



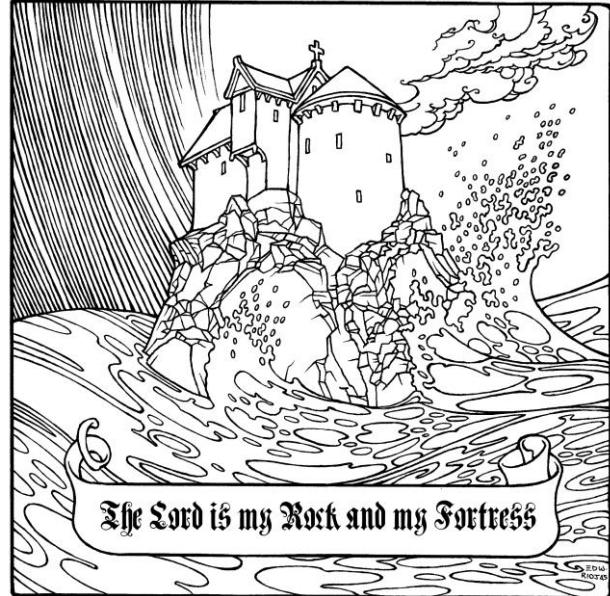
St. Paul's

"Epistles"

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In October, we celebrate Reformation Day. One of Martin Luther's great hymns which we will sing that day contains this opening confession: A mighty fortress fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon. To call God is fortress is to say He is the wall of protection, the place of refuge and safety who surrounds and holds steadfast even though the waters roar and foam all around (see Psalm 46 which Luther based his hymn upon). It is to say that those found within His walls have a sure rescue and hope against any enemy that rages to bring those walls down and plunder those who seek shelter inside.



But to have a Lord who grants safety within His walls doesn't mean that we simply hide away. We don't have to. We don't have to stay in our room because there is a bully outside. The hymn directs us to more. A trusty shield and weapon. Our Lord and His Word are tools for engaging with confidence that which is outside. No need to hide. That's what the old evil foe wants of us - to stay shut up and away from engaging with the world. But with the trusty shield and weapon of Jesus and His Word of truth we are well equipped. Bold, in fact, to make a good confession of the hope we have within us (1 Peter 3:15). The shield protects from attacks and the sword cuts to the heart of the truth - that we have a Savior whose kingdom does and will prevail therefore we will tremble not nor fear no ill no matter what lies or threats may surround us.

The Lord Jesus is our Fortress. He is our Shield and Weapon. Luther's hymn is a favorite throughout many Christian churches because it is a sort of battle cry. If you're not in the battle that means you've been overtaken. Unused tools gather dust, rust, and are forgotten about. We should let the history of the Reformation invigorate us once again to a bold claim of the truth of the Scriptures through which deliverance from sin and evil is made known to all mankind. Take up the tools which you've been given for battle and know that your Fortress Jesus stands firm. Say with St. Paul, *I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:17)*.

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



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.

LIFE QUOTE

Having received God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
lutheransforlife.org



The Lutheran Hour is heard locally on WLEW Bad Axe at 11:10 a.m. Sundays and WSAM 1440 Saginaw at 8:30 a.m. Sundays. OR listen to it anytime anywhere on the Lutheran hour APP on your phone. Download the Lutheran Hour Devotions app and click on Lutheran hour sermons. You can also find the Lutheran hour sermons on the Lutheran hour website at lhm.org. You can also dial 1-800-944-3450 and you will get the recorded instructions. Hit 3 then 1 and the whole Lutheran hour sermon will play just like you are receiving a phone call.



On September 8, 2024 we were blessed to welcome into the family of faith at St. Paul by the washing and renewal of Holy Baptism Archie James Carlisle, infant son of Jamie and Shelby Carlisle. Serving as sponsors for Archie are Krissia Krohn and Nikkie Carlisle.

Archie is the grandson of Shawn & Vickie Parrish and Tonya Haldane. He's the great grandson of Don and Peggy Parrish.

Please keep this child in your prayers as they live their lives in Jesus.



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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: 3:00 p.m.



On September 8, 2024 the regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by president, Ruth Fluegge. Ten ladies answered roll call.

A thank you note will be sent to Janet Truemner for her generosity in buying a freezer for use during the bazaar and its preparation. The freezer was donated in the loving memory of her husband, Lee.

A thank you note was read from Walter Haag for the gift he received at his confirmation.

Bazaar discussion:

1. The Rada Supervisor position was clarified. Ruth Fluegge will set up for the bazaar and Janet Truemner will order necessary cutlery, etc.
2. Erika Sember and Bev Wise will man the Take N Bake station.
3. Shirley Fritz will work the Pie station with the assistance of Tristan Deming (and the Take N Bake gals).
4. It was suggested that upon arrival all the workers for the bazaar park on the grass at the north end of the parking lot.
5. Sandy presented the idea of selling a 2-piece set of baking sheets with a cover that fits both. We need to set a price.

A motion was made to adjourn. We closed with the doxology and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary



Here's what's happening in Sunday School and Youth Group...

Sunday School had a slow start.

- Rally Day was September 8th. After our church service, some announcements, passing out notes, and snacks; we really didn't have much time for class. Kids found their classrooms, met their teachers, and got to know each other a bit.
- The following week we had our first class.
- Third week was a field trip to Kohl Farms to decorate some hay bales and go through the corn maze.
- Fourth week will be bazaar setup day. The kids will have a short lesson with Pastor immediately after church, then go outside for snack and an activity while the big kids and adults move everything for bazaar.
- And fifth week will be horseradish day (October 6th). The kids in preschool thru 4th grades will have class, but 5th grade and older will be helping with horseradish.
- We will have class on October 13th (the day after bazaar).

There is a signup sheet for coffee hour. If you'd like to provide snacks, please pick a day! Anyone can sign up, even if you aren't a Sunday school family - we love all the good treats. **Reminder to parents and siblings of Sunday School families: please help with cleanup after happy hour each week (push in chairs, wash tables, fill dishwasher, wash coffee pots and carafes, put away leftovers, and take out trash). This will help the teachers get home a bit sooner. Thanks!

There is also a signup sheet for Cookie Walk. Sunday School makes a big profit on Cookie Walk at bazaar. The money we make helps with Thanksgiving and Christmas Adopt-A-Family outreach and some of the field trips we take during the year. All SS families are asked to sign up for as many as possible.

We had 12 kids and 7 adults for Youth Group crafting day on Saturday, September 14th. The crafts will be available to purchase at the bazaar. Crafting took about an hour, and then we cleaned up and had dinner. Thanks to everyone who came out to help!

Sunday School and Youth Group have 3 entries in the Kohl Farms Hay Bale Contest. Thanks to the Holland family, Sprague family, Haag family, Reibling family, and Schember family for coming out to decorate. Kids got to do the corn maze too! Kohl Farms will have voting available on their website and in-person at the farm! We have a sunflower, a pumpkin, and a Frankenstein. Please vote and encourage your friends and family to vote too! We'd love to sweep the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.

Kids and parents are needed to help at the bazaar on Saturday, October 12th. Every area can use more volunteers. If we know who's able to help, we can find jobs to fit each and every one of you! Please let Mrs. Schember or Ms. Kumaus know if you can make it. Need help from 9:00 a.m. until we're done cleaning up (usually about 2:30pm).

I realize that families are very busy with school and sports activities, but I really appreciate when you and your kids make church activities a priority too!

God bless you,

Susan Schember, SS Superintendent and YG Leader

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ST. PAUL
CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR
Saturday, October 12, 2024
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!



The Bazaar is almost here! Are you ready?

Let's start with the end.... We are having a Bazaar After-Party! Chad and Jennifer Timmons have graciously agreed to host a bazaar after-party in their new shed/barn. Everyone who works at the bazaar is invited to come! Bring a lawn chair and a cooler with your favorite kind of adult-friendly beverages. If you'd like to bring some snacks, that would be great too! This will be a cool way to celebrate another successful bazaar (which it's sure to be). Timmons' address is 3919 Owendale Rd. Cleanup is usually done about 2:30-3pm. Plan to start the party at 4:00 p.m. and be out of their barn by 7:00 p.m.

NOW ON TO THE DATES AND TIMES YOU NEED TO KNOW.....

Bazaar Set Up is Sunday, September 29th. We need lots of help to move racks, boxes, containers, gift baskets, etc. We will have some coffee and snacks for anyone who comes to help. It shouldn't take long if we have lots of helpers.

Horseradish peeling and processing is Sunday, October 6th. The more help we have, the quicker it will go. If the weather cooperates, we will peel outside in the back parking lot. Lunch will be provided for everyone who stays to help. ** If you can help with digging, let Susan know. Weather-permitting, she will be digging on Wednesday, October 2nd after lunch.

Luncheon prep days are October 10th and 11th. Most of the help needed is October 10th. Let Susan Sember know if you can help either day.

Final setup is Friday, October 11th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Cookies, pies, baked goods, crafts can be dropped off Friday evening before 7:00 p.m. or by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday of bazaar.

If you still have canned goods for the bazaar, please bring them to the church. They are being stored in one of the Sunday School rooms. If you have extra fresh produce (apples, potatoes, squash, etc.), we can sell those too.

If you haven't signed up for pies, desserts, or cookies yet; please do so now. People come from miles and miles just to buy our home-baked goodies, so if possible, sign up for more than one. The more bakers, the more to sell, the more profits, the more community giving we are able to do! 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 the Cookie Walk should be brought in large containers and marked for COOKIE WALK and placed on racks in that section. 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, then place them in janitors' room on racks. 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 them on racks in pie station area. Baked goods for bake sale should be packaged to sell. If you're helping bake specialty cookies for Ruth K, ask her how she'd like them.



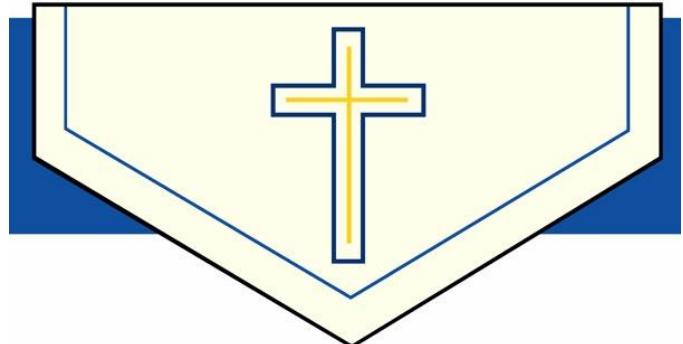


- Special Shout Out to some of our sponsors for the bazaar: Meijer Bad Axe; Michigan Sugar Company; Coca Cola Company; Sherwood On The Hill; and Thrivent. Thanks to these generous businesses and many of our members, our expenses are lower, which helps our profits to be higher. The higher our profits, the greater our community outreach! So thank you, thank you, thank you!
- Congratulations to Erika Sember and Isaac Slajus. Erika and Isaac were married in Ionia on Friday, September 20th. Erika is the daughter of Brian and Susan Sember and granddaughter of Joe and Sandy Salcido. May God continue to bless the new Mr. and Mrs. Slajus!
- Way to go to Lakers cross-country team. Cade Truemner and Henry Haag are in the men's top ten runners!



Attention:

Altar Guild



There will be an Altar Guild Meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Hopefully, we can clarify the duties of the Altar Guild members.



Would you like to furnish flowers for the altar? It could be for a special occasion or for no particular reason at all. The *Sign Up for Altar Flowers* poster is posted on the wall in the church office.

It's pretty simple. Just pick a date and write your name on the calendar. The Altar Flower committee will contact you to see if you want to order them or if you'd rather have them take care of the ordering.

Lots of dates are available for the rest of the year. Take your pick

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 Wenskay
October 30	Erika Sember
	Josh Sember
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. 6 – Brian and Susie
13 – Don and Peggy Parrish
20 – Rich and Ruth Fluegge
27 – Jeramy, Melissa, Lance & Tristan Deming

Tithe Counters

Oct. 13 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker
Oct. 27 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	2 6:30 PM Bible Study	3	4	5 Circuit Convocation: Glad Hymns Forever Immanuel, Sebewaing 12:30 PM
6 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour Horseradish Peeling 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	7 6:00 PM Choir	8	9 6:30 PM Bible Study	10	11	12 10:00 AM Congregational BAZAAR
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20 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour Voter's Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	21 6:00 PM Choir	22	23 6:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting	24	25	26
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