sunday School and Catechism class! We are glad and thankful to have the opportunity for these times of learning.

But this isn't the primary or the only way that children should be learning. The duty given to parents is: ***You shall teach them [the commandments and words of our Lord] diligently to your children (Deut. 6:7).*** Certainly the classes offered can be a part of that, but the responsibility lies with the parents in the home. Classes aren't a substitute for teaching your children diligently, they're a supplement, not a replacement. It's intended to go along with and reinforce what is being taught in the home. The principle Moses is given to articulate is clear: *You shall teach them [again, the commandments and words of our Lord] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.* Luther echoes this in the Small Catechism saying, "As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household" at the beginning of each of the six chief parts. Parents are called to teach the things of Christ in the home. We should take up this duty joyfully. Our children and the generations to follow are counting on us. I'm always ready to help and give suggestions to all parents who are seeking to lead their family according to God's Word.



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If you don't have children in the home, the principle of learning in the home and its benefits still stand for you, too. And here's something else you can do: check on the families with children. Ask how things are going with raising their children to fear, love, and trust in God above all things; what are they doing to nurture God's truth in the home?; how are they leading and answering their children concerning a culture's push for ungodly things? Those who don't have children or are older, you can encourage, pray for, and talk with the parents who are to teach their children diligently.

So, Sunday School and Catechism class are wonderful things! But, by God's design, they are not the only things. The home and church are to compliment one another. May the Lord help us to be faithful to the children and teaching we've been entrusted with.

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

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Confirmation/Catechism Class Parent Meeting:

On Sunday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul, there will be a meeting for parents of children going into 6th grade or beginning Catechism class, and those students who are in their second year of class. Parents and students will meet with Pastor Suggitt and receive information on the schedule for the year. Class begins September 15. Train up your children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6)!



Catechesis

Christian Teaching Adult Instruction for Membership

On September 22, we will begin 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. This class will meet each Sunday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.



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Life Quotes

Lifelines

**President's Column by Pastor Paul Clark,
President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan**

Jesus says, "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:5-7)

We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children - God's precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children, but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying – what we stand for is the very value – the very gift - of life itself.

We continue to be a voice for the voiceless. We speak because we must; for there is a darkness over our state, and a deathly shadow has fallen over the minds of many. The passing of Proposal 3 changed the very constitution in Michigan to allow unfettered killing of the unborn. Many bought into the lie that this was primarily about women's health care. It is not. Abortion is not and has never been about true health care.

Dear brothers and sisters: We who are blessed to know the Lord of Life also know that in even the darkest hour, the truth still shines forth, and it shines all the brighter. God has given us life; He has redeemed us through Jesus. Life is of great value – each and every life. For the same Lord Jesus who said, Let the little children come to Me, is the One who brought you to Him as well, through those blessed and saving waters of our Holy Baptism.

(Excerpt from Lutherans for Life of Michigan
February/March/April 2024)



YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

Youth group will get back into action very soon. Youth in 5th grade thru college are invited to be part of our youth group. Parents, please encourage your kids to participate.

We will be having a crafting day on Saturday, **September 14th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in the church parking lot. The youth group (with the help of a few good men) will be making wooden Christmas trees to sell at the bazaar. Kids should wear old work clothes, as we will be painting. Dinner will be provided as soon as the work is done and the mess cleaned up.

We need lots of youth to help at the bazaar (and before). Bazaar setup is immediately after coffee hour on **Sunday, Sept 29th**. We need all youth to stay and help, as well as any parents who can spare an hour or so! Please make a plan to be there that day. Horseradish will be peeled, processed, and packaged on **Sunday, October 6th** after church. Then, of course, we will need your help at the bazaar on **Saturday, October 12th**. Lots to do! Hope you can help.

We had a small group but lots of fun at Key North this summer. The kids enjoyed bumper boats, putt-putt, go karts, and we finished the day with ice cream. Looking forward to more fun adventures with the youth.

Yours in Christ, Susan Schember
Youth Leader
586 246-4567



Sunday School is back!

Rally Day is the official start of Sunday School for 2024/25. We will celebrate Rally Day on **Sunday, September 8th**. Teachers will be installed during church service. Children will be announced by class and find out who their teachers will be. Then we will have some yummy pastries and beverages before heading to class. Classes will dismiss at 10:40 a.m. each week.

The Sunday School roster is shrinking. We only have 11 families and 21 kids total. If you know of anyone with children aged 4 thru 7th grades, please encourage them to come try us out! Due to the smaller size group this year, we will only have two classes – preschool thru 5th grade and 6th/7th grades. If everyone is in attendance, we have 12 children in the younger group and 9 in the older group. And... we have zero kindergarten and zero 3rd grade kids.

We will follow the same curriculum as last year. The lessons coincide with the Gospel lesson of the day from church service. We will also be working on memorizing: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles Creed, and maybe even the Ten Commandments (if we fly through the first two). Parents, please feel free to pray these together at home to help the children retain them.

COFFEE HOUR WILL BEGIN on Rally Day. Sunday school families, teachers, and anyone from the congregation is encouraged to sign up to provide treats/snacks/cookies/etc. for coffee hour each week. There is a signup sheet on the table at the top of the stairs in the North narthex. Feel free to sign up for more than one

date! 4-5 dozen goodies will usually feed the students, teachers, parents, and other church goers each week. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, hot cider, bottled water, and juice are provided.

Sunday school will be heading to Kohl Farms on Sunday, **September 22nd** to decorate some hay bales for a contest AND the kids will be able to go into the corn maze while we're there. We will have a snack after church service, and then head to the farm.

On Sunday, **September 29th**, Pastor Suggitt will have a group SS lesson in the sanctuary right after church. Then the kids will have a snack and do an activity or craft OUTSIDE while Bazaar Setup happens. We could use all the parents help with setup.

We will be having the Cookie Walk at the bazaar on **October 12th**. There will be a signup sheet for the cookies we need. This is a big fundraiser for the Sunday School. Please help make it a success.

Yours in Christ, Susan Schember
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.
Adult Catechesis: 3:00 p.m.

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Are you ready? Have you been busy making things, crafting things, baking things, canning things, sorting things for white elephant, growing things?

The bazaar is next month! Hundreds of people will gather at St. Paul on Saturday, October 12th to shop and eat. It takes many volunteers and workers to have a successful bazaar each year. What will you do to make it happen?

Canning season is upon us. If you have extra, please can/preserve some for the bazaar. We have lots of jars, lids and rings for you to use. We also have sugar donated by Michigan Sugar Company.

Is it time to purge some things from your house or garage? If you have some nice gently used items to sell at the White Elephant Sale, please bring them asap. Tracy Schaper will be sorting and organizing the sale this year. She would appreciate that all items are clean and in good working order.

Are you crafty? The ladies are busy putting gift baskets together and getting ready to assemble grave blankets. Reach out to Ruth Kumaus or Joyce Metzger if you'd like to donate your time. Have you pinned any good ideas on Pinterest? Maybe try them out and bring your new creations to sell at the bazaar.

Bazaar setup will be Sunday, September 29th after church. Grab a coffee and snack, then roll up your sleeves to help move tables, shelves, baskets, bins, etc. The more helpers we have, the faster it will be finished.

Horseradish is always a great seller. We will be digging on Wednesday, **October 2nd**. If you

have the time and can lend a couple hours with a shovel, it would be greatly appreciated (Contact Susan for details). It will be cleaned at the church on Friday, October 4th. Then we will need lots and lots of help **peeling and processing on Sunday, October 6th** right after church. Bring your favorite peeler and paring knife. If the weather permits, we will set up tables outside for peeling. Snacks will be provided for coffee hour and then lunch afterward for all volunteers. Sunday School kids in 5th grade and older will be helping. Preschool – 4th grade will have a group lesson and craft/activity in the conference room while we work.

Bake Sale, Luncheon, and Cookie Walk:

It's no secret that St Paul has the best cooks and bakers in the Thumb. The bazaar is our opportunity to let that talent shine! We will need lots and lots of bakers for the bazaar. There are multiple signup sheets that detail the items we need for the pie sale and for the cookie walk. Please feel free to sign up for many. And the fun doesn't stop there! Baked breads, pastries, cookies, cakes, turnovers, tarts, monkey bread, cinnamon rolls, muffins, etc. are needed to make our bake sale successful. Baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday, October 11th until 7:00 p.m., and then again before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Cookies for cookie walk should be brought in large containers and marked for **COOKIE WALK** Pies for luncheon can be baked in real pans. Please put your name on them, label them with type of pie, and mark the pies for

LUNCHEON** Pies for Pie Sale should be baked in disposable pans, as you will not get them back. We have aluminum tins and plastic clamshells for your use. Please mark these pies with **TYPE OF PIE** and place on racks in pie station area**

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In His Image

Saturday, February 22, 2025
One Day Conference
at
St. Paul, Linkville

With the legal redefinition of marriage, the confusion regarding gender, and rapidly changing sexual mores in society, biblical educators, pastors, singles, couples, and parents are looking for guidance in articulating and promoting a positive view of the Christian vision for marriage and sexuality.

(More details to follow in the coming months)

Issues, Etc.



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio
www.issuesetc.org



The CPR/AED class will be at the church on Monday, September 16th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Registration is still open if you'd like to join us. Just contact Rich Fluegge.

From the elder Elder, Joe Salcido

The message below was recently printed in one of our sister congregation's newsletter. I thought it merited reprint.

**WHAT IF WE BEGAN
TO TREAT OUR BIBLES
THE WAY WE TREAT
OUR CELL PHONES?**

What if we

..... carried it with us everywhere?

..... turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

..... checked it for messages throughout the day?

..... used it in case of an emergency?

..... spent an hour or more using it each day?

Want to listen to good theology concerning current topics, the Bible, and Christ crucified for you? Check out Issues, Etc. on your computer or smartphone.



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
Layla Provost
19 - Karen Gaeth
Molly Sprague
21 - Kaitlyn Reinhardt
Kari Ricker
23 - Joshua Leinweber
Cayden Metzger
24 - Janet Truemner
Wendy Ewald
25 - Bailey Krzeszewski
26 - Macy Reinhardt
Raymond Fritz
28 - James Gilbert
30 - James Albrecht
Ava Dubs
Alexis Gilbert



Sept. 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 & Deb Leinweber
25 - Brian & Susan Schember
27 - Richard & Elaine Renn

IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

September 1 – Joe Salcido & Matt Reibling
8 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag
15 – Ken Haley & Ron Tabar
22 – Joe Salcido & Matt Reibling
29 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag

GREETERS

September 1 – Dick & Lucille Welchner
8 – Terry & Chris Gettel
15 – Wendy Ewald & boys
22 – Matt & Michelle Reibling and Family
29 – Warren & Jan Stoeckle

TITHE COUNTERS

September 8 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn
September 22 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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St. Paul Ladies Aid will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Sunday, September 8th** (this is a change from the Ladies Aid book date). The bazaar will be here before you know it so we need to get our ducks in a row.

September

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1 8:30 AM Service	2	3 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	4 6:30 PM Bible Study	5	6	7
8 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS Rally Day Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism Mtg. 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	9 6:00 PM Choir	10	11 6:30 PM Bible Study	12	13	14
15 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	16 6:00 PM Choir 6:30 PM AED/CPR Class @ St. Paul	17	18 6:30 PM Bible Study	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis 7:00 PM Young Men's Bible Study	23 6:00 PM Choir	24	25 6:30 PM Bible Study	26	27	28
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