



The Parish Word



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September – October 2026

On Parenting and Grandparenting

Children need a moral compass. Parents give them that. They also need a spiritual compass. Parents give them that as well. Children build their life on the moral and spiritual foundation they receive from those who raise them. Consider the “Learn by Heart” verse on this page.

Quantity of time, more than quality, is the key. A child who has many positive family experiences will grow to reflect those experiences. A child raised by public school will have a public-school foundation. A child steeped in social media will bear resemblance to the attention span and values from the media they consume.

What prevents us from surrounding ourselves and our children/grandchildren with Christ and Christian behavior? A parent’s highest calling is to raise their children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord.

Considering occasional worship attendance as sufficient care for your spiritual health is like believing an annual dental cleaning is all you need to do for your teeth... that’s a recipe for rotting teeth.

Be an example to your children and grandchildren of what it means to walk daily with Jesus. Read Scripture in the home and lead family devotions. Come to church... often. Teach the children how to pay attention in the service, help them with the hymnal, sing the hymns. Be involved in the adult Christian education opportunities in our congregation. Enroll your child or grandchildren in Sunday school... and bring them... regularly. By the grace of the Lord, may our children grow into their inheritance in the Lord.

Pastor Phillips

Learn by heart

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6 ESV

St. Paul’s Ladies Guild (by Linda H.)

We had our first project day August 11th with five ladies participating. We made witness bracelets for missions and folded plastic bags used in making mats for the homeless. Our next project day: making eyeglass cases. Project days are every other month.

The school supplies will be donated to Kalkaska schools and distributed by the teachers.

We plan to make pasties on October 9th with more details

and a sign-up sheet for supplies coming soon.

We could use gently-used flannel or cotton sheets for quilting. Light-weight/dark-colored bath towels and washcloths are also needed. Please continue to save plastic grocery bags!

St. Matthew’s Ladies Guild (by Louise H.)

We meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday. Our next meetings are Sept. 1st and Oct. 6th. We begin at 11a.m. with a devotion. We order pizza for lunch after the meeting. We can use input from everyone.

Recently, we discussed laundering Communion Linens (**Altar Guild Manual**, p. 59). We discussed new window shades to block the harsh sunshine. If you have ideas, please talk to a Guild member.

Mite Boxes are in the Narthex. LWML uses the mites for projects all over the country. Turn in full boxes to Louise H. or Edith P. Soon we collect school supplies to help our Mancelona schools. We need backpacks, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, pens, paper and or notebooks, erasers and anything relating to school.

The LWML Fall Rally “Give Thanks to the Lord” is October 10, at Zion, Petoskey. The speaker will be from the pregnancy center in Petoskey. Watch the bulletin for the in gathering items. **HAPPY FALL!**

Please send your items for the November/December 2026 “Parish Word”
No later than October 15th to: Rev.Phillips.STL91@gmail.com

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism...

A "catechism" is a book for teaching, usually in the form of questions and answers. We study the catechism (and the Scriptures!) all during our life.

The Lord's Prayer: The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil...

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Law and Gospel Quiz

The correct understanding of Law & Gospel distinguishes "salvation by grace" from "self-righteousness." The Law commands & threatens. It shows our sin (SoS). The Gospel promises & forgives. It shows our Savior (SoS). Answers in the Idea Corner.

- *The Lord is faithful.* Law or Gospel?
- *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* Law or Gospel?
- *You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked.* Law or Gospel?
- *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.* Law or Gospel?

October Bible Study: Protested!

Last year, in Reformation Recap, we learned the events and people of the Protestant Reformation on the 16th century. This year, on the Wednesdays of October we will take a closer look at what exactly was being protested, and why it matters, even today in the 21st century.

For those who can't make every session, each lesson stands on its own. The class begins at 6pm and will be held at St. Paul.

St. Matthew Voters Meet October 18

On October 11 St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mancelona will have its 4th quarter Voters Meeting. Proposed business items should be given to Dennis beforehand. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting.

Annual Church Elections

In addition to our Called Church Worker, Pastor Phillips, our congregations are led by a whole corps of volunteers. Every year we elect congregational leaders. Much of the time we have officers willing to continue serving (re-elected). Every office is important to the function of the

congregation... As St. Paul wrote, *⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.* (Rom. 12:5-6 ESV)

The Church Councils are praying about who to encourage to serve as elected leaders. If a member of the nominating committee (the church council) approaches you asking if you would serve, please be kind enough to pray about it before answering. If you are interested in a particular leadership role, please speak with Pastor Phillips.

From the Adult Instruction Class

God's Law has three functions:

1. First, the Law acts as a "curb", preventing coarse outbreaks of sin.
2. Second, the Law acts as a mirror, showing us our sin (SoS... from the Law/Gospel Quiz).
3. Third, the Law acts as a guide for Christian living, describing what the life of a Christian looks like.

The class is appropriate for any non-member wishing to receive the Lord's Supper with our congregation, or for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures.

Classes are held at St. Paul on Sundays after the service (~1215pm) Contact Pastor Phillips for more information.

Parish Bible Studies

Sunday 1015am children's Bible story (SM)
1230pm Adult Catechism Class &
Sunday School for all ages (SPL)
6pm Junior Catechism (gr. 6-12) (SPL)
Monday 3pm Beginning Greek (SM)
4pm Adult Bible Class (SM)
Wed 6pm Protested (@SPL in October)

Essential Bible Study Tools for Every Household

- Primary Bible (ESV) – study Bibles have notes, more maps and improved cross-references)
- Luther's Small Catechism (2017 – ESV is current)
- Notebook (record your thoughts & questions). Share with Pastor or in Bible Class
- Similarly, you can keep a prayer journal (of prayers and answered prayers).
- Highlighters, Fresnel lens (magnifier), bookmark
- Bible Gateway app or website (also has an audio version so you can listen or read along)
- Bible Atlas (places matter!)
- Bible Handbook (explains things such as currency, weights and measures. Also, has notes on ancient customs, etc)
- Free: <https://bookofconcord.cph.org/>

THIS AND THAT...

Recipes, thoughts, memories and what not from our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Let's Bake a Bible Cake

Submitted by Marge M.

You need the King James Version for this to work out (Use the Bible Gateway app or website if you don't have the KJV).

This recipe calls for

- ½ cup Genesis 18, Verse 8, word 4
- 1 cup Isaiah 7, Verse 15, word 3
- 2 Job 39, Verse 14, word 4
- 2 cups I Samuel 28, Verse 24, word 19
- 2 teaspoons I Kings 19, Verse 6, word 10 plus Matthew 21, Verse 44, word 22 (this is two words)
- 1 teaspoon Exodus 30, Verse 23, word 17
- ¼ teaspoon Luke 14, verse 34, word 1
- ¾ cup II Samuel 16, Verse 1, word 40
- ½ cup Genesis 43, Verse 11, word 44 (chopped)
- Judges 5, verse 25, word 12

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, soften and cream Genesis 18. Slowly beat in Isaiah 7. In a small bowl, beat Job 39 well and add to creamed mixture.

Sift together I Samuel 28, I Kings 19 and Matthew 21, Exodus 30 and Luke 14. Add to creamed mixture and mix thoroughly. Fold in II Samuel 16 and Genesis 43.

Grease a 9 inch tube pan with Judges 5. Line with waxed paper; pour in batter. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Lower oven temperature to 325 degrees and continue to bake 20 to 25 minutes longer until cake is golden brown and tests done. Cool in pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Invert onto serving plate, remove waxed paper, cool completely. Makes about 10 servings.

Here's the recipe... decoded.

How did you do with the decoding? Here is the translation for those who didn't have a KJV Bible handy.

This recipe calls for

- ½ cup Genesis 18, BUTTER
- 1 cup Isaiah 7, HONEY
- 2 Job 39, EGGS (beaten)
- 2 cups I Samuel 28, FLOUR
- 2 teaspoons I Kings 19, Matthew 21, BAKING POWDER
- 1 teaspoon Exodus 30, CINNAMON
- ¼ teaspoon Luke 14, SALT
- ¾ cup II Samuel 16, RAISINS
- ½ cup Genesis 43, NUTS (chopped)
- Judges 5, BUTTER

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, soften and cream the butter. Slowly beat in honey. In a small bowl, beat eggs well and

add to creamed mixture. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Add to creamed mixture and mix thoroughly. Fold in raisins and nuts.

Grease a 9-inch tube pan with butter. Line with waxed paper; pour in batter. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Lower oven temperature to 325 degrees and continue to bake 20 to 25 minutes longer until cake is golden brown and tests done. Cool in pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Invert onto serving plate, remove waxed paper, cool completely. Makes about 10 servings.

We found the cake a bit dry, so we cut down on the recommended baking time and suggest that you start testing for doneness after 45 minutes.

Tips for making it to church on Sunday!

Try making Saturday evening as a time to "get ready for church."

- Turn off Screens.
- Have family time.
- Prepare your offering (with a thankful heart).
- Choose your Sunday clothing.
- Prepare a dish to share at the "after worship fellowship."
- Read the Sunday Bible readings.
- Go to sleep at a reasonable hour... looking forward to the Christian fellowship.

It's STILL all about
JESUS!

For Your Weekly Devotions...The readings for Sunday worship
Try to read the lessons before the date listed (then you will be familiar with the weekly theme!)

September 6
 Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Psalm 32:1-7
 Romans 13:1-10
 Matthew 18:1-20

September 27
 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 Psalm 25:1-10
 Philippians 2:1-18
 Matthew 21:23-32

October 18
 Isaiah 45:1-7
 Psalm 96:1-13
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

September 13
 Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm 103:1-12
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

October 4
 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:7-19
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 25 – Reformation
 Revelation 14:6-7
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36

September 20
 Isaiah 55:6-9
 Psalm 27:1-9
 Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

October 11
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 23
 Philippians 4:4-13
 Matthew 22:1-14

November 1 – All Saints
 Revelation 7:2-17
 Psalm 149
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

“Thy Word is lamp to my feet and light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

St. Matthew’s 2026 Officers

Chairman – Dennis Schlak
 Vice Chairman – Joan Tewes
 Treasurer – Patty Atkinson
 Recording Secretary – Edith Plumb & Louise Hinds
 Financial Secretary – Ed Sell
 Elders – Don Hinds (Head Elder), Ed Sell, Chuck Smith
 Trustees – Chuck Smith, Roger Smelker

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Chairman – Bud Burns (acting vice-chairman)
 Vice Chairman – Adam Kuuttila (acting chairman)
 Treasurer – Patti Ritthaler
 Recording Secretary – Pam Burns
 Financial Secretary – Pam Burns
 Elders – Norm Volz (Head Elder), Bud Burns, Adam Kuuttila, Gary Ritthaler
 Trustees – Gary Ritthaler (Head Trustee), Bud Burns, Scott Risinger, Cinda Knight, Norma Thornberg

The Parish Classifieds / Idea Corner

St. Matthew Pasty Sale! All hands on deck on September 26. We will meet at the Mancelona Senior Center to make pasties. Cost this year will increase to \$5 each.

For those who use social media... Why not say something nice about your church? When you do post about your church, make sure to share its name location.

Getting on the Zoom Invitation List: leave a not with your email address on the Secretary's desk, or send an email to stpaulkalkaska2470@gmail.com

A few Small Catechisms are still Available! Get a new Luther's Small Catechism Cost \$23 each. Let Pastor know.

From Beverly Phillips: Let me recycle your old jeans and t-shirts. Leave items (laundered) in Pastor's office.

Answers: Gospel (1 Thess. 3:3), Law (1 Peter 5:8), Law (Ephes. 2:1), Gospel (Psalm 46:1).

Everyone a Greeter: How do you welcome those who come to worship? If it was your first time visiting our congregation, how would you like to be welcomed?

St. Paul Pasty Sale! The date for making pasties at St. Paul is Friday, Oct. 9 at 8:00 am. Cost is \$6 each. Volunteers and supplies are needed. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations are posted in the narthex. For more information and order form contact Linda Hor Marge Mc.

Christian Streaming: You can listen to sacred music or great Bible studies and theological discussions for free! Go to www.IssuesEtc.org Issues, Etc. also sponsors the annual “Making the Case” conference (held in July).

St. Matthew’s Bulletin notes: Send your item for the weekly bulletin, no later than Wednesday morning, to: emrhplumb1@gmail.com

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The Parish Word - Calendar

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SPL = St. Paul – Kalkaska SML = St. Matthew – Mancelona		1 11a Ladies Guild (SML)	2 6pm Sunday School Teacher Training (SPL)	3 Pastor's day off	4	5
6 9a Worship (SML) 11a Worship (SPL) 1230p Adult Catechesis (SPL)	7 Labor Day	8 130p Ladies Guild (SPL) 430p Elders (SML) 530pm Council (SML)	9	10 Pastor's day off	11	12
13 Rally Day (SPL) 9a Worship (SML) 11a Worship (SPL) 1230p Sunday School for all ages (SPL) 6p Catechism (SPL)	14 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	15 930a Winkel @ SPL	16	17 Pastor's day off	18	19
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