



*St. Paul's*

# "Epistles"

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## **FROM THE *Pastor's Desk***

The presidential election has most likely been decided by the time this note comes out. It has been a cause of much anxiety, fear, and division of not only neighbors but families as well. Rational thought or rational conversations are few and far between. The networks have made money hand over fist with all of the political ads and will be sad to see it end even though it drives some to near insanity.

Whatever the results, everything won't be fixed. We should know that. Humanity is broken and has been since the fall in the Garden and Cain rose up against Abel. We continue to rise up against each other - a disagreement on any front is magnified to a boiling point almost immediately. Kindness, gentleness, and self-control (fruits of the Spirit, Galatians 5) seem to be forgotten. Lord, help us!

If anything, all of this should make us yearn all the more for the knowledge and wisdom and comfort of our God who made heaven and earth. The Lord reigns (Ps. 97). It is Him who will work all things for good, therefore we are to seek Him while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near (Is. 55:6). This is the only way to combat the fear and anxiety which has been foisted upon us and captivated the networks and our minds for the last while. It's the only way forward - to fix our minds on heavenly things. *Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Philippians 4:8).*

God tells us not to put our trust in princes (Ps. 146). Why not? Because men are fallible. They flip flop and often don't keep their promises. But you have a Savior who always keeps His promises. Who never goes back on His word. In high stress times such as these we want to double down on our efforts of having the clear Words of our Lord as our anchor against the wind and the waves which can seem so frightening. Everything won't be fixed but our Lord will deliver us through it all. He is faithful. We yearn for His return saying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Until that day, we have to be diligent, proactive, and purposeful in hearing His Word, reciting it to ourselves and each other, and praying. In this way we will see that God takes care of His people, the church, no matter who's in the White House or what we may have to endure. Salvation belongs to Him alone and he gives it to us as a gift. This keeps all things in proper perspective.

The peace of God that passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Suggitt

# IN HIS IMAGE

## Navigating Christian Sexuality in a Post-Christian Culture

*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.*

### Saturday, February 22

8:30am Registration  
9:00am Prayer Office  
9:45am Session 1  
10:45am Break  
11:00am Session 2  
12:00pm Lunch - Provided  
1:00pm Session 3  
2:00pm Break  
2:30pm Session 4  
3:30pm Q&A  
3:45pm Closing Prayers

#### Topics include:

The Christian Worldview and Sexuality; GPS Essentials for Traveling Through Demanding Conversations; Caring for the Child who Identifies as Transgender - Understanding the Big Picture; Christian Responses to Conflict in a Sexually Toxic Culture

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINKVILLE**  
7292 Kilmanagh Rd. Pigeon, MI 48755

\*Please register on the sheet located at church.

This one-day conference is presented by *DOXOLOGY* - a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. *doxology.us*



Classes are back in full swing since the bazaar. Parents, please bring your kids to church and Sunday school to hear God's word and learn of His love and grace. Friends are also welcome! Coffee hour has been well-attended. Everyone enjoys the snacks and fellowship. If you would be willing to provide a treat/snack for coffee hour, there are several open dates on the calendar. Please check out the signup sheet and pick a date.

Our Sunday School classes and Youth Group kids decorated 3 big round hay bales at Kohl Farms. The farm had a contest for the best decorated bale with online voting through their Facebook page that ended Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. Our hay bales turned out wonderful! We won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. The money we earned will help pay for Thanksgiving adopt-a-family and some fun events for the kids. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate AND those who voted for us!

The kids and families were great helpers for horseradish peeling and processing day! We had almost 40 helpers. There were 13 buckets of radish. We ended up with 263 half pints and 56 pints of finished product. Thank you to everyone!

Although many of our youth were not available on the day of the bazaar, we did have a good group of kids who hustled, worked, hauled, served, and cleaned. Lots of their parents and grandparents helped too. Many of the kids who couldn't be here for bazaar, made sure to help on other days. We would not have such a

successful bazaar without so many great volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone. The money raised will allow St Paul to help people in our neighborhood, in our community, in our church, and out in the world. We will be providing Thanksgiving feasts to families from area schools. Turkeys will be purchased. Sunday school and youth group families are asked to donate the other groceries to complete the meals. We will need potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, vegetables, rolls, pies, butter, milk, whipped cream. Please bring all donations by Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Packages will be delivered before the holiday.

All kinds of great things happening at St Paul – join us!

Susan Schember, Youth Leader  
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The Lutheran Hour is heard Locally on WLEW Bad Axe at 11:10am 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](http://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.



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, October 20, 2024, following our worship service. A devotion was read by the secretary from *Portals of Prayer*. 'Autumn Waters of the Lord flow to and through you and then touch the heart of someone you know who is despairing, fearful, or lonely.' Eleven members answered roll call.

#### Old Business:

1. Election of officers for 2025 was discussed. A motion was made to re-elect the current slate of officers; carried.

President – Ruth Fluegge  
 Vice President – Janet Truemner  
 Secretary – Sandy Salcido  
 Treasurer – Ruth Kumaus

2. Cheeseball production was the next topic of discussion. Sandy wishes to step down as chairperson of this fundraiser so she asked for a volunteer to take her place. No one stepped up. Motion was made to not hold the cheeseball fundraiser this year; carried. We will look at it again in 2025.
3. Bazaar discussion held.

- A. Next year's Bazaar date is October 25, 2025.
- B. Sales were up about \$1,000.
- C. Chicken salad was requested for next year.
- D. Most items for the luncheon were sold out. A guest said the line moved faster.
- E. Pie station – discussed cost of pies. Cost was the same as last year; had some left over this year (we made more). Shirley, as Pie Station Supervisor, had no complaints. Final, leave at same cost. Need signage to indicate that we have frozen pies to sell.
- F. Take N Bakes – sold out even though we made more. Need better communication to LA members. Some of the ladies didn't know they needed to sign up to get Pot Pies after the bazaar as we would have a special production day just for them.
- G. Baked Goods – Had requests for homemade bread. Sandy said it would be pretty easy as we do have a commercial mixer we could use.
- H. Cookie Walk – much better sales when we display all the cookies. Made about \$800 – up from \$600. Boxes cookies & gluten-free sold better when placed on Bake Sale table. **A motion was made to give the Sunday School \$1,000.**
- I. Cutlery – tried new layout & went really well. The supervisor didn't have enough to do; maybe combine with another area.
- J. Gift Baskets – made about 350 & had 106 left. We need to place baskets on tables instead of carts.
- K. Crafts – almost no new items to sell. Nothing sold well. No one objected to eliminating crafts.

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- L. Canned Goods – made lots and sold lots. Need more spaghetti sauce, sauerkraut and dilly beans.
- M. Pay Stations – spread out the main Pay Stations and worked much better.
- N. Clean Up – few stayed to clean up and need more help to lift heavy stuff. Guys needed. We should have a different team to come later.
- O. Parking – Trustees don't want people to park on the septic field.
- P. The layout seemed to work better. There didn't appear to be a big bottleneck by Fellowship entry door. All agreed.
- Q. Table placement – need to move tables closer to windows. We also need more room between the serving line and the kitchen. It's too hard to get around.

#### New Business:

##### **1. Next year's Bazaar date is October 25, 2025.**

##### **2. Year to Date Donations**

- Seminary Student – \$500
- Josh Errer – \$2,000
- Special Donation SS – \$2,000
- OGT Hurricane Relief – \$1,000
- Good Shepherd member - \$1,000

##### **A. Proposed school donations**

- Owen-Gage - \$500
- Lakers - \$500
- USA - \$500
- Bad Axe - \$500
- Cass City - \$500
- Kinde - \$500
- Caseville - \$500

##### **B. Good Samaritan - \$500**

Hold to 2025

##### **C. Thumb Blessing Boxes - \$500**

##### **D. Safe Place - \$500**

##### **E. Orphan Grain Train - \$500**

Hold to 2025

##### **F. Clothe-A-Child - \$250**

- G. Imagination Library - \$500 Hold to 2025
- H. Pigeon Food Pantry - \$500
- I. Lutheran Fraternity - \$500
- J. Seminary Student (Christmas) - \$500

Donations were approved with delays of certain charities as seen above.

- 1. We discussed the stove in our kitchen. It has several issues – igniters no longer work (has to be lit manually); oven temperature is inconsistent; repairs are hit & miss or a band-aid approach as parts are no longer available. The stove is at least 25 years old. Estimated replacement cost varies by brand and features between \$2,500 and \$8,000. We will explore the option of replacing large and small stoves, one eight burner vs. six and four burner.

A motion was made by Wendy Tabar to adjourn the meeting; supported by Joyce Metzger; carried.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

## **RECYCLE RECYCLE RECYCLE**



Once you've used the canned goods that you purchased from the bazaar you can return the jars to be refilled next year. Gets rid of the clutter and saves us from having to buy more jars. It's a win-win situation.

Also, if you bought one of the beautiful gift baskets and you don't want the basket, return it too. We use the medium and large baskets and they can be pricey.





I'd like to thank everyone involved in making our church bazaar so successful. Once again we had great community and church support. So whatever role you played – THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!

Throughout our community we have heard very good responses on how well organized we are and the variety of items available. We appreciate all the effort involved in growing, harvesting and preparing items for the bazaar. It takes a lot of effort to accomplish that.

The youth group was once again a great help and we loved seeing them shine!

**Here are a few tidbits of what went down:**

We sold over 400 quarts of soup – that's 800 bowls! Or 1,200 cups of soup!

We sold over 300 sandwiches and sloppy joes.

We sold about 320 slices of dessert.

The Bake Sale practically sold out of everything.

Take N Bake sold: 21 frozen mac n cheeses; 45 frozen lasagnas; 41 chicken pot pies

Cookie Walk sold over 100 dozen cookies!

We sold over 1,200 jar of canned goods plus horseradish.

We sold over 230 gift baskets.

Leftover desserts and cookies were donated to Birchview Assisted Living, Sharyn Rockefeller AFC, and Country Comfort AFC.



Thank you to everyone who came to support the bazaar by purchasing. We make about \$1,000 more than last year! That money will help support our church, many community organizations, local schools, and other mission projects outside our community. Thanks for shopping at St. Paul!

**A Couple Special Thank Yous:**

- To Ruth Kumaus for all the organizing and countless hours of behind-the-scenes work that you do all year to ensure that the bazaar runs smoothly and gets better every year.
- To Susan Schember for keeping everybody on task to produce a luncheon the day of the bazaar that's 2<sup>nd</sup> to none! You 'wear many hats' for months before the bazaar to keep the kitchen up to snuff as well as the Sunday School & Youth Group. They say 'if you need something done, give it to a busy person.' You're living proof of that!



On October 1, 2024, Dorothy Jean Rathje, fell asleep in Jesus. She was given Christian burial from St. Paul on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our sister Dorothy.

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Charles William Wright passed away Saturday, October 12, 2024. He was given Christian burial on October 17, 2024.

Please keep Judy as well as family and friends in your prayers for peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in their hearts.

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

# THANK YOU!

Judy Wright would like to express her sincere thanks to those who remembered her and her family at the loss of her husband, Chuck. Thank you to Pastor Suggitt for his comforting words; the Ladies Aid for providing a delicious meal following the service; and the prayers, visits, cards, and memorial that show us what a wonderful caring church family we have here at St. Paul.

## Positive Alternatives

Thank you so much for participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang! We are so grateful to you!

The funds raised from this special event go directly to Positives Alternatives, reaching the women and men who come in our door in need of hope and help.

Because of your gift, those we see have more hope. And because of your gift, those we see have more practical help. And more importantly, because of your gift, those we see will hear of the endless love of Jesus Christ.

Each month, we see lives changed and lives saved. For that, we thank you for your commitment to all that happens here. Thank you for participating in this event. You've made a difference, and we appreciate you!

Through your combined efforts, your church collected \$633.99.



## Help Needed With Memorials



Don Fibranz Satchell's Christian Foster Care Home 2662 E. Caro Road Caro, MI 48723	Peggy Kelly 6282 Pine Street Cass City, MI 48726 (989) 872-5086
Wilma Kovach 2700 Knotter Road Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 678-4356	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	Dennis & Linda Schweitzer 2875 Shebeon Road Sebewaing, MI 48759 (989) 883-9197
Jeannine Ziehm c/o Jennifer Scott 5318 Indian Trail Ypsilanti, MI 48197	

When one of our saints departs and is gathered into the eternal presence of the Lord, the family often directs memorials to be made to the church in honor of the dearly departed. As this happens, we want to say "thank you" to those who give a memorial.

We are looking for one or two people to take up the task of acknowledging the memorials with a thank you card. The church has a supply of cards, envelopes, and stamps. The task would be to receive the names on the memorial list (it will be given to you), fill out the cards, address and stamp the envelopes, and send them out in the mail. If you are willing to help, please contact Pastor Suggitt or Sandy Salcido.

## NewsLetter DEADLine

The deadline for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be **Sunday, November 17, 2024**. You can email them to Sandy at [salcido.sandy8@gmail.com](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com)

### LIFE QUOTE

For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions."

Martin Luther

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •  
[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## HOORAY!

St. Paul Youth Group and Sunday School won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes at Kohl Farms Bale contest! The \$525 will help pay for Thanksgiving turkeys and Adopt-A-Family, and a special movie day to see *The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever*.

Thanks to everyone who voted! What a fun way to raise money with the kids!

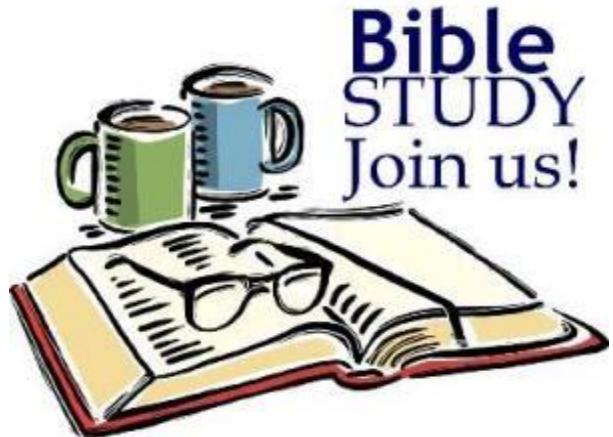


## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as we give thanks to our Gracious God for the cornucopia of spiritual fruit that we share with one another – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

\*\*\*\*\* We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantry on Thanksgiving Eve. Please share what you can.



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



# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3 – Dean Deering  
 3 – Tiffany O'Hare  
 4 – Tiffany Murphy  
 4 – Cody Howard  
 5 – Olivia Dyer  
 7 – Travis Deering  
 8 – Kevin Truemner  
 8 – Matthew Ricker  
 12 – Tracy Schaper  
 12 – Connor Timmons  
 13 – Myrna Born  
 15 – Melissa Gilbert  
 16 – Tristan Deming  
 16 – Melissa Witkovsky  
 16 – Jylan Shope  
 20 – Clinton Shope  
 20 – Megan Schaper  
 20 – Riley Richmond  
 21 – Emily Dubs  
 23 – Connor Ewald  
 24 – Brianna Fritz  
 24 – Kendal Truemner  
 25 – Walter Haag  
 27 – Amanda Gettel  
 27 – Jeffrey Dubs  
 30 – Ashley Hiles  
 30 – Dianna Dubs

*Happy Anniversary*

Nov. 3 – Richard & Beverly Wise  
 6 – Pastor & Kristen Suggitt  
 21 – Kendal & Rose Truemner  
 22 – Gerald & Angela Dubs  
 24 – Gerald & Bonnie Nowaczyk



Nov. 3 – Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague  
 Nov. 10 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling  
 Nov. 17 – Robert Haag & Ken Haley  
 Nov. 24 – Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague  
 Nov. 27 – 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve  
 Joe Salcido



Nov. 3 – Jason & Patti Reinhardt  
 Nov. 10 – Ron & Wendy Tabar  
 Nov. 17 – Ken & Cathy Haley  
 Nov. 24 – Jyl Shope



Nov. 10 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn  
 Nov. 24 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Slocum



### November Altar Flowers

Margaret Timmons  
 Tammy Timmons

# November

<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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<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism <b>3:00 PM</b> Adult Catechesis	<b>6</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>7</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism <b>3:00 PM</b> Adult Catechesis	<b>20</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>21</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>22</b>  6:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service Food Pantry Donations	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 AM Service <b>No SS or Catechism</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Adult Catechesis	<b>27</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>28</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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