



St. Paul's

"Epistles"

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Last month, I briefly explained one of the reasons we practice "closed communion," which is the biblical practice of not communing just anyone who presents themselves at the rail. The Lord's Supper - the body and blood of Jesus - is a kind of medicine which needs to be taken properly in order to not cause harm (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-30).

Another reason is that to commune at an altar, is to publicly state that you agree with what is believed, taught, and confessed in that place. It is to say that you are in fellowship with the doctrine (teaching) of that church. So, while we may not presume to judge the faith of another, the Bible does call on us to judge between varying confessions of the faith (Romans 16:17), because without agreement in doctrine and all its articles, there is no fellowship, no oneness, in the holy things. For example, if someone has joined their confession to a different church that doesn't hold to biblical teaching concerning the Lord's Supper (the body and blood of Jesus are really present in the bread and wine) or another article of faith (i.e. how a person is saved, the inerrancy of the Scriptures, original sin, God's design for man and woman, the nature of Baptism, the list goes on...), then that person, by means of their differing church membership, declares that they are not in agreement with what is taught at our altar. Fellowship in the Lord's Supper is a proclamation of faith which the apostle instructs us "with one mind and mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:6). We may not come together in the Lord's Supper with differing minds and mouths. That means that what we are doing is simply taking a person at their word that they disagree with us on what the Bible teaches according to the church where they have joined their confession of the faith.

Again, this is not to condemn those whom we do not commune. Not at all. I did not commune my children for years and years - not until they put their "amen" to what is believed, taught, and confessed at our altar. We don't create unity in the church, the Lord Jesus does by His Word. Unfortunately, there isn't total agreement in His Word by all Christians and therefore there are divisions. That's why we pray in the Divine Service "for the well- being of the Church of God, and the unity of all." But where there is no unity in the Word, there can be no unity in the Sacrament. It would be a façade.

I think we all have had a time when we've admired someone for holding to their convictions. They took it seriously. We do too. I appreciate when someone from another denomination recognizes they shouldn't go against their own church's confession and commune at our altar. We, likewise, wouldn't want to compromise our confession in front others and commune at a place we are not in unity with. We both are being honest and not trying to cover up points of dissension which can lead to a fruitful discussion: "Let's open God's Word and talk about it."

I hope these past two little articles on the Lord's Supper and closed communion have been helpful to bring back to mind that which you once have heard but perhaps needed a small refresher!

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

Confirmation

+ Emma Lindsay Reibling +

Daughter of Matt & Michelle Reibling

***The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?***

Psalm 27:1

+ Jackson Lee Rosenthal +

Son of Josh & Anna Rosenthal

***For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is
the power of God for salvation to everyone
who believes.***

Romans 1:16

*For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you,
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11

An Unforgettable Journey With Jesus Vacation Bible School

St. Paul Linkville

June 23 – June 26, 2025

Make your plans to enjoy VBS, "Journey With Jesus", June 23rd - 26th! The start time is 5:00 p.m. with dinner, lesson time, recess, music and fun crafts. Closing will be at 7:00 p.m.

We will be collecting money for mission work, involving the traditional coin/most money competition between the girls and boys. Students will be excused at approximately 7:15. A sign-up sheet is available to enroll your child and if you have the opportunity to volunteer any night it would be appreciated. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors!

Menu:

Monday – Mac & Cheese with Hot Dogs

Tuesday – Sloppy Joe & Chips

Wednesday – Pancakes & Sausage

Thursday - Pizza

Any questions ask Ruth Fluegge.

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**Attention Ladies Aid Bazaar
Supervisors:**

**A special meeting will be held
following our worship service on
Sunday, June 29th. Please plan to
attend so we can get our ducks in a
row for the bazaar.**

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High School Graduates



Kaitlyn Reehl

Daughter of Norbert & Liz Reehl

Graduate of Laker High School

Future plans: Siena Heights University
Music Education



Faith Suggitt

Daughter of Pastor & Kristen Suggitt

Graduate of Laker High School

Future plans: Saginaw Valley State University
Early Childhood Development – Teacher

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College Graduate



Macy Reinhardt

Daughter of Marc & Jodi Reinhardt

School: Michigan State University

Degree: Bachelor's degree in nutrition

MSU's Masters in Dietetics/internship in the fall

To Our Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure! We are so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation, and so immensely proud of you, too!"

God's Blessings,

St. Paul Congregation



What a wonderful afternoon we spent together! On May 10, the St. Paul Ladies Aid hosted the annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon in our church fellowship hall. Around 100 mothers, daughters, grandmothers, nieces, aunts, granddaughters, Godmothers, and friends, young and old, came to enjoy some time together with a tasty potluck feast, smiles and laughter, flower planting, and learning about (and donating to) a worthy cause. This embodies the Ladies Aid mission "To foster mutual love and Christian fellowship." 2 Timothy 1:5

This year it was decided to go back to a long-standing tradition of making the luncheon a potluck. Our talented women knocked it out of the park with many entrees, salads, finger foods, and desserts. No one went home hungry; I can tell you that. Plus, the extra food leftovers were used for Sunday coffee hour and donated to a local AFC home.

We welcomed Alayna Guza from Sudz for Success. This program supports families who are going through some difficulties and need a hand with something as simple as the ability to wash their clothes. The ladies came through with cash donations, as well as a large quantity of laundry products to help support our neighbors in need. This embodies the Ladies Aid mission "To promote the work of Christian charity." Acts 9:36

Our Tribute to Mothers and Tribute to Daughters was done as a group by the Fluegge family - Ruth Fluegge, Paula Holland, Kristi Howard, Paige Howard, and Kolbie Holland. We thank them for doing this as we know speaking in front of a group can be a bit nerve-wracking.

Everyone was able to plant and take home their own pot of flowers as a Mother's Day gift. Things went about as smoothly as 100 people planting flowers indoors can go. There were smiles, helping hands, young and old getting a little dirty.

The door prize was announced at the end of the gathering, with Wanda Dubs taking home the Apple Pie Gift basket, and all of the children receiving a big candy bar as well. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

We want to especially thank Connor Becker & the Haag brothers for coming to help serve and clean up, as well as all of the helping hands that pitched in to make this year's luncheon a great day.

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Newsletter
DEADLine

The deadline for articles for the July/August issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, June 22, 2025. Email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

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



Baby Bottle Boomerang

It's simple & fun!

The **Baby Bottle Boomerang** began on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day, June 15th. There are still bottles left so why not grab one today?

Here's what you need to do:

- Please take home a bottle for your family.
- Fill it with spare change, bills or checks payable to: Positive Alternatives.
- Pray for Positive Alternatives this month.
- Return the bottle to church by Father's Day.



Positive Alternatives has locations in Bad Axe and Caro. Thank you for supporting this cause.

LIFE QUOTE

You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That's how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this—a family with a rich past and glorious future.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
lutheransforlife.org

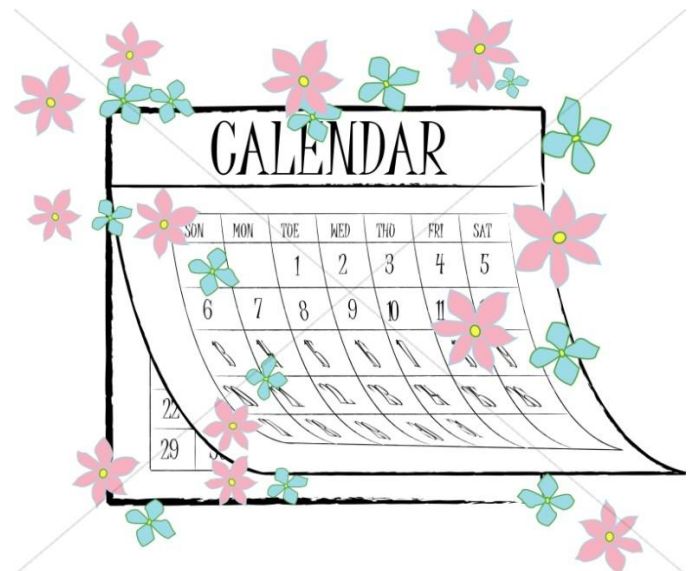
PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

From the Small Catechism: Confession

What is confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Private, or individual, confession and absolution is available by appointment with Pastor Suggitt. You may call him at 989.551.3976 to set up a time.



Would you like to furnish flowers for the altar in memory or celebration of a special person or event? The flower calendar is posted in the church office. Just pick a date and sign your name. You can purchase & place the flowers on the altar yourself or contact the altar flower committee (posted in the Epistles each month) and they will take care of it for you.

Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily
To live up to "HIS IMAGE"
As protector and provider
And "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion,
That Fathers are not subject
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,
Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental
And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day
In the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
He's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

Helen Steiner Rice



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.



June 2 - Tristan Metzger
3 - Susan Albrecht
6 - Izabella Collon
6 - Wilma Kovach
7 - Carson Toner
10 - Levi Adams
11 - Tina Sears
14 - James Dubs
14 - Patty Seibel
16 - Bryan Parrish
20 - Brock Verbeek
21 - Shyann Kady
21 - Mary Jamieson
22 - Sandy Salcido
23 - Scott Weisenbach
25 - Travis Albrecht
27 - Zachary Britt
28 - Kloe Kady
Jett Tucker



June 6 - Erwin Burkle & Kathleen Kovach
11 - Jim & Brandy Gunsell
14 - Cody & Kristi Howard
14 - Rich & Ruth Fluegge
14 - Tony & Jaime Harmer
19 - Doug & Valerie Fritz
19 - David & Mary Jamieson

In His Service

ELDERS

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

GREETERS

June 1 – Dale Kunding, Laura Swartzendruber, Chase & Sadie
8 – Marc & Jodi Reinhardt
15 – Harold & Marge Weisenbach
22 – Janet Truemner & Kari Ricker
29 – Ken & Cathy Haley

TITHE COUNTERS

June 8 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker
June 22 – Jyl Shope & Chris Gettel

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Janet Truemner 989-550-8806
Kari Ricker 989-665-0152

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A Message to the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church from the Huron County Sheriff's Office:

Dear Members,

Thank you for the monetary donation. We appreciate your support on behalf of the Sheriff's Work Program. Because of your generosity and support, we are able to provide this service.

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Hanson
Huron County Sheriff

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:30 AM Service	2	3 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	4 6:30 PM Bible Study	5	6	7
8 8:30 AM Service 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	9	10	11 6:30 PM Bible Study	12	13	14
15 8:30 AM Service	16	17	18 6:30 PM Bible Study	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Service Father's Day Baby Bottles Due MI District Convention	23 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS MI District Convention	24 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS MI District Convention	25 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS	26 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS	27	28
29 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Special Ladies Aid Meeting	30	31				

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PLAN AHEAD

If you are planting a garden or have fruit trees/plants – don't forget about the church! The Annual Congregational Bazaar will be held on October 18, 2025 this year. Feel free to grow and/or can some extra to donate to our bazaar.

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— WITH —
JESUS**

At St. Paul Linkville Church
5:00—7:15
K—6th grade
Dinner provided

Learn about Jesus through music, crafts,
and lessons

Sign up

