



St. Paul's

"Epistles"

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Last month, people celebrated Valentine's Day. This month, many will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. How do I know? I see what's in the stores. The flowers, candy, and cards have been quickly marked down to 50% off and pushed into the corner while shamrocks, leprechauns, and everything green take center stage. I'm not saying this is bad or wrong or that it irritates me, I'm simply observing what I see. And these things can be fun. Couples going on a dates and expressing their love. Friends getting together, pinching each other, and maybe even having a beer - even a beer that's green (which doesn't feel right for some reason.)

Yes, these particular days bring folks together to share something whether it be love or friendship or heritage. Yet we should also remember that Valentine and Patrick were real people. They were Christians. The days that we celebrate which bear their names are the days that they were gathered into eternity with our Lord. For St. Valentine in the 3rd century, after being imprisoned for proclaiming the Gospel, he was martyred by beheading on February 14. Because he would not deny Christ, we commemorate the day of his execution for the faith and entrance into heaven. St. Patrick was a missionary to Ireland in the 5th century. He strongly defended the doctrine of the Holy Trinity at a time when it was not popular to do so. He organized Christian communities and continued to spread the Gospel until his death on March 17.

These days that are celebrated among us aren't just days but real people for whom we give thanks to God. They bore witness to the truth of Christ and died in the faith. During Lent, we can think about them and their example and pray for our Lord to keep us, too, faithful unto death. During Lent, we want to reflect on our lives and identify, like Valentine, what we are loving most - the things of our God or the things of the world. During Lent, we are to take heed to see if the Gospel which Patrick proclaimed is having its way with us or are we tucking it away for times when it feels convenient. Lord, help us!

Use the season of Lent to reorder your loves, your confession of the faith, and anchor you in Christ who is the same yesterday and today and forever. He is the same Lord of Valentine and Patrick as He is for you. By His Spirit He will give you strength to say no to self and yes to His love. He will give you courage to proclaim and confess His mercies which are new every morning.

"Return to the Lord your God," God says through the prophet Joel at the beginning of Lent (Joel 2:13). "Return with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). Help us, O Lord, to arrange our lives and loves according to your good and gracious will that we may come to the feast of Easter in sincerity and truth.

A Blessed Lent to you,
Pastor Suggitt

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

As part of your spiritual discipline during Lent, gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage one another in the things of Our Lord, hear the Word of God, pray, and grow in the faith. **Suppers will be pot-luck style at St. Paul.** Bring something small and share it. If you don't bring something, that's okay, still come anyway - someone will share with you.

February 25

Good Shepherd
7pm Evening Prayer

March 4

St. Paul
6pm Supper
7pm Evening Prayer

March 11

Good Shepherd
7pm Evening Prayer

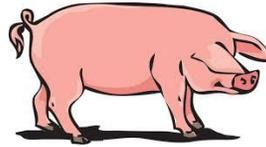
March 18

St. Paul
6pm Supper
7pm Evening Prayer

March 25

Good Shepherd
7pm Evening Prayer

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville Pork Dinner



Sunday, March 15
11:00am – 1:30pm

Dine-in and take-out are available.
For pre-order for take-out, please call
(989) 551-2836

Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy,
hot vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, and
drinks

Prices: 13+ years - \$15
5 – 12 years - \$10
4 and under - Free

There are lots of ways you can help.

- Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex for volunteer workers to make this dinner happen. *It takes many hands to make light work.*
- Sign up for desserts on the sheet posted in the narthex.
- You can donate cash for necessary foodstuffs, etc. if you cannot supply baked goods.
- We need boxes for the take-out dinners. Please take them to the storage area at the bottom of the basement steps.
- **The flyers are here and they need to be posted in area businesses.** Feel free to grab some and drop them off when you go to town, or school, or work, or to visit friends/family.



The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, February 1, 2026, immediately following our worship service. Eleven ladies answered roll call. The devotion for the day was read by Melissa Deming.

Jyl Shope reported the finances of the Ladies Aid. Savings: \$16,291.57; Checking: \$32,867.54 Margaret Timmons made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; supported by Brenda Kady; Carried.

New Business:

1. Shirley Fritz made a motion to donate \$2,000 to Josh Error towards his doctoral work; supported by Joyce Metzger; Carried.
2. Brandy Gunsell stated that the Pork Dinner will be held on March 15. Annette says they may need Thrivent cards.
3. Brenda Kady made a motion; supported by Joyce Metzger to loan \$500 for Soup Sale expenses to Brandy Gunsell & Melissa Deming which will be reimbursed after the sale; Carried. Proceeds will go to the Church General Fund.
4. Other items discussed –
 - A. There are 2 extra turkeys in the freezer at church. We discussed the idea of having a turkey pot pie sale in the near future.

- B. Patti Reinhardt volunteered to head the next cheeseball fundraiser – looking at fall.
- C. The brass vases for altar flowers need to be replaced. That may be something we can purchase with a memorial gift from the Truemner family. More research will be done.
- D. The church needs a nice box for memorials at funerals as funeral homes do not supply them any longer. Brandy is looking into finding a source.

A motion was made by Joyce Metzger supported by Jyl Shope to close the meeting.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and singing the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido (Ruth Fluegge)



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.



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

Spring cleaning will be upon us soon. When you clean your closets, please keep OGT in mind. You can bring clothing to the warehouse in Sebewaing in **plastic bags** or place in the barrel by the coat rack.

Clothing: *gently used or new*

- Infant, children's, women's and men's clothing
- Shoes – clean and wearable
- **New** underwear (**only**) – all ages and sizes (*Customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments.*)
- Socks (*good used or new*)

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?



The deadline for the April issue of St. Paul's "Epistles" is Sunday, March 22, 2026. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com. Please help us keep the congregation informed.

LIFE QUOTE

Never will a time come when the most marvelous recent invention is as marvelous as a newborn baby.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Sunday School & Youth Group will once again supply us with a delicious Easter Breakfast between services.

Please join us for Easter breakfast and fellowship on Sunday, April 5! Breakfast will be served from 7:00–8:00 a.m., with more details coming soon. We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord together!



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



- **Tristan Deming** & the 12U Barn Burners on bringing home the GOLD from the Ursa Minor Tournament in Ann Arbor recently. Tristan scored a goal in the tourney!



- **Kendyl Reehl and Noah Osantoski**, members of the Laker Archery team who received medals recently at the Chatfield event. Congratulations to both of you!



IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

March 1 – Joe Salcido & Matt Reibling
4 – Joe Salcido (7:00 p.m.)
8 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag
15 – Ken Haley & Ron Tabar
18 – Ron Tabar (7:00 p.m.)
22 – Joe Salcido & Matt Reibling
29 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag

GREETERS

March 1 – Chad & Jen Timmons
March 8 – Ken & Cathy Haley
March 15 – Jeramy & Melissa Deming and
Tristan
March 22 – Matt & Michelle Reibling and
Family
March 29 – Rich & Ruth Fluegge

ACOLYTES

March 1 – Saige Ondrajka
March 8 – Anna Haag
March 15 – Sadie Swartzendruber
March 22 – Lincoln Ewald
March 29 – Harold Haag

MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Diane Dubs
Annette Prich

TITHE COUNTERS

March 15 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn
March 29 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

SNOW PATROL

March 1 - 8:30 a.m. **Deming**
March 4 – 7:00 p.m. **Volunteer** Lent
March 8 – 8:30 a.m. **Timmons**
March 15 - 8:30 a.m. **Fluegge**
March 18 -7:00 p.m. **Deming** Lent
March 22 - 8:30 a.m. **Volunteer**
March 29 - 8:30 a.m. **Timmons**

BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Kayla Deering
Layla Provost
Alexander Rogers
2 – Richard Dubs
Kendyl Reehl
3 – Doug Fritz
Lonnie Fritz
Shana Adkins
4 – Lance Deming
Scott Thies
5 – Devin Prich
7 – Taylor Engelhardt
8 – Abby Truemner
9 – Richard Renn, Jr.
10 – Linda Schweitzer
11 – Brooks Flannery
14 – Cally Rose Ricker
Laura Swartzendruber
15 – Kristi Howard
16th – Rowan Higgins
17th – Blake & Brody Verbeek
18th – Terry Gettel
19th – Bonnie Nowaczyk
Kenneth Rathje
Henry Haag
Hailey Romzek
20th – Blain Renn
Amy Haag
22nd – Ken Haley
26th – Lucille Welchner
27th – Harper Shuboy
Ron Tabar
Valerie Fritz
Kinslee Ricker
28th – Adam Metzger
Kelly Haley
29th – Lisa Sprague

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 7 – Van & Suzanne Fritz
March 27 – Harold & Marge Weisenbach
Larry & Annette Prich

March

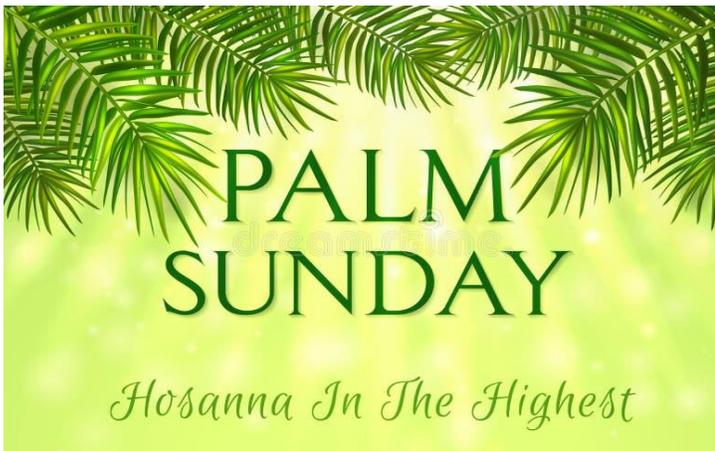
March						
1 8:15AM Youth Choir Practice 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Coffee Hour Ladies Aid Mtg. Splash Village	2	3 6:00 PM Choir 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	4 6:00 PM Potluck Lenten Supper @ SP 7:00 PM Divine Service @ SP	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:15AM Youth Choir Practice 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	9	10 6:00 PM Choir	11 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ GS	12	13	14
15 8:30 AM Service 11:00AM PORK DINNER 1:30 PM Catechism	16	17 6:00 PM Choir	18 6:00 PM Potluck Lenten Supper @ SP 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service@ SP	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Service 9:30AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 1:30 PM Catechism 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	23	24 6:00 PM Choir	25 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ GS	26	27	28
29 8:30 AM Palm Sunday Service No Sunday School No Catechism	30	31			2026	

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Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:30 a.m.