



St. Paul's

"Epistles"

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All things were created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16

Summer is finally here. Your windows can be opened at night to let a cool night's breeze flow through. You can run in the sprinkler when the day is hot. That wood you've been stock piling can find its way into the fire pit to keep the conversation going as the sun goes down and the stars pop out.

Maybe you are a beach person. Perhaps camping is on the agenda. Whatever it is for you, summer offers the chance to be outside way more than the winter does.

Creation itself testifies of our God. *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork - Psalm 19:1.* The more you look, the more you see. Not only do you see beauty but you also see how God sets everything in order to work together just right. From the sun being closer to bring warmth in order that plants and trees should grow, to rain, creeping things, birds of the air, and beasts of the field. God has ordered His creation to work well together and has given it all to you! Summer provides the opportunity to relish in it! To gaze with childlike wonder at all the Lord has created and for you to consider that of all the amazing things, you are the pinnacle of His creation. This is precisely what David does when he writes Psalm 8 and says, *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? - Psalm 8:3-4.*

Many people deny that God is the creator of the heavens and the earth (which is why I steer clear of using the term "mother nature"). And if they deny that God made all things, they necessarily deny that He made them too. This leaves them with an unfortunate conclusion: the world and all that is in it, including me, is simply a result of chance and therefore has no real meaning so I must create my own. That's a heartbreaking conclusion which will lead to despair or other great shame or vice. Summer calls you outside to see the work of the Lord who created you and the world where you live that you too would proclaim His handiwork!

Your Lord has ordered all things well. The sun, moon, stars, seasons, and all of creation are given to point toward Him (see Romans 1:20). He has given them for your enjoyment and for your benefit. He wants you to see that you are created by Him and for Him, that you are not a result of chance, and that, in fact, you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. (Apostle's Creed)

Go outside this summer and ponder these great truths!

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

Confirmation

+ Saige Rhian Ondrajka +

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8

+ Sadie Lynn Swartzendruber +

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Matthew 7:13-14

+ Dallas Thomas Holland +

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
Psalm 143:10*

+ Brettly Dale Ewald +

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3:17

+ Lincoln Kenneth Ewald +

*Your word is lamp to my feet and light to my path.
Psalm 119:105*

+ Harold Steven Haag +

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6



Mother Daughter Luncheon

What a beautiful day we shared at our Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 9th! From the laughter that filled the room, to the tender moments shared between generations, it was truly a day to remember.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who made this event possible. To my Husband, Daughter, Sisters, Brother-in-Law and my Nieces & Nephews, from set-up, serving the food, entertaining and clean-up.

We had 70 in attendance and gifts were awarded. A beautiful hanging basket was awarded to Wilma Kovach for being the oldest lady in attendance. I also do believe, she has been in attendance to most Mother-Daughter Banquets at St. Paul.

But most of all, thank you to every mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who joined us. Your presence brought warmth and joy to the celebration, and your smiles made the day shine even brighter.

May the love we shared that day continue to strengthen our bonds and remind us of the precious gift of family — both by blood and in Christ.



IN GOD WE TRUST

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Our forefathers built this country with God in mind. Many of the tenets that were written for our constitution are similar to how God instructs us to act towards each other.

I think God had a plan for this country and it includes Him in it. To this day every legislative session begins with a prayer for guidance. It is no wonder that when religious persecutions occurred people sought out this country, so they could practice their religion without fear. Our own Lutheran beginnings were part of that equation.

I think God will continue to bless this great nation as it goes forward from the 250th anniversary – mostly because like us it had faith in God from its very founding. How could it not with a motto like *"In God We Trust"*!

The elder Elder – Joe Salcido



As we conclude another wonderful year of Sunday School, we are grateful for the many blessings, memories, and opportunities for fellowship that we shared together. It has been a successful year filled with faith, learning, fun, and service.

Throughout the year, our students enjoyed exciting activities and field trips, including visiting Splash Village in Frankenmuth and the Corn Maze at Kohl Farms. We celebrated God's love during our "Jesus Loves Me" Valentine's Party, presented a successful Christmas program, and helped serve our church family during the Easter breakfast. These events provided meaningful opportunities for our children to grow in their faith while building friendships and lasting memories.

This year, we also celebrate and congratulate Dallas, Saige, Brettly, Lincoln, Harold, and Sadie on their confirmation. While we will miss having them in Sunday School, we are excited to see how they continue to grow in their faith and become active members of our church community. We look forward to watching them serve and lead in the years ahead.

As we reflect on the year, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Sunday School teachers and volunteers. Their time, energy, and commitment made this program a success and helped nurture the faith of our children each week.

We are thankful for a wonderful year and look forward to another great Sunday School season next year. May God continue to bless our students, families, teachers, and church community at St. Paul Linkville.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

It's simple & fun!

The Baby Bottle Boomerang began on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day, June 21st. 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.



An Invitation for the Whole Congregation:

Please join us for a very special Coffee Hour celebration after church on Sunday, June 21, as we welcome Lance Deming home from basic training and celebrate his becoming a

Marine. This is such an important and joyful moment in Lance's life, and we would love for our church family to surround him with love, encouragement, and heartfelt support. Let's come together to honor his hard work, dedication, and service, and give him a warm homecoming he will always remember. Please mark your calendar and join us for this meaningful celebration.

LIFE QUOTE

Committed, present, and selfless fathers are the antidote to the culture that has embraced abortion. If we want to end abortion and restore a culture of life, then we need men to embrace fatherhood. We need to take on the great mission, the life-long quest of courage, servitude, and faith. So, let's cheer on fathers for the amazing work they do. They're shaping the future, one day at a time, with God's love as their guide.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
lutheransforlife.org



We have a quantity of our homemade horseradish available if you'd like to purchase some.

Contact one of the Ladies Aid members if you're interested.

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



St. Paul Lutheran Church, *Linkville*

Vacation Bible School

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save



Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25



5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Bible
Lessons



Dinner



Music



Games



Fun Crafts




Come for lessons, dinner, music, games, and fun crafts. We will be collecting an offering with the boys vs. girls coins/most money competition to help supply books for children around the world.



 *Registration*

Enroll your child on the sign-up sheet at church or leave a message on the church phone at:

 (989) 453-2271



Dad's Hands

- By Mary Fairchild

Most fathers don't realize the extent of their influence and how their godly behavior can make a lasting impression on their children. In this poem, a child focuses on her father's strong hands to illustrate his character and express how much he has meant to her life.

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NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the July/August issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, June 21, 2026. 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

Dad's hands were king-size and strong.
With his hands, he built our home and fixed all the broken things.
Dad's hands gave generously, served humbly, and loved mom tenderly, unselfishly, completely, unendingly.
With his hand, Dad held me when I was small, steadied me when I stumbled, and guided me in the right direction.
When I needed help, I could always count on Dad's hands.
Sometimes Dad's hands corrected me, disciplined me, shielded me, rescued me.
Dad's hands protected me.
Dad's hand held mine when he walked me down the aisle. His hand gave me to my forever love, who, not surprisingly, is very much like Dad.
Dad's hands were the instruments of his great big, rugged-tender heart.
Dad's hands were strength.
Dad's hands were love.
With his hands he praised God.
And he prayed to the Father with those big hands.
Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands to me.

In His Service



- 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 - Kloei 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

ELDERS

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

GREETERS

- June 7 – Norbert & Liz Reehl and Girls
- June 14 – Ron & Diane Dubs
- June 21 – Wendy Ewald & Boys
- June 28 – Harold & Marge Weisenbach

ACOLYTES

- June 7 – Saige Ondrajka
- June 14 – Anna Haag
- June 21 – Sadie Swartzendruber
- June 28 – Lincoln Ewald

TITHE COUNTERS

- June 14 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker
- June 28 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

- Margaret Timmons 989 678-4146
- Jen Timmons 989-553-4468

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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	2 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	3 6:30 PM Bible Study	4	5	6
7 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Coffee Hour	8	9	10 6:30 PM Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Coffee Hour	15	16	17 6:30 PM Bible Study	18	19	20
21 8:30 AM Service Baby Bottles Due Happy Father's Day	22 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS	23 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS	24 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS	25 5:00 – 7:00 PM VBS	26	27
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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 17, 2026 this year. Feel free to grow and/or can some extra to donate to our bazaar.

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