



St. Paul's

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In October we celebrate Reformation Day. We remember that on October 31st, in the year 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany to spark what would become known as the Reformation.

What people get wrong about this is that they believe that Luther was starting his own church, his own confession of the faith, and simply wanted to break away from the Roman Catholic Church. No. He wasn't trying to start his own church. He wasn't trying to just break away. In fact, the 95 Theses were an attempt to have discussions about what the church was teaching. It was an attempt at dialogue. It was an attempt to begin of an exploration of what the Bible says about all sorts of things. In that way, it wasn't an attempt to start a new church, but rather to discern if the church had strayed away from the old - the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures (the Bible).



Are you open to dialogue? Are you open to discuss what Bible has to say about all sort of things? We should be. God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). We live by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). What if that Word exposes that we were wrong about something? That's good. We should be happy to be corrected. We don't want to walk in error. Yet is that the response we often see? Often no. We would rather shut down the conversation. Stop the dialogue. The opponents of Luther wanted to burn him at the stake. Should we be open to correction if the Bible warrants it?

Yes, we should. If God's Word isn't ordering how we do things or what we confess to be true, then we should be open to submitting ourselves to the truth. This is what Luther was after. Not a new church. Not a new denomination. But the truth of what the Bible says. What is says about Jesus and the truth of how we Christians live our lives following Him.

That's why our church, while we are called Lutherans, are not followers of Luther (yes, God used him wonderfully). We are followers of Christ. This is also why we can say that we teach historic Christianity and not simply something new from the 16th century, because we take our lead from the prophets and the apostles whose testimony we have written down for us in the Scriptures.

Martin Luther battled for the truth of the Bible. Are you open to dialogue about it? Will you let God's Word challenge what perhaps has become a routine or status quo for you? May the Lord grant it that we all submit to the authority of Scripture and, where we each need to be reformed, may He also be gracious and give us repentance and a hearty faith that finds mercy at the cross.

Happy Reformation Day this month!

In Christ,

Pastor Suggitt



EXPLANATION OF LUTHER'S SEAL

The black cross in the center reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. The red heart reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior. The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation. The white rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit, who makes us pure and holy in God's sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for him. The sky-blue background pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in him. Finally, the golden ring outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance—a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior's presence.

LIFE QUOTE

Whether the sin of aborting one's child or the sin of remaining silent and not speaking on behalf of our unborn children, whether the sin of neglecting an aging parent or even—God forbid—encouraging them to consider physician-assisted suicide as an option, whether the sin of apathy toward the gross evil and immorality in the world—turn to Jesus! There is forgiveness to be found for every sin, but it is only found in Jesus. Only in that holy blood, shed for us on the cross, do we find the antidote for the poison of sin.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org*

Sometimes Prayers Make You Think

I have a lot of habits – some good, some not so good. I'm sure most of you can attest to that also.

Recently while practicing one of my good habits – that is having my *Portals of Prayer* next to the bathroom sink, I decided I would pray for someone. So I grabbed my *Portals of Prayer* and chose a random page by the prayers section near the back of the book. I landed on Prayers for the Persecuted.

How awful it must be to be persecuted for your beliefs in Christ? I thought of who might be doing the persecuting and where and what for. To me it seemed like those doing the persecuting were misguided, religious zealots, evil people or perhaps just naysayers or non-believers. Those being persecuted were certainly mistreated at best. At worst they were abused or even killed. They surely needed my prayers.

Then I started thinking about how lucky I was that I didn't have to fear persecution myself. I was fortunate to live in Owendale, safe from it. But what if I actually was persecuted for my belief in Jesus Christ or how he wants us to act. How would I react? What would I do about it?

You know, maybe next time you're running the gauntlet at the Cheeseburger Parade or are accused of being intolerant for your views on abortion, Right to Life, or only believing in two genders, you'll realize that 'yes' there can still be persecution even in Owendale. So be proud of your Christian beliefs – Stand up for Jesus!

Joe Salcido – The Elder Elder



The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, September 13, 2026, immediately following our worship service. Thirteen members answered roll call.

The devotion for the day was from the *Portals of Prayer* entitled Hakel Pnima (All In). Salvation is the sovereign work of Christ Jesus. By faith, we are simply called to be His witnesses of that truth. With the help of God, we can go all in and "speak the truth in Christ".

The Mission Statement of St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid Society was recited by all. Several thank you cards were read by the Ladies Aid secretary.

Old Business:

1. We will make cheeseballs in November this year. The remaining horseradish from 2025 will be used for them.
2. Bread to sell at the bazaar – still need someone to take charge of this project.
3. Visiting and/or sending cards to our shut-ins was discussed. We plan to become more active in this after the bazaar. Planning a visit to Lola's.
4. Workdays for bazaar items were discussed. Brandy will let us know when.

New Business:

1. The Church Council is asking the Ladies Aid to contribute half of the cost of replacing the heating/air conditioning units for the church building. The total estimated cost is \$26,000. Discussion

was held. Joyce Metzger made a motion for Ladies Aid to provide the requested funding; supported by Shirley Fritz. Carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Timmons to adjourn the meeting; supported by Joyce Metzger. Carried.

The meeting closed with singing the Doxology and reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary



The Lutheran Hour is heard locally on WLEW Bad Axe at 11:10 a.m. 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.



On September 20th St. Paul Sunday School had fun participating in the Kohl Farms Round Bale Decorating Contest! We loved being creative, working together, and being part of this fun community tradition. Thank you, Kohl Farms, for this wonderful opportunity!



Be sure to keep an eye out for voting on Facebook and show your support for our popcorn and scarecrow round bales.



Looking ahead, we are preparing for the **church bazaar**. On Sunday, October 4th, after worship, we will not have regular Sunday School classes. Instead, the children and helpers will be peeling horseradish—a long-standing tradition at St. Paul.

To support the bazaar, we are also asking families to sign up to make cookies for our **Sunday School Cookie Walk**. This is always a favorite part of the bazaar, and your help ensures its success!



Don Fibranz Satchell's Christian Foster Care Home 2662 E. Caro Road Caro, MI 48723	Peggy Kelly Tuscola County Medical Care Community 1285 Cleaver Road Caro, MI 48723
Bonnie Nowaczyk 7305 Main Street Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 553-4286 or (989) 678-4286	Dennis Schweitzer 2875 Shebeon Road Sebewaing, MI 48759 (989) 883-9197
Lola Stein c/o John Stein 6266 Dickerson Rd. Akron, MI 48701	Jeannine Ziehm c/o Jennifer Scott 5318 Indian Trail Ypsilanti, MI 48197

NewsLetter DEADLine

The deadline for articles for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, October 18, 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.



Special Shout Out to some of our sponsors for the bazaar:

- Members of St. Paul who stepped up to the plate to offer time, talent and treasure to help make our bazaar happen!
- Sherwood On The Hill – ice to keep our cold stuff cold
- Jerald Ignash, Pigeon One Stop Shop – 20# of bologna for our ground bologna sandwiches

Thanks to these generous businesses and many member donations, our expenses are lower, which helps our profits to be higher. The higher our profits, the greater our community outreach! So thank you, thank you, thank you!

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.
Adult Instruction: 3:00 p.m.

IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

October 4 – Matt Reibling & Ken Haley
October 11 – Joe Salcido & Robert Haag
October 18 – Josh Sprague & Ron Tabar
October 25 – Matt Reibling & Ken Haley

ACOLYTES

October 4 – Tristan Deming
October 11 – Anna Haag
October 18 – Silver Sprague
October 25 – Ava Reibling

GREETERS

October 4 – Joe & Sandy Salcido
October 11 – Jyl Shope
October 18 – Ken & Cathy Haley
October 25 – Marc & Jodi Reinhardt

TITHE COUNTERS

October 11 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker
October 25 – Liz Reehl & Jen Timmons

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Patti Reinhardt 989-550-8202
Kari Ricker 989-665-0152



October 1 – Mike & Mindy Zmierski
2 – Richard & Kim Krohn
22 – Jeremy & Rebecca Wright
24 – Dean & Julie Kreh



October 2 – Matthew Gaeth
3 – Jason Reinhardt
4 – Jayce Sears
5 – Brenden Ricker
6 – Lancin Provost
7 – Liz Reehl
9 – Kim Dorland
Kris Gilbert
Hope Gilbert
10 – Kaitlyn Reehl
11 – Chuck Dorland
Dean Kreh
Sara Reinhardt
12 – Kathleen Kovach
McKenzie Flannery
13 – Brad Renn
16 – Herschel Adams
Sawyer Ondrajka
Sailor Ondrajka
17 – Branden Albrecht
Shirley Fritz
Jodi Reinhardt
Laura Dubs
18 – Diane Wildman
Lynette Ziehm
Wyatt Romzek
19 – James David Gilbert
21 – Holly Byrnes
Marc Reinhardt
22 – Ace Albrecht
Sylas Albrecht
Maeson Kady
23 – Kari Osantoski
24 – Warren Stoeckle
25 – Ron Dubs
26 – Deb Leinweber
27 – Margaret Timmons
28 – Madalyn Adams
Faye Errer
Sheila Truemner
Sheryl Wenskey
30 – Erika Schember
Josh Schember
31 – Faith Suggitt

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour Horseradish Peeling 1:30 PM Catechism	5 6:00 PM Choir Pastor @ conference	6 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council Pastor @ conference	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9	10
11 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour 1:30 PM Catechism	12 6:00 PM Choir	13	14 6:30 PM Bible Study	15	16	17 10:00 AM Congregational BAZAAR
18 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour Voter's Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	19 6:00 PM Choir	20	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22	23	24
25 8:30 AM Service Reformation Observed 9:30 AM SS /Coffee Hour 1:30 PM Catechism	26 6:00 PM Choir	27	28 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30	31 Reformation Day

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