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"Epistles"

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The end of November ushers in with it not only turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie but also the end of the church year. With the end of the church year, we hear in the Divine Service about our Lord Jesus returning. I'm often asked concerning our Lord's return, "Pastor, with all the stuff happening on the world, do you think the last days are upon us?"

My answer is always yes. It is always yes because this what the Bible teaches - that we are living in the last days, in the time between the Ascension of Jesus and His return. It is usually out of genuine curiosity that I get the question yet I'm not sure if my answer makes any difference to those who ask. But Jesus and the apostles guide us to recognize that we are in the last days so that we would be ready for when our Lord returns, to not save repentance and faith in Jesus for another day, because no one knows the day or the hour of His return. (Matt. 24:36).

Here are a few passages for you to consider:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. (Heb. 1:1-2)

Children, it is the last hour... (1 John 2:18)

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... (2 Timothy 3:1-4)

The church has always considered itself living in the last days, not knowing when the Lord will return, which gives shape, then, to how the life of faith should be lived out day by day.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. (1 Thess. 5:4-6)

Now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor. 6:2)

This is all done in the confidence that at the final day our Lord Jesus will deliver us finally from all evil, to be in bliss with Him in eternal life. So, we live each day with a strong faith in Christ, not in fear of being caught off guard when He returns. We see the signs all around us that things are broken (that list in 2 Timothy sounds familiar) and we encourage one another to hold fast to our Lord, stay awake by gathering and receiving His gifts at church, and know to *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)*

Come, Lord Jesus!
- Pastor Suggitt



We are so excited to share that our Haybale Contest at Kohl's Farms was a great success! Thanks to the families who participated and helped make the day so much fun, we were able to raise \$500.00 for our Sunday School program. It was wonderful to see everyone come together and enjoy a beautiful fall day at the farm while supporting our ministry.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

As Thanksgiving approaches, our Sunday School will once again be adopting a few families in our community to help make their holiday season a little brighter. If you would like to contribute, please consider bringing in items such as corn, green beans, a box of stuffing, potatoes or other nonperishable food items. Donations can be placed in the narthex in the box labeled "Thanksgiving." Your generosity and kindness will make a meaningful difference for families in need.



Looking ahead, our Christmas Program will be held on the evening of December 21st. The children will begin practicing their songs after church very soon, so please make sure they are in attendance so they can learn their parts and be ready for this special event. The program is always a highlight of the season, and we look forward to celebrating the joy of Christmas together.



Finally, a friendly reminder to sign up for snack. We are so thankful for the families who have been consistently providing snacks each week, but we would love to see more people get involved. The snack and coffee hour is something our whole congregation enjoys, and sharing in this responsibility helps everyone feel included. Please check the sign-up sheet and choose a Sunday that works for your family.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation in our Sunday School. Your involvement, generosity, and love for our children and church family are what make this ministry so special.

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thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed.

It's a couple weeks later and they're still talking about the annual congregational bazaar at St. Paul – Linkville. The beautiful gift baskets, the baked goods, the canned goods, the delicious luncheon..... It goes on and on. Sure, it takes a lot of time and effort but we're blessed here at St. Paul to have 'lots of helping hands'.

It doesn't happen overnight. Plans for the bazaar begin right after the current year's bazaar is finished. What did we do right? What did we do wrong? What can we do to make it better?

Lots of things need to be done to prepare for bazaar day. Whether it's posting the advertisements; organizing the committees; assembling baskets; digging, cleaning & peeling and/or making horseradish; washing the jars for the horseradish; baking those fabulous goodies that St. Paul is famous for; growing and canning produce; setting and cleaning up; greeting our guests and being downright neighborly; working the pay stations; helping in the kitchen or simply coming for lunch and purchasing goods – whatever role you played, our bazaar was a huge success because of YOU. We had great community and church support. So whatever role you played – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!**

The funds raised will help support our church, many community organizations, local schools, and other mission projects outside our community.

Well done, good and faithful servant

We had a new 'head honcho' in the kitchen this year and she really got the job done. Brandy Gunsell stepped in to take charge of the kitchen, and she did a great job supervising, organizing, and purchasing supplies as well as cooking to provide a delicious luncheon.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 26th 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.**



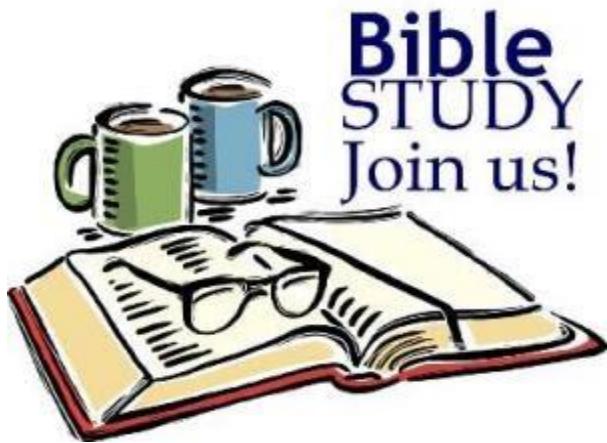
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NewsLetter DEADLine

The deadline for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be **Sunday, November 23, 2025**. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com



To Henry Haag who qualified for state finals in Cross Country for Lakers!



Bible Study will continue at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12. Why not come and grow in God's Word?



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 QUOTE

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus 'first Advent, His birth in Bethlehem, we also look forward to the day of His return, His second Advent. On the Last Day, we will see Jesus returning in glory as King and Judge. The Good Shepherd will come again to gather His flock to Himself forever.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

November 2 – Eric Wissner
 3 – Dean Deering
 Tiffany O'Hare
 4 – Tiffany Murphy
 Cody Howard
 5 – Olivia Dyer
 7 – Travis Deering
 8 – Kevin Truemner
 Matthew Ricker
 12 – Tracy Schaper
 Connor Timmons
 13 – Myrna Born
 15 – Melissa Gilbert
 16 – Tristan Deming
 Melissa Witkovsky
 Jylan Shope
 20 – Clinton Shope
 Megan Schaper
 21 – Emily Dubs
 23 – Connor Ewald
 24 – Brianna Fritz
 Kendal Truemner
 25 – Walter Haag
 27 – Amanda Gettel
 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



November 2 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag
 9 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
 16 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling
 23 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag
 27 – Joe Salcido (7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve)
 30 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley



November 2 – Dale Kundinger, Laura, Chase & Sadie Swartzendruber
 9 – Jason & Patti Reinhardt
 16 – Joe & Sandy Salcido
 23 – Jyl Shope
 30 – Ron & Wendy Tabar



November 9 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn
 November 23 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gun

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Wendy Tabar	989-977-1537
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November 2 – Harold Haag
 9 – Silver Sprague
 16 – Brettly Ewald
 23 – Saige Ondrajka
 30 – Anna Haag

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	3 6:00 PM Choir	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	10 6:00 PM Choir	11	12 6:30 PM Bible Study	13	14	15
16 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	17 6:00 PM Choir	18	19 6:30 PM Bible Study	20	21	22
23 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	24 6:00 PM Choir	25	26 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service Food Pantry Donations	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28	29
30 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. No Catechism						

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