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He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Matt. 28:6

The angel didn't roll away the stone to let Jesus out of the tomb on Easter morning. The angel rolled away the stone to show the women that Jesus wasn't in there because He was risen from the dead and left the tomb empty. The resurrection had already taken place. The angel moved the stone to prove it.

Our risen Lord appeared to the disciples while they were in a room with the doors shut and locked. No one secretly let Him in through the doors. Just as He needed no one to remove the stone for Him, He needed no one to give Him access to the room because after His resurrection, Jesus no longer limits Himself to the constraints of humanity. Yes, He is always flesh and bone as us, but He is also God, and after the resurrection He allows Himself full use of His divinity, for He was raised in glory.

To show that He is still flesh and blood He shows Himself to His disciples, He has Thomas touch His wounds, He eats and drinks with them. Yet, Jesus does this not because He needs food to sustain His life but to prove that He is the risen Savior and confirm the disciple's faith in His resurrection. The same man who died for them is risen and then He shows it by many proofs (Acts 1:3). He doesn't have to bang on the stone or knock at the door to get where He wants to go. He subjected Himself to our limitations for a time in order to bear our sin and face death for us. But no more. After putting Himself in our place He rises from death, to deliver us who through the fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery (Heb. 2:15) that we would have confidence to draw near the throne of grace and find help in time of need.

This time of year, you may see documentaries or other shows that try to find an answer of how or why Jesus wasn't in the tomb or other myths surrounding our Lord. This has already been tried according the Biblical record. When trying to debunk the resurrection, the chief priests said to the guards, *Tell people, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." So they took the money and did as they were directed* (see Matt. 28:11-15). Don't fall for it. Jesus didn't need the disciples to take Him away anymore than He needed the stone moved or the doors to be unlocked. He is risen, just as He said. No one or no thing can keep the triumphant Christ down and His Easter miracle from being proclaimed and heard. The news of His glorious victory over the grave comes to you, the Lord Himself comes to you, and you are strengthened in the faith. The proof of the resurrection is the proof of you being raised with your Lord and because He lives you will live also!

*The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.
LSB 467 st. 2*

Alleluia!

Pastor Suggitt



St. Paul was well represented at the Huron County Right to Life Spring Dinner. We filled two tables with sixteen people and earned the "Silver Table" award. We were one of only two churches in the area to receive this distinction. The presenter of the evening spoke on how the value of life is not determined by man or any disabilities one might have, but by God, and that we should be on guard against the evil of euthanasia - which seeks to end life because of the misguided idea that "quality of life" depends on what one can or cannot do or must suffer with. We were called on to be courageous, or in Italian as guided by our speaker, *Corragio!*

Updates were also given on the current ad campaigns of the Michigan Pro-Life movement and how donations were being used to support these life-affirming messages. It was a wonderful night and encouraging to be surrounded by so many people from our county who support life!



Holy Week Services

Holy (Maundy) Thursday 4/17

Good Shepherd, Caseville - 5:30pm

St. Paul, Linkville - 7pm

Good Friday 4/18

Good Shepherd, Caseville - 1pm

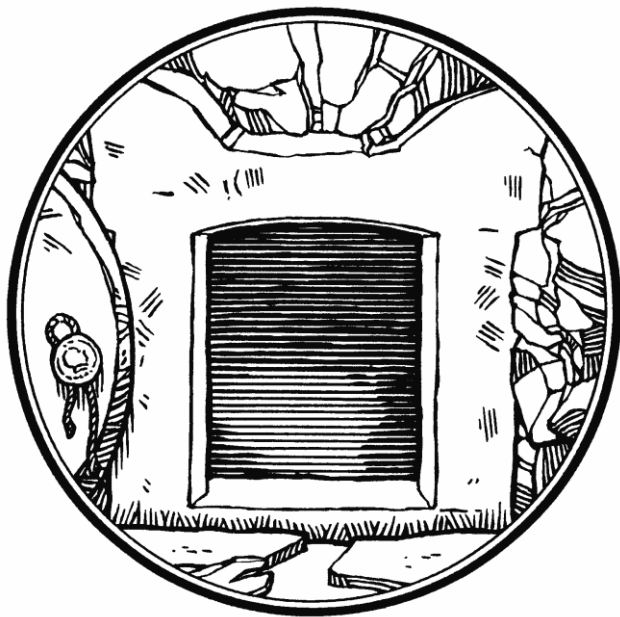
Chief Service

St. Paul, Linkville - 7pm

Tenebrae Service



The Resurrection of Our Lord



Easter Vigil 4/19

Grace Lutheran Church

Fairgrove - 7pm

Easter Sunrise 4/20

St. Paul, Linkville - 6:30am

Easter Festival Service 4/20

St. Paul, Linkville - 8:30am

Good Shepherd, Caseville - 10:30am



The monthly meeting of St. Paul's Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, March 2, 2025, immediately following our worship service. Twelve ladies answered roll call. A devotion from the *Portals of Prayer* was read by the Ladies Aid secretary entitled "Almighty God and Man". 'Jesus endured the cross knowing that when He had completed His task of taking our punishment, His glory awaited Him. When we are going through difficult times, we, too, can look forward to seeing Christ as He is now, standing in His glory waiting for you.'

Old Business:

1. Ruth Kumaus stated that at its February 4, 2025, meeting, the Church Council granted approval for Ladies Aid to take back full responsibility for its financials. However, for this change to become effective the Ladies Aid must formally vote to make the change. Ruth stated that detailed procedures had been written for the administration of the Ladies Aid financials. These designated that the Ladies Aid Treasurer would have overall responsibility for the financials. Additionally, two Signer/Auditors would be designated by the Ladies Aid to audit the financials as well as assist as check signers and cover for the Treasurer when unavailable. All of these positions would have check signing rights. The Church Treasurer would no longer have any responsibility on the account. This change would become effective as soon as all arrangements could be finalized by the Bank with a goal to be as soon as April 1, 2025.

A motion made by Ruth Fluegge; supported by Jyl Shope; approved by all Ladies Aid members to take back full responsibility for the Ladies Aid financials.

Current Ladies Aid Treasurer – Ruth Kumaus
Current Signer / Auditor – Jyl Shope
Current Signer / Auditor – Patti Reinhardt Church
Treasurer – Jodi Reinhardt

2. Discussion took place concerning the date for the 2025 bazaar here at St. Paul. It had originally been set for October 25, 2025. A motion was made by Brandy Gunsell; supported by Wendy Tabar to hold it on October 18, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; approved.

3. More discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new single door refrigerator and a 6-burner range. Much research has been done by the committee and they are getting closer to selecting these appliances. We're hoping to have the new refrigerator in time for the Pork Dinner on March 30th.

4. Mother/Daughter Event

The committee asked if anybody had any ideas on what we should do this year. Ruth Fluegge thought it would be nice to do a potluck meal. The Ladies Aid would furnish the meat and participants would supply a side dish, a salad or a dessert. Everybody thought that sounded like a great idea.

Ruth Kumaus showed a bin that contained the programs from previous years that her mother, Marion, had saved. We will read through them and maybe use some of the ideas that were done years ago such as tribute to mothers, tribute to daughters, etc.

New Business:

1. The treasurer asked if we would be willing to transfer \$3,000 to our savings account to begin rebuilding our 'cushion' since we are using some of the funds to buy new appliances for the kitchen. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Margaret Timmons to make the transfer; supported by Joyce Metzger; approved.

A motion was made by Joyce Metzger; supported by Wendy Tabar to adjourn the meeting. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and sang the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

Pastor's Job

Preach the Word

My Job

Call 'em Like I see 'em

1. Lately I've noticed that our weekly Sunday service numbers have increased. That's good news!
2. Our 'Youth after Confirmation' attendance is much better than in past years. These 'youngins' are returning to services even when they are not compelled to. That's good progress!
3. Our youth choir can now really be heard. They sing loud!
4. I also noticed that when we have Sunday School we seem to have descent numbers of children attending services. That makes for a nice mix of the ages in attendance. Super!
5. Fact – School will be over before long. Children will also not have Sunday School to attend, so suddenly they will disappear again until Sunday School appears again in the fall. This is not so good!
6. Yes, summertime has vacations, graduations, weddings, family reunions, and, of course, the beach. And, yes, sometimes we are away from home and our attendances might lag a bit.
7. But, if we are around, and, if we all keep our normal frequency of church attendance, shouldn't we end up with that similar mix of attendees? Yep!

8. In a recent Lenten sermon Pastor spoke on the 4th Commandment and how God passes on His authority to parents over those in their care. It gives the responsibility to parents to set the rules and boundaries to all those in their care. OK!
9. With that being said, whether it's' winter, spring, summer or fall, shouldn't we have that same mix of ages of our attendees every week?

Just calling 'em like I see 'em!

The elder elder, Joe Salcido




Spring is here! Swans and geese are flying. Robins are nesting. We all know what that means... The grass is beginning to turn green and will soon need to be mowed.



The Cemetery Committee has asked that everyone remove any items off the cemetery so cleaning and mowing can begin when the time is right. Please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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<p>Jeannine Ziehm c/o Jennifer Scott 5318 Indian Trail Ypsilanti, MI 48197</p>	

Articles for the May issue of St. Paul's "Epistles" are due Easter Sunday, April 20th. Let's keep the entire congregation informed about what's going on in your organization.

Please place your articles in the "Epistles" mailbox or email them to salcido.sandy8@gmail.com. Don't forget those "Hats Off" items.



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

LIFE QUOTE

Friend, you have a good word to speak to your neighbor. You have God's Word of life to share—with your spouse, your children or grandchildren, your co-worker or friend. You can tell them that their life is sacred, a gift of God, and that their life matters to you.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org

Sunday School Newsletter

Greetings in Christ! We hope this newsletter finds you blessed and well. We have so many wonderful things happening in our Sunday School program to share with you.

Recent Celebrations 🎉

Despite the wintry weather, we were overjoyed to host 10 wonderful children at our "Jesus Loves Me" Valentine's Day Party! Our young disciples had a fantastic time decorating cookies and playing Bible BINGO. It warmed our hearts to see them learning about God's word while having such fun. Our wonderful Sunday School students came together to create Jared Boxes for children in the hospital. We are overjoyed to announce that we successfully made over **100 Jared Boxes!** This incredible accomplishment shows the love, compassion, and dedication that our families have. Our young singers are working hard to learn beautiful songs after church that they will perform for the entire congregation for the Easter celebrations coming ahead. It is important that you have your child in service for Sunday worship so that they can learn these songs.

Important Dates to Remember 📅

- * **April 6th** – No Sunday School (Spring Break)
- * **April 9th** – Sunday School Lenten Supper
- * **April 20th** – Join us for our Annual Easter Breakfast! Children can be there between 7:00 - 7:15.

Notes of Gratitude 🙏

We are immensely thankful for the generous donations of craft supplies for both our Sunday School program and upcoming Vacation Bible School. Your support helps us create engaging, meaningful activities for our children to grow in their faith.

Looking Ahead

Please watch for more information about:

- * Vacation Bible School planning
- * Spring updates
- * Future field trips

Prayer Requests

Please keep our Sunday School children, teachers, and volunteers in your prayers as we continue to share God's love with our youngest members.

In Christ's Love,

The Sunday School Committee;

Lisa Sprague, Michelle Reibling, Amy Haag, Paula Holland, Wendy Ewald

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14**



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.



St. Paul Mother/Daughter Luncheon

Saturday, May 10th @ Noon

We're celebrating Mother's Day at St. Paul with a potluck luncheon. Yup, that's right I said POTLUCK LUNCHEON. Who doesn't love a yum, yum, yummy Potluck Lunch?

The Ladies Aid will furnish broasted chicken and the beverages so please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex so you can let us know how many to plan for. Invite your moms, grandmas, aunts, friends, neighbors, daughters, granddaughters, and nieces for a lovely afternoon celebrating the women in our lives.

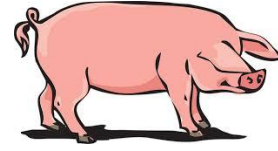
The speaker for the day is Alayna Guza from the Suds for Success Program. Her organization is aimed at helping individuals and families in need of assistance with funding for everyday washing or drying needs. These are people who are often unable to do laundry due to financial struggles.

Giving Back - we will be collecting smaller-sized laundry items (detergent & fabric softener sheets) to supply these items to more people. (Dollar General has brand name 5-load bottles for a dollar.) You can also donate cash as she partners with laundromats to buy vouchers with money donations. Please bring your donations that day.

We would like to get some youth group boys and fathers to help with serving and cleanup. Please send one of us a text or let us know at church if you're available to help out.

Brandy Gunsell (989) 672-9495
Melissa Deming (989) 553-1304
Shirley Fritz (989) 453-2987
Sandy Salcido (989) 444-9751

St. Paul's Pork Dinner Recap



Our new not-so-fearless leader, Annette Prich led the charge and pulled it off. She may have been a newbie, but she got the job done in fine fashion!

Under Annette's leadership the 2025 Pork Dinner was a great success. We served 287 meals; 165 take-outs and 122 dine-in meals. Leftovers were donated to Birchview as well as Bay View Gardens. They were both very grateful for them.

Due to the generosity of many members the costs of the food were covered. Before expenses we garnered \$4,054.50. This event will make a sizeable contribution to our Special Needs Fund.

Thank you to all who helped with this undertaking. Needless to say, *It Takes Many Hands to Make Light Work.*, and the worker bees came out in droves. Once again, the youth of our congregation stepped forward to due their fair share. We should be very proud of them! The bakers baked; the potato masters mashed; the meal runners ran; the beverage pourers poured. Where there was a need, the job got done.

An evaluation sheet has been placed in the mailboxes of each area supervisor. If that was your roll, please fill out the sheet and place it in Annette's mailbox. If anybody noticed something that needs improvement, please let her know. She'll do what she can to solve the issue.

Once again, **THANK YOU ALL!**

IN HIS SERVICE

APRIL ELDERS

6 – Ken Haley & Robert Haag
9 – Ron Tabar (7:00 p.m.)
13 – Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague
17 – Robert Haag
(7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday)
18 – Joe Salcido
(7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae)
20 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling
(6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise)
Ken Haley & Robert Haag
(8:30 a.m. Easter Festival)
27 – Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague

APRIL GREETERS

April 6 – Rich & Ruth Fluegge
April 13 – Joe & Sandy Salcido
April 20 – Jeramy & Melissa Deming and Sons
April 27 – Robert & Amy Haag and Family

APRIL ACOLYTES

April 6 – Emma Reibling
April 13 – Brettly Ewald
April 20 – Harold Haag
April 27 – Sadie Swartzendruber

April Tithe Counters

April 13 – Jyl Shope & Jen Timmons
April 27 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker

April Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

Marge Weisenbach 989-326-2545
Lisa Sprague 989-529-9643

SNOW PATROL

April 6 – 8:30 a.m. **Volunteer**
April 9 – 7:00 p.m. Timmons Lent
April 13 – 8:30 a.m. Fluegge
April 17 – 7:00 p.m. **Deming** Maundy Thurs.
18 – 7:00 p.m. **Volunteer** Good Friday
20 – 6:30 a.m. **Timmons** Easter
27 – 8:30 a.m. **Fluegge**

ANNIVERSARIES

April 14 – Gerald & Diane Wildman
April 16 – Ken & Faye Errer
Joel & Laura Toner
April 23 – Terry & Chris Gettel
Warren & Jan Stoeckle
April 25 – Jim & Linda Roe
April 26 – Josh & Lisa Sprague
April 27 – James & Tiffany O'Hare
April 29 – Manuel & Elaine Thies

BIRTHDAYS

April 1 – Claire Suggitt
Jessica Higgins
Michelle Haley
April 2 – Levi Renn
Brock Shope
April 3 – David Jamieson
April 4 – Aaron Diebel
Miles Carlisle
April 5 – Lilah Reibling
April 6 – Ava Reibling
Michelle Reibling
Garrett Toner
April 8 – Nashia Barr
Susan Schember
April 9 – Courtney Fritz
Tyler Metzger
April 11 – Joshua Fritz
April 12 – Peggy Kelly
April 13 – Robert Haldane
April 14 – Saige Ondrajka
April 16 – Cathy Haley
April 18 – Craig Sears
April 20 – Erin Shuboy
Brian Rosenthal
April 21 – Dallas Holland
April 24 – Lane Higgins
April 25 – Abigail O'Hare
April 28 – Emma Reibling
Miles Shuboy
Beverly Wise
April 30 – Hunter Dubs

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 6:15 PM Elder Mtg. 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	2 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ GS	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism 7:00PM Youth Bible Study	7	8 Orphan Grain Train Loading Shipment To Republic of Georgia	9 6:00 PM Lenten Supper @ SP 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ SP	10	11	12
13 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	14	15	16	17 Holy Maundy Thursday 5:30 PM @ GS 7:00 PM @ SP	18 Good Friday 1:00 PM @ GS 7:00 PM @ SP	19 7:00 PM Easter Vigil @ Grace Fairgrove
20 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:15 AM Easter Brkfst. 8:30 AM Festival Service No Catechism	21	22	23	24	25	26
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April is Mite Collection Month.

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