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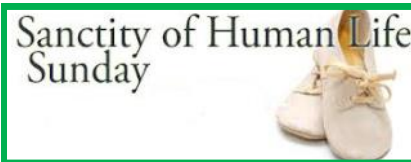
15 SUN	16 MON	17 TUES	18 WED	19 THUR	20 FRI	21 SAT
8:30a Worship w/ Communion		9:30a Sisters in the Faith Bible Study	10a Ladies Aid	9a Journey in the Word Bible Study	7:30a Staff Mtg.	
9:30a Fellowship coffee & donuts	6:30p Bball			10:30a Preschool Chapel		
9:45a Education Hour	9:30a Sisters in the Faith Bible Study	7p Brothers in the Book Bible Study	4:30p Confirmation Class			
11a Worship w/ Communion	7:30p AI Anon	7p Bell Rehearsal	6p Youthgroup	7p Choir Rehearsal		6:30p Chili Supper 7p Euchre



**The Message of Revelation**

**10-10:45 am in the Gathering Place**

Contrary to popular belief, the message of the book of Revelation is not scary or confusing. In utter contrast, the message is one of comfort and encouragement to beleaguered believers. Be strong in the faith! Take courage and persevere! Things are not as they seem! It may appear that the forces of evil are triumphant on every side, but that is not true. God remains in control, Christ has won the victory and, through faith in Him, that victory is yours!



**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday here at St. Paul next Sunday. It is a Sunday for us to focus on the value of each and every human life. It is a celebration of God's gift of life, and a memorial remembrance of the estimated 57 million children who have been lost the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in every state for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy. President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation creating the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day in January 1984, and it included these words: *"We have been given the precious gift of human life, made more precious still by our births in or pilgrimages to a land of freedom. It is fitting, then, on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade that struck down State anti-abortion laws, that we reflect anew on these blessings, and on our corresponding responsibility to guard with care the lives and freedoms of even the weakest of our fellow human beings."*



**Today's Altar Flowers** are given in honor and praise of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ by Kurt & Connie Kunde in loving memory of their son, Michael's birthday.

**Thanks and gratitude** to all for the prayers, cards, gifts, baked goods and kind words of love and support that I received throughout Advent and Christmas. I especially needed the prayers and patient support as I struggled with my health. I serve St. Paul with complete joy! And I thank the Lord daily for the opportunity and privilege of ministry in your midst. The Lord will continue to bless "us" as we seek His guidance and keep proclaiming His Gospel in word and deed. A blessed Epiphany to all as we make manifest the light of Christ! Continual peace and joy in Jesus, Pastor Brand

**JOURNEY IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY** will begin on Thursday, January 19th at 9:00am in The Gathering Place. We will study the book of Esther-The story of an orphan girl in a foreign land who became queen. Join us as we walk through Esther's life and learn how our God walks with us, too. Everyone is welcome! Any questions, see Jan DeGood.



**LADIES AID** - Please Note... our first meeting of 2017 has been rescheduled for next week, **(note day change), Wednesday, January 18th,** beginning at 10am with potluck lunch at noon.



Breakfast Club meets at 8:30am on the last Monday of the month at Fortune Chef Restaurant in Caledonia.

Next date is January 30th.



The WELL BookClub will be held Sun., Jan 15th at Marlee Stouffer's home from 3-5pm. The book is, "The Ringmaster's Wife", by Kristy Cambron. Everyone is welcome!

Call Marlee to answer questions or get directions to her home. 616-250-1354

**Youth group** is held **every** Wednesday, 6-8pm. Dinner @ 5:30pm. Please bring \$2 for food. **All** Middle School and High School students are welcomed and invited! Questions find David Miller.

**Youth vs Adult Basketball Game**

Saturday, January 28th

Food @11:30am

Game 12noon—1p

2—20 minute running clock periods



The preschool is using a free and easy fundraiser called Shoparoo: the app turns pictures of our everyday shopping receipts into cash donations! Shop as you normally do, then bring your receipts to church and give to Coralie Miller or Julie Rop (or put in one of our mailboxes). There is a two week window; receipts older than two weeks (from the purchase date) will not be accepted. Any questions, see Coralie Miller or Julie Rop.



**Notice to Euchre Players Saturday, January 21st**

Chili supper begins at 6:30pm. Cards begin at 7pm. Bring a snack to share for the tournament time. Dinner is provided by the Fellowship Committee. Any questions, talk with Bill Browne 269.795.9177

**SERVING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Joyce Keating & Kim Detmer **COFFEE MAKER:** Bill & Nancy Browne

**AV:** Coralie Miller or Dick Thompson **TELLER:** Earl and Betty Hall

**USHERS: (8:30a)** Tom Tolan, Doug Detmer & Tony Dykhouse

**USHERS: (11a)** Nikki Cardosa, Shaun Dollarhide

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**(January 15, 2017)**

**8:30am Worship Service**

**11:00am Worship Service**

**ELDER:** Bill Born  
**ACOLYTE:** Olivia Kunst  
**GREETER(S):** Ken and Judy Ritz  
**NURSERY:** Kim Detmer, Barb Kunst  
**ORGANIST/PIANIST:** Sandy VanderArk  
**SCRIPTURE READER:** Kurt Kunde  
**SOUND SYSTEM:** Dar VanderArk

Bill Born  
 Noah Abdelkader  
 Vern and Rita DeLeeuw  
 Sarah Hammer, Julie Rop  
 Sandy VanderArk  
 Dan Parker  
 Dar VanderArk

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**(January 22, 2017)**

**8:30am Worship Service**

**11:00am Worship Service**

**ELDER:** Dar VanderArk  
**ACOLYTE:** Joel Vogeli  
**GREETER(S):** Paul & Sue Kabelman  
**NURSERY:** Pam & Sydney Ritz  
**ORGANIST/PIANIST:** Phil Jahnke  
**SCRIPTURE READER:** Jan DeGood  
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Dar VanderArk  
 Scott Singstock  
 Debbie Born  
 Kathy & Rachel Hossler  
 Phil Jahnke  
 Darrell Mortensen  
 Brian Hammer