



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 2018

"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."

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Rev. Tim Martinal

Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11 A.M.

Saturday 7:30 P.M.

Bible Study

Sunday 9 A.M.

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A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are **back in the saddle**. The trail we are riding, again, is a familiar one, but also has some new twists.

Starting on the 9th, we are "back in the saddle" with our three worship service schedule each weekend. Many have expressed how they liked the "full" church during the summer and meeting other members that normally attend a different worship time. This has been a good experiment that has provided positive **fellowship**. The Board of Elders have discussed this and welcome any comments for next year. We resume with three services, because we know many will be getting "back in the saddle" after their summer vacations have ended.

School has started. On the 9th we will also experience the familiar teacher rededication, but we will be observing something new. We will receive our National Lutheran Schools Accreditation certificate, which means we examined how we travel down the trail. We are the same school but have plans for a fresh and improved approach.

We welcome "back in the saddle" previous students who know the trail here, but I am delighted to say we have several new students.

- Some have enrolled because they heard about us through family or friends that told them about St. Paul Lutheran. Please consider how you can help promote our church and school.
- We also have some that discovered us through our advertising efforts. It is amazing how many people do not know St. Paul Lutheran offers a Christian education from Preschool through 8th grade. This past August we gave out flyers in the festival parade for our youth group's free carwash. The flyer invited everyone to a free carwash at St. Paul Lutheran Church and SCHOOL (my emphasis added). A family that never knew we had a school at St. Paul enrolled their child because the flyer included the word school. This short

phrase "and school" gave us the opportunity to share Jesus with another child in our community. Praise God for the flyers and those who helped pass them out.

- The school open house was a great success. Thank you to all who took time to come and see what the faculty and staff do to pass on the faith through this ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church. I was delighted to see some alumni that have enrolled their children for this coming year. Alumni, now as parents, want their children to receive an education within a distinctively Christian environment. This shows that what we have done in the past is bearing fruit.

What else? We are riding the trail again with two pastors. Hallelujah! The Rev. Tim Martinal (pronounced Martin-all) is here and ready to serve as our Associate Pastor. He realizes his last name can be a mouthful, so he is happy to answer to "Pastor" or "Pastor Tim" (when needing to distinguish between the pastors). Although we have two pastors again, pastors are not miracle workers. Pastor Tim's arrival will give us a new perspective and fresh start in many areas of ministry, but we also need every member to be engaged in this journey. Each of us can join the Apostle Paul and say, "*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:14). This is a great time for us all to get "back in the saddle" as we journey on the trail Jesus leads us down.

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Jim Bruner

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."
1 John 4:10-11

**The September Messenger is sponsored
in honor of Ken Platt on his
80th Birthday from his wife.**

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Join us for **Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place** before Bible Study begins.



There will be no Bible Study on Sept. 9th. We invite everyone to join us in the Parish Hall between services to **celebrate our accreditation accomplishment!**

The book of James - led by Pastor Bruner in the Library - The book of James has many practical applications to our life. You will enjoy the simple way this Bible study presents what God desires for each of us. The study will start September 16th.

A **practical application of the book of James** will take place on September 23rd. **Mike and Gloria LaPointe** will share their experiences of "faith and deeds" from their Mission Opportunity Short Term to East Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Detroit, MI this past summer.

Weekday Bible Study

The Truth Project is coming to St. Paul! This is a DVD based Bible Study for ages 12-99! Participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. The videos discuss in detail God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. The study will be held on Thursday evenings at 6PM in the Gathering Room beginning Sept. 13th. We hope you can join us and bring a friend or two! Each week will be a new discussion - so if you can't make it every week, come when you can. Questions, please call Celeste Ketels 810-285-0894, Denise Miller 810-656-2330, or Denis Sherman 989-286-7122.

Music at St. Paul



Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

Everybody is welcome to join. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the band room.

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the church.

If you love to sing, play an instrument, or just want to praise the Lord through music, come and check out one of our groups!

Scripture Readings

September 2nd

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23

September 9th

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Mark 7:31-37

September 16th

Isaiah 50:4-10

James 3:1-12

Mark 9:24-29

September 23rd

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10

Mark 9:30-37

September 30th

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



Lutheran Ministries **"Worship for Shut-Ins"**

September 2 - "Stand Against the Devils"
Ephesians 6:10-20

September 9—"Perfect Healing" Mark 7:31-37

September 16—"Help My Unbelief" Mark 9:24

September 23—"Let God Be God!" Mark 9:30-37

September 30—"Belonging to Christ" Mark 9:38-50

Worship Service Schedule

The 8:30 & 11AM services resume Sept. 9th.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8AM-4PM

Friday 8AM-3PM

Bookkeeper Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 10AM-2PM

Other times available by appointment.

Happenings at St. Paul

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Storyhour - 9-11AM

Quilting - 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

Painting - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

AA - 7:30PM in the Council Room

Scrapbooking

Sat., Sept. 8th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Please bring a dish to pass if staying all day and your beverage.

R.S.V.P. in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spsmill.org.

We have a lot to celebrate on Sept. 9th!

Accreditation Celebration

Dear St. Paul Families, I am pleased to share that the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) National Accreditation Commission (NAC) in its meeting on July 26, 2018 awarded St. Paul Lutheran, Millington *Accreditation in Good Standing*. This is the culmination of a great deal of work involving the entire school community. We are very grateful to be commended for the attainment of this high honor. On Sunday, September 9th, Mr. Chuck Winterstein from the Michigan District will present the NLSA certification during the **8:30AM worship service** and our teachers will also be rededicated. We invite our school families, congregation and community members to celebrate the school's accomplishment. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall after the service. If you like, please bring a breakfast dish to share.

Committed to Christ, Paul Schoenknecht

Pastor Martinal's Installation

At 3PM on Sept. 9th, we have the privilege of celebrating as Pastor Martinal is installed at St. Paul. Special guests participating in the service are Rev. Terry Hoese, Rev. Bob Smith, Rev. Galan Walther, as well as other Circuit pastors. Everyone is invited to this special occasion. Come welcome Pastor & Patti in the Parish Hall for dinner after the service. **Please bring a dessert to share.** We want to celebrate his arrival, but we also want to continue to encourage him in the ministry he provides for years to come. Help show him support throughout the year, and consider doing something for him and Patti in the future months.

Jubilee (Jr. Bells)

Practices will begin Tues., Sept. 11th at 7AM. Anyone in 5th-8th grade is welcome to join. Just show up on the 11th. If questions, call Connie Rodammer at 871-3065. Looking forward to seeing some new faces!

St. Paul Lutheran School Presents: "Family Night Out"

Outdoor Movie Event Sept. 14th at 7PM.

Concessions include: Popcorn & Candy - \$.50

Water & Lemonade.

Bring your own blankets and chairs.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline Fri., September 21st

August Meetings

PTL

Tues., September 4th at 6PM

Stewardship

Tues., September 4th at 7PM

Social Concerns

Tues., September 4th at 6:15PM

Council

Wed., September 5th at 6:30PM

Trustees

Sun., September 9th at 2PM

Board of Education

Tues., September 11th at 6PM

Dorcas

Tues., September 18th at 6PM

Evangelism

Thurs., September 20th at 7PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., September 24th at 7PM

Elders

Wed., September 26th at 7:30PM

Youth News

***As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.***

Proverbs 27:17

Ignite/Impact

Saturday, September 8th from 3-6PM
Spend the afternoon at Kaleidoscope Learning Center in Frankenmuth as we work on Team Building and building relationships!

We will leave St. Paul at 2:30pm and return by 6pm.

WAIVERS must be signed in order to attend.

Spark (3-5 grades)

Nerf Wars

Sunday, September 9th
12:30-2PM

Impact (9-12 grades)

Scavenger hunt in Frankenmuth
Sunday, September 23rd from 4PM-7PM

Ignite (6-8 grades)

Volleyball Kids Vs. Parents
Sunday, September 30th from 4-6PM

Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info.

The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

School has begun which means fundraising is kicking into high gear! Many of you participate in just about every fundraiser we have; others like to support certain favorite fundraisers. Whatever your preference, the folks raising the money are appreciative of all your support!

I've been asked "how much do we make" and "what happens with the money". Good questions: here are some answers.

a) The August 2018 Summer Festival Fish Booth: gross proceeds are at \$16,527. We've only paid a few bills so far, so won't know the net profit until next month. This event supports the PTL.

b) The August 2018 Summer Festival Hot Dog Booth: as like the Fish Booth, we haven't paid all the bills yet, but we're standing at \$3,127. The net profit will go to support the Spring Washington DC trip.

c) Also during the Summer Festival, a 5K run was organized. The total income was \$215, but have not yet paid the bills. The net profit will go to the Spring Washington DC trip.

d) The Youth held a "free" carwash and washed 145 cars. Pledges and donations for the event totaled over \$2,000! The youth are giving 10% of their profit to the church general fund (now there's servanthood!) and the balance will support their youth activities for all three groups: **Spark** (grades 3-5), **Ignite** (grades 6-8) and **Impact** (grades 9-12). The Youth also support our Compassion Child, Kwame, with a monthly donation of \$45.00.

Yes, August was a busy month! All these activities took an extraordinary amount of time, effort, and sacrifice by the numerous volunteers to make it successful. Hebrews 13:16 tells us "*do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased*".

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Lucretia Smith	
General Fund	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
School Fund	\$15.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$10.00
In Memory of Celia Sebert	
General Fund	\$35.00
In Memory of Elaine Maurer	
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00
In Memory of Viola Gugel	
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 07/31/18: \$675,504.98
Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022

July 2018 Mortgage Payment:	\$14,135.00
* Principal	\$12,829.17
* Interest	\$ 1,305.83
Amount received to pay mortgage:	\$ 9,620.50
Amount used in contingency fund:	\$ 4,514.50

July 2018 Income & Expense Summary

July General Fund Income:	\$141,390.72*
July General Fund Expenses:	\$ (74,412.50)
July Surplus	\$ 66,978.22

Cash Accounts Summary

Designated/Memorial Balance:	\$237,238.08
General Fund Checking Balance:	\$ 49,564.58

* School Registration (Tuition) included

Trust and Investment Fund

We can thank our forefathers who had the wisdom to start this perpetual fund with a few thousand dollars. Today it has grown to over \$600,000. Your estate gifts to the Trust & Investment fund is the gift that keeps on giving.

Your gift is invested and the principal amount cannot be spent. The interest and dividends will be spent on projects or equipment that would not be part of the church's general fund budget. Any recognized board of our church can apply for disbursement of such funds annually. Requests will be reviewed by the Trust & Investment committee and if approved, the requests will go to the Voter's Assembly for final approval.

When a member designates St. Paul Lutheran Church as a beneficiary of their estate, they can specify exactly where they would like their gift to go. Some examples might be: General Fund, Building Fund, Missions, School or Trust & Investment. If you do not specify in your will/estate, your gift will go to Trust & Investment per the bylaws in the church constitution.

Thank you,

Trust & Investment Committee
Richard Gladly, Michael Kern, Mary Jane Shreve,
Roger Wendt, Edward Keinath and Diane Mills

Daily Lectionary / Board Nominations / Area News

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 Kings 18:1-19 Eph. 1:1-23
2 1 Kings 18:20-40 Eph. 2:1-22	3 1 Kings 19:1-21 Eph. 3:1-21	4 2 Kings 2:1-18 Eph. 4:1-24	5 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-17 Eph. 4:25-5:14	6 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37 Eph. 5:15-33	7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Eph. 6:1-24	8 2 Kings 5:9-27 Phil. 1:1-20
9 2 Kings 6:1-23 Phil. 1:21-2:11	10 2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29 Phil. 2:12-30	11 2 Chron. 29:1-24 Phil. 3:1-21	12 2 Chron. 31:1-21 Phil. 4:1-23	13 2 Chron. 32:1-22 Col. 1:1-23	14 2 Chron. 33:1-25 Col. 1:24-2:7	15 2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 Col. 2:8-23
16 2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25 Col. 3:1-25	17 2 Chron. 36:1-23 Col. 4:1-18	18 Neh. 1:1-2:10 1 Tim. 1:1-20	19 Neh. 2:11-20, 4:1-6 1 Tim. 2:1-15	20 Neh. 4:7-23 1 Tim. 3:1-16	21 Neh. 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16, 1 Tim. 4:1-16	22 Neh. 7:1-4, 8:1-18 1 Tim. 5:1-16
23 Neh. 9:1-21 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2	24 Neh. 9:22-38 1 Tim. 6:3-21	25 Mal. 1:1-14 Matt. 3:1-17	26 Mal. 2:1-3:5 Matt. 4:1-11	27 Mal. 3:6-4:6 Matt. 4:12-25	28 Deut. 1:1-18 Matt. 5:1-20	29 Deut. 1:19-36 Matt. 5:21-48
30 Deut. 1:37-2:15 Matt. 6:1-15						

Board Nominations

The Church Council has appointed the election nomination committee for elections to be held on **Sunday, November 11, 2018**. The committee will spend the month of September gathering names for the ballot: the ballot must be submitted to the Church Council for approval on **October 3, 2018**.

Here are the upcoming vacancies on each board. Most of the vacancies are a result of the end of a first term: those members may run again. If you are interested in ANY of these boards, please contact anyone on the board you're interested in or contact the church office.

Vice President

Board of Education – two vacancies

Board of Elders – three vacancies

Board of Evangelism – two vacancies

Board of Fellowship – one vacancy

Board of Finance – Member-at-large vacancy

Board of Social Concerns – two vacancies

Board of Stewardship – two vacancies

Board of Trustees – three vacancies

Memorials Committee – position of Secretary

Salary & Personnel Committee – three members-at-large

Trust & Investment Committee – would like to increase the committee by one.

To read a detailed description of the board, what it does, its tasks and obligations, please pick up a copy of the Constitution/By-Laws (or go on-line). It's all in there.

Area News

Living Mentally Healthy Tues., Sept. 11th from 8:30-10AM at the Tuscola Technology Center, Caro. Speaker Kevin Hines is an award-winning global speaker, bestselling author, documentary filmmaker, and suicide prevention and mental health advocate who has reached millions with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live. He dedicates his life to saving lives by spreading the message of HOPE and sharing his art of living mentally well.

Blood Drive at St Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N River in Saginaw Thurs., Sept. 13th from 1-6PM.

FORE!! The annual **VLHS Golf Outing** is Sept. 15th beginning at 8AM at Apple Mountain, Freeland. Join members of the Valley Family for a great day of fellowship, fun, and of course golf! This year, golfers get at reduced rate of \$85 with all the same great benefits, including: 18 holes of golf w/ cart, continental breakfast, and a buffet lunch – plus you support a great school! We hope you'll join this fun event and help raise valuable scholarship funds making Valley Lutheran High School accessible for students who otherwise might not be able to attend. Call the school office at 989-790-1676 to register or for more information. Sponsorship opportunities still available, also!

Focus on Life Benefit Dinner Tues., Sept. 25th from 6-9:30PM at Caro Knights of Columbus. Students: \$15, Adults: \$22, Table of 8: \$155. RSVP by Sept. 17th. Call 989-872-3259 for more information.

Opportunities / Special Thanks

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

Gas Dryer

A family is in need of a **gas dryer**. If you have one to donate, or would like to contribute to purchase one, please call the school office.

Altar Guild

The **Altar Guild** needs help with communion set up and chancel cleaning. This would only take a few hours of your time and you can decide what month works best for you. Please call the church office to help.

Saginaw City Rescue Mission

Matt. 25:35 *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."*

-Join us the second Saturday of every month to prepare and serve meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw. **Our next date is Sept. 8th**. We arrive at the Mission at 10AM and finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

-We also prepare sack lunches the Friday before. Anyone wishing to **help, please** come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Sept. 7th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex.

Health Kit Collection

We are collecting for the **Health Kits** again. Items needed: 11 hand towels, 9 deodorants, 7 toothpastes. Thank you for your donations! Another 25 kits were delivered to the Caro Women's Shelter and they are very thankful!

Coffee Hour

The fellowship board is starting to get ready for **coffee hour** (starts Sept. 9th) Anyone willing to help out and bring treats for a Sunday (or 2) please contact the church office or Angie Ayotte (989)225-4220.

Generosity Challenge

Keep the generosity movement going!

Try one or all of the following this month.

- Share overheard compliments.
- If you know someone is overwhelmed – perhaps by a new baby, family health issues, or something else – give them a call when you're going out to the store. Ask if they'd like you to pick something up for them.
- Let another car merge in front of you, or stop to let a pedestrian cross the street.
- Put a surprise note in your child's or spouse's lunch.
- Help others find the positive.

Little things matter - just show kindness!

Special Thanks!

Thank you!

For the past six months, it was my great privilege and pleasure to serve at St. Paul's congregation. God has blessed you with wonderful facilities and an impressive professional staff to serve God's mission. I encourage you to continue to pray that God would powerfully use each one of you to live out your lives in Christian unity under the cross. My wife and I **thank you** for your warm reception, kind words, gifts of love, and thoughtful cards throughout the months. We are especially grateful for the wonderful farewell reception. You have been placed on our daily prayer list.

In His service, Rev. Bob and Alice Smith.

Your support and generosity have overwhelmed us once again!

Thank you to every one of you who made a pledge or donation to the Youth Car Wash and thank you to all who brought a car (or more) to be washed. Your support helped our youth groups to raise over \$2,000!! This will help them go to youth gatherings (local and national) and also events throughout the year. Many thanks to the crew of car washers! You were all great! We had a non-stop, busy day, washing 145 cars from 11AM-5PM! Thank you, again, for making the car wash a huge success and for supporting our youth! Your support and prayers are appreciated!

Dear Members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for setting aside monies for a mission trip this year without me even asking. What a nice surprise! Thank you for considering the suggestion to send the \$400 to Missionary Pastor, Duane Miessner, to support his ministry in Belize. Your desire to approve this donation was very much appreciated.

Belize has many churches (Pentecostal), but at the present time, only has one LCMS pastor. As you can see, they have several children and live in Seine Bight, Belize. He has also been asked to reach out to the people in Belmopan, capitol city area, to hopefully establish a mission church in that area, along with maintaining his ministry among the people of Seine Bight. The last I had read, they were in the process of raising funds for a church building in Seine Bight. As it rains over 180 inches a year, a roof is of the essence. Pastor Markie Burch and his wife have also moved to Belize to aid Pastor Miessner in the Spanish language. As Belize says English is their main language, the truth is, many speak Spanish, as many people are immigrants. English is mainly spoken by tourist guides and educated people.

I ask you to please keep Pastor Miessner and his family in your prayers. Pray for health and safety in his daily travels, and for encouragement, as he shares the gospel to the people of Belize. Thank you again for your generosity and hopefully others will step forward to serve in the mission field.

In Christ's Service, Janette Keinath

Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Sextons

September	1/2	8/9	15/16	22/23	29/30
Acolytes					
7:30PM	Nic Yorke	Alden Rodammer	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Alden Rodammer
8:30AM	Danielle Ayotte	Ryan Keinath	Emma Hoard	Paige Ayotte	Paige Ayotte
11AM		Peyton Schmandt	Brandon Rude	Isabel Ketels	Lillia Sherman
Screen Tech					
Please help! There are still openings to run the screen during the church services. Anyone can do this (adults or children 6th grade and up) and we will train you. Even if you can just help out once in awhile, that would be great! Please call the church office to help.					
7:30PM		Help	Is	Needed	
8:30AM	Danielle Ayotte	Singers	Paige Ayotte	Nathan Phipps	
11AM			Julie Keinath	Brandon Rude	Brandon Rude
Greeters					
	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
7:30PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent	
8:30 AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler	
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Lu- anne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine	

Ushers

8:30AM Service

Captain – Dwight Keinath
 Assist.– Michael Albert
 Ken Auernhammer
 Colin Meacham
 Daniel Meacham
 Lester Miller
 Jeremy Petzold
 Luke Platt
 Matt Singer
 Eugene Weiss
 Bud Zeck
 Mike Zielgler

Captain – Richard Harpst
 Assist– Jay Rodammer
 Mike Hoard
 Heath Keinath
 John Petzold
 Michael Rader
 Mark Rude
 Hans Schmandt

Ushers

7:30PM Service

Captain – Jim Jaruzel
 Sheila Haynes

Church Sextons

Matt & Angie Ayotte
 Armand & Faye Carmona
 Ed & Marcia Keinath
 Ted & Katrina Wager
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Kim Reinig
 8:30AM - Mary White
 11AM Bonnie Wittum

*Thank you to our many volunteers who give their time to help with the worship services.
 May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.
 You are appreciated!*

Church Extension Fund / Thrivent / LEAP

What Story can You Tell?

People love stories. They love to hear stories and maybe even more, they love to tell stories. Think about Biblical times. The Old Testament accounts were not written down for everyone to read; they were passed along by the elders telling and re-telling the stories of God's judgements and love to the younger generations.

You may remember hearing the stories of the traveling Medicine Show. Not only did they have the liniments, ointments and potions to sell, they had the stories from days and miles of travel. It was the stories of men and women, satisfied customers, that made the townspeople take notice and believe. The stories held the hope that made people spend the hard earned cash on the cure.

Just like the townspeople, we know the story. But we have the true story of Hope. The story of Jesus' birth, His life, death and resurrection to pay for our sins and through Grace give to us the gift of eternal life in Heaven. It is Jesus' story but it is also our story. We are forgiven and our future is secure. How many people can we influence to believe and join us in the choir praising God forever?

Penn Gillette, a member of the famous illusionist pair of Penn and Teller, really drove the point home about telling the Gospel story. He stated he doesn't respect believers who don't proselytize. If you believe there is a Heaven and a Hell and people could be going to Hell, but you think it is not really worth telling them because it might be socially awkward....how much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that? He goes on to say, if I believed without any doubt that a truck was bearing down on you but you didn't believe it, at a certain point I would tackle you. And this is more important than that!

We are all called to be fishers of men. We may be uncomfortable in our abilities to share the Gospel but we are in good company. Even Moses gave numerous reasons why he wasn't the right one to lead the people. Job ran away when told to tell the people. We are not alone, and we have a great story to tell.

The story can be told by your words and by your actions. You can take advantage of opportunities to tell the story to your family, friends and coworkers. As you put your Estate Plan in place you can also insure the story is told by including a Gift from your Estate Assets to your favorite ministries. With your Gift, others can share the saving story of Grace to bring countless more to eternal life. Let your words and your Gifts tell your story.

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Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know that if you're a Thrivent member, you can apply for a **\$250 gift card** to help with a service activity or fundraiser? Think of all the possibilities here at St. Paul where this could be beneficial.

How it Works

Think about an unmet need in our church or community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including: a Promotional banner, Invitations and thank-you cards, Thrivent Action Team T-shirts, A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact. Details and guidelines can be found online.

How often am I eligible?

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

Go to Thrivent.com, click on "Making a Difference", then "Thrivent Action Teams". You need to have a User ID and Password to apply. If questions, call on of the offices and we can help get you started.

LEAP

Calling education board members and school leaders! Another "LEAP-Shop" (a Lutheran Education Plan Alliance training/enrichment workshop) has been scheduled and planned. Here within our Great Lakes Bay Region of LEAP schools more than ten such LEAP-Shops have been planned, conducted, well-attended, and appreciated over the course of the past four years. Among topics addressed at some of the LEAP-Shops have been. . . "Strengthening Practices of Education Boards," "Establishing and Growing Early Childhood Programs," "Being a Lutheran Church in a Post-Churched Culture," "Building a Mission-Minded School Funding Model," and quite a few more. Another LEAP=Shop has been planned for October 30th at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth from 6:30-8PM with two areas of focus being. . . 1. "Key Boardmanship Best Practices" and 2. "Education Board Strategies for Evaluating and Enhancing the Ministries of School Principals." The major presenter will be Mr. Travis Grulke, our LCMS Michigan District Superintendent of Schools. This event is for members of Lutheran school education boards, principals, pastors, and others in Lutheran school leadership roles. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

///LEAP -on the web at LEAP-alliance.com and on Facebook at LEAP-Lutheran Education Advancement Plan///

St. Paul Lutheran School

September 2018



St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

We have had a few August days of classes as we started a bit early this school year. The start of our year has truly been blessed in many ways but especially with new students, a new pastor and a dedicated faculty and staff.

There are several new students that have joined us since last month. Their names are Cali Anderson and Emma Burns in our Kindergarten class and Aaron Trask in 8th grade. Welcome to the St. Paul family all of you and your families!

There are many events planned for the month; here are the dates to mark:



- Sept. 4 Classes resume; P.T.L. Potluck & Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Spirit Day; Super Sprint begins
- Sept. 9 Teacher rededication, Accreditation presentation, Pastor Martinal's Installation (3 p.m.)
- Sept. 14 P.T.L. Outdoor Movie Night at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 17 Constitution Day
- Sept. 24-26 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip (Howell, MI)
- Sept. 28 Spartan Super Sprint (during the school day)



October Sports



All games start at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Girl's Volleyball

- Sept. 4 with St. Michael, Richville
- Sept. 6 at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 11 with CTK, Sebewaing
- Sept. 13 at Frankentrost (Trinity-Trost)
- Sept. 17 at St. Michael, Richville
- Sept. 24 at St. Paul, Lapeer
- Sept. 27 at Christ the King, Sebewaing

Soccer

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- Sept. 11 with CTK, Sebewaing
- Sept. 13 at Frankentrost (Trinity/Trost)
- Sept. 17 at St. Michael, Richville
- Sept. 24 at St. Paul, Lapeer
- Sept. 26 with Trinity-Trost
- Sept. 27 at Christ the King, Sebewaing



School Musical Opportunities



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| Free Spirit | Sept. 16 | 8:30 a.m. |
| Cantate | Sept. 23 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Cherub | Sept. 30 | 8:30 a.m. |

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live!

Bryan Bassett	9/1	Nancy Fritz	9/11	Daniel Daenzer	9/26
Carly Ehrmantraut	9/1	Lana Gladys	9/11	Diane MacKay	9/26
Grace Ehrmantraut	9/1	Kathy Kirby	9/11	Bradley O'Hearn	9/26
Carrie Mallard	9/1	Ronny Pavlicek	9/11	Stephan Paquette	9/26
Jeremy McTaggart	9/1	Kristina Hibbard	9/12	Shye Ruppel	9/26
Breanna Michael	9/1	Katelyn Kaschner	9/12	Craig Blue	9/27
Diane Blue	9/2	Barbara Kauer	9/12	Michael Blue	9/27
Tyler French	9/2	Eric Farnsworth	9/13	Heather Frahm	9/27
Cassandra Pappenfuss	9/2	Mellicha Gleason	9/13	Jaelynn Gross	9/27
Marvin Schreiber	9/2	Amy Hanlin	9/13	Reese Inman	9/27
Katie Wiacek	9/2	Gabriella Laplow	9/13	Gail Lugg	9/27
Gordon Laplow	9/3	Luann Licavoli	9/13	Denise Sherman	9/27
Shirley Snyder	9/3	Jason Wirsing	9/13	Duane Weber	9/27
Benjamin Weber	9/3	Hannah Woolwine	9/13	Kenneth Auernhammer	9/28
Emily DeOrnellas	9/4	Nicole Engelhart	9/14	James Flach	9/28
Trevor Gleason	9/4	Pierce Force	9/15	Susan Flach	9/28
Bridget Marks	9/4	Sterling Force	9/15	Tammi Laplow	9/28
Rhonda McGraw	9/4	Janeen Witmer	9/15	Ryan Ramsey	9/28
Ethan Murphy	9/4	Jessica Harpst	9/16	Monica Russell	9/28
Janette Reinert	9/4	Cheyenne Isetts	9/16	Shane Brandle	9/29
Crystal Wates	9/4	Molly Pattinson	9/16	Nancy Coleman	9/29
Samantha Ayotte	9/5	Deborah Porter	9/16	Bret Meier	9/29
Mitchell Curtis	9/5	Donnise Reinert	9/16	Nicholas Reyna	9/29
Kristin Erdman	9/5	Audrey Wilson	9/16	Andrea Cassidy	9/30
Stacie Farnsworth	9/5	Alyze Davis	9/17	Amanda Hecht	9/30
Pamela Hanlin	9/5	Susan ILL	9/17	Christina Hiles	9/30
Larry Henderson	9/5	Tracee Jones	9/17	Jacob Holtsberry	9/30
Luanne Jaruzel	9/5	Judith Pletcher	9/17	Krystal Hudie	9/30
Kaylynn Kabat	9/5	Nila Schmandt	9/17	Martha Jensen	9/30
Jennifer Mays	9/5	Brandee Stratton	9/17	Sharon Keinath	9/30
Gregory Mohr	9/5	Bobby White	9/17	Jared Petzold	9/30
Marvin Rodemsky	9/5	Clyde Pletcher	9/18	Jade Rodammer	9/30
Diane Williams	9/5	Tedd Burton	9/19	Carl Strouth Jr.	9/30
Jeffrey Yorke	9/5	Steven Daniel	9/20	Cynthia Wilson	9/30
Clemens ILL	9/6	Denise Hoard	9/20		
Rebecca Meier	9/6	Steven Kern	9/20		
John Nitz	9/6	Alden Rodammer	9/20		
Elaira Pashby	9/6	Ronna Bearss	9/21		
David Weber	9/6	Joan Benish	9/21		
Kaitlyn Woolwine	9/6	Arianna Casto	9/21		
Todd Ames	9/7	Angel Gleason	9/21		
Caleb Beyette	9/7	Darwin Hecht	9/21		
Katie Burleson	9/7	William Hoard	9/21		
Andrea Decker	9/7	Kenneth Platt	9/21		
Bruce Edler	9/7	Vonice Reed	9/21		
Beth ILL	9/7	Dale Blue	9/22		
Mason Lyons	9/7	Lori Brueggemann	9/22		
Mariah Steepe	9/7	Corey Daenzer	9/22		
Nelson Watchpocket	9/7	Veronica Horning	9/22		
Alissa Anderson	9/8	Brook Husted	9/23		
Garrett Brady	9/8	Autumn Okorowski	9/23		
Marci Draper	9/8	Ezra Ostrander	9/23		
Cody Goodhue	9/8	Thomas Devereaux	9/24		
Madison Jones	9/8	Danyel Dormire	9/24		
Derrick Keinath	9/8	Emelyn Gleason	9/24		
Dean Skouson	9/8	Emma Hoard	9/24		
Austin Steepe	9/8	Raymon Hoard	9/24		
Kaleb Meier	9/9	Kenneth McKee	9/24		
Darrell Smith	9/9	Heather Petzold	9/24		
Jeffrey Draper	9/10	Sarah Schwab	9/24		
Logan Figgins	9/10	Justin Allen	9/25		
Marcus Jensen Sr.	9/10	Madeline Bach	9/25		
Alyssa Keinath	9/10	Elizabeth Ehrmantraut	9/25		
Michael McTaggart	9/10	Hailey ILL	9/25		
Anthony Perez	9/10	Hannah ILL	9/25		
Cal Smith	9/10	Carson Morse	9/25		
Richard Wiacek	9/10	Wilfred Alvord IV	9/26		
Samantha Aguirre	9/11	Brandy Bodeis	9/26		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Monthly Messenger

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