



St. Paul's

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And as he was saying theses things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind." Acts 26:24

The apostle Paul had been arrested and kept in custody for some time. Festus, the new recently installed governor of Judea, wanted to hear what Paul had to say concerning the charges brought against him by the chief priests and principle men of the people. When Paul was given the opportunity to speak before Festus (and King Agrippa who was also curious), he confessed the Gospel of Jesus with clarity. He spoke of the crucifixion of our Lord and the forgiveness sins. He proclaimed repentance. He talked about eyes being opened and men turning from darkness to light. He laid out that Jesus is the One foretold of from old and after suffering and dying has risen from the dead.

Paul gave a beautiful witness and spoke boldly of the truth. But upon hearing it Festus says, "Paul, you are out of your mind." That is to say that Festus thought Paul was being ridiculous. That he was crazy. That he was speaking foolishness. "Knock it off - you sound silly. You're embarrassing yourself." And Festus wanted everyone to join in at laughing at Paul because he doesn't just speak to Paul in a normal way, but rather "said with a loud voice... you are out of your mind."

Does this frighten you? Does the idea of someone laughing at you or calling you crazy or speaking loudly to you make you hide the hope that is within you? Are you afraid to be seen as different? Don't be. We should be different. We have the radical message of the man who gave His life for sinners and rose from the dead. Festus tried to get everyone to point and laugh at Paul because of this. Who cares? Paul didn't. Let them point and laugh. The truth will set you free. "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words," Acts 26:25.

When you speak the true and rational words of your Savior, some people may reject it right out of hand. They might even - like Jr. High kids in the hallway - try to be loud and get others to join in laughing or, as it seems in our day, to be outraged. But you are called to not be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God for salvation (Rom. 1:16). Some may hear and believe. Some may want to hear a little more about this Jesus. That's good. It's worth the risk of name calling. You are called to "proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). It's your purpose as you navigate through this fallen world.

God grant you wisdom and strength to live as his people who bear witness through word and deed. "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise" (Psalm 51:15).

In Christ,

Pastor Suggitt



Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting

Students going into or continuing with Confirmation classes, and their parents, will meet with Pastor on Sunday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul. We will discuss the schedule for the year and the students will receive their materials. Class will begin September 14.

Train up your child in the way they should go!
Proverbs 22:6

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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.



A few days ago, I was told that it was National Dog Day. So, I fed my dog some extra rations and gave him a little more loving.

That got me wondering . . . Who comes up with these "National Whatever Days"? You know – National Take-Your-Kid-To-Work Day; National Eat-An-Extra-Dessert-Day; National Plant-A-Tree day, etc., etc., etc. There seems to be a day for almost anything you can come up with.

We also have numerous National Awareness Months – National Safety Awareness Month; National Ice Cream Month (my personal favorite). There's even a National Zombie Awareness Month – no fooling! You look them up. There are some bizarre month-long observances.

Now with Sunday School Rally Day coming up soon I got to thinking, and I came up with my own National Month idea. I'll call it Bring-A-Friend-to-Church Month'. So maybe instead of just treating our dogs special for a day we could each do a little 'Rally Daying' and introduce or re-introduce someone to God's Word.

Just a thought!

Joe Salcido – the elder Elder



We are excited to begin a brand-new year of Sunday School at St. Paul Linkville Church! Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 7th, and we invite all children from preschool through 7th grade to join us. After worship, students will have the opportunity to meet their Sunday School teachers and enjoy some donuts together in fellowship.

This year, Michelle Reibling and Lisa Sprague will be teaching our Pre-K through 5th grade students, while Amy Haag and Wendy Ewald will be working with our 6th and 7th graders. We are also excited to announce the return of our favorite activity with Pastor— “What’s in the Box?”—which always brings fun and surprises to our Sunday mornings.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th, when we will take a field trip to Kohls Farms. As part of the day’s activities, students will decorate hay bales and have the option to go through the corn maze. It will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some fallish fun together as a church family.

Our Sunday School offerings this year will go toward the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), the same mission we supported during VBS. St. Paul’s offerings will be joined with those from other Sunday Schools in our Circuit to support this important ministry.

We also ask families to sign up for Sunday School snacks. The sign-up sheet is located on the table near the mailboxes. If you sign up to provide snacks, we kindly ask that you also stay after to help clean up the tables and put away the food from that morning. Paula Holland will be available each week to help and guide you on what needs to be done.

We look forward to another wonderful year of growing in faith, learning God’s Word, and spending time together as a church family. *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” – Proverbs 22:6*



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.

St. Paul Youth Shine



Our own Owen Reibling had the honor (& I'll bet the thrill) of throwing the first pitch at Comerica Park on August 19th as the Detroit Tigers played (and won) the Houston Astros.

Nice throw Owen!



Jim Gilbert, son of Jim & Kris Gilbert & grandson of Dennis Dubs, recently won the Junior Club Championship at Ugly Heights Golf & Country Club.

Great Job, Jim!



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NewsLetter DEADLine

The deadline for articles for the October issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, October 19, 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.



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. 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.

LIFE QUOTES

Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior's presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He brings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
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ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR



**Saturday, October 18
10:00 a.m.**

Supervisor of Logistics: Ruth Kumaus

Supervisor of Advertising: Jan Stoeckle

Supervisor Lunch Preparation: Brandy Gunsell

Supervisor Desserts & Drinks: Margaret Timmons

Supervisor Bake

Sale: Brenda Kady

Supervisor Pie Station:

Shirley Fritz & Tristan Deming

Supervisor Take N Bake: Ruth Fluegge

Supervisor Cookie Walk: Kristen Suggitt

Supervisor White Elephant: Tracy Schaper

Supervisors Canned Goods & Produce: Joe Salcido & Wanda Dubs

Supervisor Cutlery & Crafts: Ruth Fluegge



After the bazaar there are a lot of tired workers. **WE REALLY NEED A CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE.**

The bazaar begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends

at 1:30 p.m. If you have some free time and would be willing to help with this chore, please sign up on the JOBS SHEET.

September is just around the corner. The bazaar is the very next month! Hundreds of people will gather at St. Paul on Saturday, October 18th 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?

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 sign-up sheets that detail the items we need for the pie sale and for the cookie walk. Please sign up soon!

- Michigan Sugar has **donated white, brown and powdered sugar** to St. Paul for baked goods for the bazaar. If you're baking, help yourself! When it's gone, it's gone.
- The sign-up sheet for **desserts** to be served at the bazaar luncheon will be posted soon. Please consider furnishing one or more of your yummy desserts. Please sign up ASAP so we know we have enough desserts for the luncheon.
- What kind of goodies are you planning to make for the **Baked Goods table** at the bazaar? 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 17th until 7:00 p.m., and then again before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Pies for the Bake 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 them so we know what kind they are and place them on racks in pie station area.

Pies for luncheon can be baked in real pans. Please put your name on them, label them with kind of pie, and mark the pies for LUNCHEON.

- **Cookies for Cookie Walk** should be brought in large containers (with your name on it) and labeled COOKIE WALK**.

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- Good, clean, usable household and decorating items are needed for the **White Elephant Sale**. Please bring your item/items to the church basement kitchen and label "White Elephant Sale".
- Don't forget – **produce and canned goods** are great sellers at the Congregational Bazaar.

Ladies Aid will be having some workdays to put together take-n-bakes in the coming month.

Luncheon prep will be Thursday and Friday before the bazaar. The health department will be coming on Thursday to do their inspection. If you are willing/able to help with prep, please let Brandy know.

Bazaar setup will begin Sunday, September 12th 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.



Time to make **HORSERADISH!**

- **Peeling & Processing will be done on Sunday, October 5th.** Please bring a paring knife and a peeler & lend a hand. If the weather permits, we will set up tables outside for peeling.

Digging will be done the week before at 4:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for date & time. We need some strong helpers to get it done. If you can help, please give Brandy a call @ (989) 672-9495. Once again, many hands make light work.



Pastor's Winkel

St. Paul Linkville will host the monthly Pastor's Winkel on Tuesday, September 9th. We expect 15 - 20 area pastors to attend.

St. Paul Ladies Aid has agreed to furnish coffee, juice, fresh fruit, and some sort of pastries for those in attendance as well as a luncheon consisting of two kinds of homemade soup, oyster crackers, home-baked bread & butter, and dessert.

Schedule:

Pastor's Arrival time: 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 Winkel begins: 10:00 a.m.
 Luncheon time: 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Volunteers:

Fresh fruit, Juice & Donuts - Ruth Kumaus
 Soup - Sandy Salcido
 Home-baked bread - Wendy Tabar
 Dessert - Janet Truemner

Workers for the Day:

Joyce Metzger
 Shirley Fritz
 Margaret Timmons
 Ruth Kumaus



September 2 - Ethan Wissner
 3 - Van Fritz
 5 - Brenda Kady
 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

IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

September 7 - Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague
 14 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling
 21 – Robert Haag & Ken Haley
 28 – Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague

GREETERS

September 7 – Jyl Shope
 Sept. 14 – Matt & Michelle Reibling and Family
 September 21 – Dick & Lucille Welchner
 Sept. 28 – Josh & Lisa Sprague and Family

ACOLYTES

September 7 – Jackson Rosenthal
 14 – Lincoln Ewald
 21 – Harold Haag
 28 – Sadie Swartzendruber

TITHE COUNTERS

September 14 – Liz Reehl & Jyl Shope
 September 28 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

SEPT. ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Jyl Shope 989-550-2874
 Liz Reehl 989-912-9574

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



September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS Rally Day/ Reception 2:00 PM Catechism Mtg.	8 6:00 PM Choir	9 10:00 AM Pastor's Winkel	10 6:30 PM Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	15 6:00 PM Choir	16	17 6:30 PM Bible Study	18	19	20
21 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	22 6:00 PM Choir	23	24 6:30 PM Bible Study	25	26	27
28 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS to Kohl Farms Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	29 6:00 PM Choir	30				

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