



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

March 2019

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

### St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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### Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11 A.M.  
Saturday 7 P.M.

### Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor Martinal

Dear Members of the Body of Christ,

Harry Emerson Fosdick once told how as a child, his mother sent him to pick a quart of raspberries. Reluctantly he dragged himself to the berry patch. His afternoon was ruined for sure. Then a thought hit him. He would surprise his mother and pick two quarts of raspberries instead of one. Rather than drudgery, his work now became a challenge. He enjoyed picking those raspberries so much that fifty years later that incident was still fresh in his mind. The job hadn't changed. His attitude had, though, and attitude is everything. (Dynamic Preaching, June 1990)

Our attitude goes a long way in determining what we do and how we react. According to Webster's Dictionary, "attitude" is our "manner, disposition, feeling, position, etc., with regard to a person or thing; tendency or orientation, especially of the mind". As Harry Emerson Fosdick quickly realized, he could either have a negative attitude and view his work as "drudgery", or have a positive attitude and see his work as a "challenge". He wisely chose the latter.

Too often, we have a less than positive and helpful attitude. Whether it be in our jobs, our schooling, our families, our relationships, even in our congregation, many of us tend to have at best a neutral attitude, and at worst a harmful and destructive one. We all fall victim of having an attitude that says we are the ones who need to be served, instead of having an attitude that seeks to serve others.

This is not a new problem we face. When James and John requested to sit at Jesus' right and left hand when He entered His glory, Jesus answered them and all the disciples by saying, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many". (Mark 10:43-45 NIV84) Years later, St. Paul would write to the congregation in Philippi:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature God, did not

consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:3-11 NIV84)

This Lenten Season, we will discover the "attitude that makes a difference" as we go through the book, "I Am A Church Member", by Thom Rainer. **I cannot stress enough how important and attitude changing this study will be. Please sign up for this attitude changing 7-week study.** Because too often, as Thom writes, "we join churches expecting others to serve us, to feed us, and to care for us". (p. 5) This attitude is harmful and not what God intended. "God did not give us local churches to become country clubs where membership means we have privileges and perks. He placed us in churches to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give, and, in some cases, to die for the sake of the gospel". (p. 6) This is the "attitude that makes a difference"!

"When this journey is over for you, two things will likely take place. First, you will likely have a new or renewed attitude about your church. You will learn the joy of being last instead of seeking to be first.... Second, [our] church will begin to change. It will become healthier because [you] are healthier. And as the church gets healthier, it will have a greater impact on its community and the world." (p. 6-7)

Our membership in the body of Christ is a gift by grace through faith. Our response is to have an attitude of gratitude for this most precious and blood-bought gift. A faithful attitude is characterized by a willingness to serve others rather than an insistence on being served. Christ can and does change our attitudes, and equips us for service in His kingdom. May the Lord, "who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ". (Philippians 1:6 ESV)

You are created and loved by God the Father, redeemed and sent by Jesus Christ, and made holy and empowered by the Holy Spirit to have an attitude that makes a difference,

Pastor Tim Martinal



**The March Messenger is sponsored in memory of our loved ones who went to their heavenly home, from Arnie & RuthAnn Petzold.**

# Spiritual News

## **9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies**

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



**Sunday School** - Every Sunday. Invite a friend!

### **I Am a Church Member**

Saturdays at 6PM, Sundays between services,  
and Wednesdays at 6PM.

If you haven't signed up yet, but want to attend,  
call the church office or show up at one of the  
times offered.

### **Other Bible Study Opportunities**

#### **Adult Confirmation Classes**

Tuesdays at 7PM in the Library.

The Adult Confirmation tentative date will be Sun., March 24th  
in the 8:30AM service.

**Men's Bible Study** - Sat., April 6th at 8AM in the Library.

**Women's Bible Study** - An 8 week Beth Moore DVD study of  
the book of Esther will be offered. To accommodate busy  
schedules there will be an evening session at 6 PM beginning  
on Mon., March 4 and a morning session at 9 AM beginning on  
Tues., March 5. We will meet in the Gathering Room. If you  
haven't attended a Beth Moore study you are in for a treat.  
Please plan on attending and bring a friend or two. Each week  
we will watch a DVD and then have a brief discussion. Ques-  
tions, call or text Denise Sherman, 989-286-7122.

## **Adult Confirmation**

Sunday, March 24th in the 8:30AM service.

New Member Welcome will be held at a later date.

## **Music at St. Paul**

### **Handbells**

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

We could really use some extra help! Anyone is wel-  
come to join. No experience necessary. You don't  
even need to be able to read music! If 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**

### **March 3rd**

*Deut. 34:1-12*

*Heb. 3:1-6*

*Luke 9:28-36*

### **March 10th**

*Duet. 26:1-11*

*Rom. 10:8b-13*

*Luke 4:1-13*

### **March 17th**

*Jer. 26:8-15*

*Phil. 3:17-4:1*

*Luke 13:31-35*

### **March 24th**

*Ezek. 33:7-20*

*1 Cor. 10:1-13*

*Luke 13:1-9*

### **March 31st**

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

*2 Cor. 5:16-21*

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

## **Public School Confirmation Classes**

Led by Pastor Martinal Sunday evenings from 6-7PM  
in the Gathering Room.

## **Hospitalizations**

In an effort to better serve your spiritual needs, if you  
are **entering the hospital** and want a visit from the pas-  
tor or a prayer in church, please call the church office  
with your information. When returning home, please  
call and update us also. We don't always get a phone  
call from the hospital and we don't use media postings  
for our information. Thanks for understanding.



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

March 3rd - "His Exodus" - Luke 9:28-36

Mar. 10th - "God Commands His Angels" - Ps. 91:1-13

March 17th - "Where's Your Home?" - Phil. 3:20-21

March 24th - "Temptation" - 1 Cor. 10:1-13

March 31st - "The Prodigal Father" - Luke 15:11

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Storyhour** - 9-11AM

**Quilting** - 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

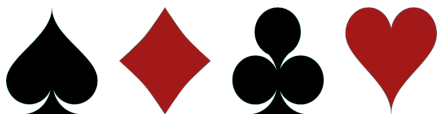
Looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoons? Come and join our **Quilting** ladies from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall beginning . No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit! Call Lori if questions at 989-205-9873.

**Painting** - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## Scrapbooking

Sat., Feb. 9th from 9AM-7PM in the **Projects Room**. 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](mailto:school.office@spsmill.org).



## Euchre

Feb. 9th from 4-7PM in the Parish Hall  
Everyone (men and women) 16 and older are invited.  
Snacks provided. Come and join us for some fun!

## "No Reason Party"

Sun., March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5PM in the Parish Hall  
Potluck dinner (meatballs, scalloped potatoes and drinks provided by the Fellowship Team.) Please bring a dish to pass. After dinner we will host a Talent Show for all members of our church and school. If you have a **talent to share, please sign up** on the sheet in the narthex or office. Come enjoy great fellowship and entertainment as we see all the talented people we have in our congregation and school. Any questions, please see Angie Ayotte or any member of the Fellowship Team.



## Daylight Savings Time

Begins Sun., March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Remember to move your clocks  
forward one hour.

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday, March 14th at 6:30PM in the Chapel  
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We are gathering together on the second Thursday of each month to bring our needs and pray together. We will have a short message on the topic of "prayer" each meeting and then spend time praying for one another and the needs that are brought to us. We will also share some written prayers and learn how to pray more effectively. Come join us! All are welcome!

## LWML Women's Mini Retreat

Sat., March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM-12PM at St. Lorenz Dining Hall, 140 Churchgrove Rd., Frankenmuth. Valleys and Cones – Presenter: Carolyn Bina from Holy Cross, Flushing. Cost: \$10 – Light breakfast served. Register by March 14<sup>th</sup> to Beppie 989-652-4516 or text 989-392-1857.

## Kindergarten Roundup

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-4PM  
Mrs. Petzold and Mr. Schoenknecht will be waiting to tell you all about our Kindergarten program, to give you a tour of our facility if you like, and most importantly share with you how we may partner in sharing the love of Jesus with your child. A Kindergarten Reading Readiness activity will be administered at Roundup. Please contact the school office to make an appointment or for more information 871-4581 ext. 4 or [school.office@spsmill.org](mailto:school.office@spsmill.org).

## Dorcas LWIM Bus Trip

"Wild Women of Detroit"  
June 13th – 9AM pick up at St. Paul  
Trip includes: Tour of Belle Isle, Hamtramck,  
Lunch at the Two Way Inn, Eastern Market Murals  
in the Market, Abicks Bar  
Depart at 3PM and return to Millington at 4:30PM.  
Cost: \$75.00 – Contact Connie Keinath 871-4125  
or Eileen Zieger 871-2329 to book your seat.

## Youth Events

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17**

**Impact** (Grades 9-12)

**Go Carts**

Sunday, March 3rd  
We will be leaving St. Paul at 2:15PM.

**Youth Team Meeting**

Tues., March 5th at 6PM in the Youth Room  
Everyone is welcome to come and share ideas!

**Ignite** (Grades 6-8)

**Jr. Youth Gathering**

Fri., May 31st through Sun., June 2nd  
\$35.00 if paid before March 22nd / \$70.00 if paid after.  
Registration forms are on the youth board in the church hallway or in the church office. Return to the church office with payment before March 22nd.





*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.*

Welcome to March! Everyone sees green and clovers this month. What a wonderful way to explain our triune God...3 in 1. Like the clover, our God is filled with love, shown by each of the three heart shaped lobes of the clover. Also, the clover is always green representing the everlasting life that we receive through Christ Jesus' life, death and resurrection!

This is also a great way to remember how our church and school's mission continues to grow and flourish as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, March 3-8. We focus on how we have a **Real. Present. God.** This year we will start our celebration with the **"I am a church member" Bible Study.** We invite you and your family, to join us in the Parish Hall, between services on Sundays, Saturday or Wednesday evenings for the next seven weeks.

Here is a list of the special activities for **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:**

Sunday:	All children sing; I Am A Church Member Bible Study
Monday:	Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday:	Treat Tuesday & Twin Day ( We could use some chocolate chip cookie bakers, please.)
Wednesday:	Chapel/Dress Your Best/Book Fair/ Longway Planetarium Assembly Day
Thursday:	Wacky Olympics & Servant Event Day & Class Color Day
Friday:	Disney Movie Day & Disney Character Day
Sunday:	I Am A Church Member Bible Study

## School Musical Opportunities

Mar. 3	ALL students K-8	Choice of service
Mar. 6	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 13	Cherub Choir	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 17	Pre-School Choir	11:00 a.m.
Mar. 23	Junior Bells	8:30 a.m.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for March.

March 1	½ day of class & Spirit Day
March 3-8	Lutheran Schools Week & Scholastic Book Fair
March 5	PTL/All-School Spelling Bee 6 p.m.
March 6	Ash Wednesday, Bible Study & School Book Fair
March 13	Lenten Service at 4 p.m. & Bible Study at 6 p.m.
March 17	Preschool & Kindergarten Round-up
March 20	Lenten Service at 4 p.m. & Bible Study at 6 p.m.
March 22	Moms & Muffins (3-5 grades) 8-9:15 a.m.
March 27	Lenten Service at 4 p.m. & Bible Study at 6 p.m.
March 23-31	Spring Vacation

**March Sports:** Our C-teams play through this month. Come and support these boys and girls as they use their God-given talents. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for all of the great seasons.



Mar.7 (TH)  
Mar. 9  
Mar. 14 (TH)  
Mar. 16

### C-team Basketball

with Peace, Saginaw  
with Bethlehem, Saginaw  
at Faith, Bay City  
at St. Michael, Richville



10 a.m./11 a.m.  
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# Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info.

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

Coming soon – new on-line giving program!

Yes, that was the same introductory sentence from the February 2019 article. But there has been a change.

I wrote of our new program called Kindrid. It wasn't until the end of January when I balanced the books I saw the Kindrid report was \$400 off. Neither Kindrid nor Church Extension Fund thought it to be a big deal as there were other reports to use. That explanation proved unacceptable. I went back to our previous platform, Vanco, and negotiated the same rates as what Kindrid/CEF would give us. Our new on-line giving is called **Giv-ing Plus**.

You will have the same two methods of contributions: ACH (auto-bank withdrawal) and your debit/credit card. The fees the church absorbs are as follows:

- a) ACH: .10% of the gift + .25 cents
- b) Credit/Debit cards: 2.5% of the gift + .30 cents
- c) If you choose to absorb the fees, there's a box you can check when making the contribution!

You can contribute weekly, monthly, yearly; any amount to the listed funds; stop/start whenever you want; make a one-time gift or set up for recurring. You are in complete control. You can access your account at any time to see your contributions.

We'll have flyers available in the bulletin with more info and a demo running on the TV in the Gathering Room between services.

We do encourage you to set up an account rather than choosing a one-time gift. At the end of the year you'll want one tax report rather than a report for each one-time gift. Here's how to find the links:

St Paul Website: [www.stpaul-millington.org](http://www.stpaul-millington.org), then select the "Give" tab at the top. Click "Sign In/Sign up" in the upper right corner and away you go.

Mobile: Go to the App Store or Google Play, search for "GivePlus Church", download. Then, search for our church, select, and create your account.

## Memorials Thank You

St. Paul's Memorial Committee would like to express its appreciation for the many gifts given in memory of loved ones. We would also like to encourage members to consider making a gift to honor someone or to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, by directing funds to the Undesignated Fund. It is our hope to keep this a working fund, as these monies are used to fulfill needs within the church and school. We thank everyone for their continued support of St. Paul through Memorial giving.

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Harry Kern Building Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Emma (Engelhart) Belejack General Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Royce Shamel Building Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Mervin Knoll Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00
In Memory of Charlotte Carsten General Fund	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$20.00

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 01/31/19: \$598,025.47  
Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022  
January 2019 Mortgage Payment: \$ 14,135.00  
\* Principal \$12,973.99  
\* Interest \$1,161.01  
Amount received to pay mortgage: \$16,363.28  
Amount added to contingency fund: \$ 2,228.28  
Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$15,121.68

## January 2019 Income & Expense Summary

January General Fund Income: \$71,941.65  
January General Fund Expenses:  
\$(82,307.38)  
January Deficit: \$(10,365.73)  
Year to date: Deficit \$(10,365.73)  
Overall: Surplus \$43,098.27

## Cash Accounts Summary

All Designated Accounts balance: \$193,043.51  
All Memorials balance: \$24,552.98  
General Fund Checking Balance: \$43,098.27

## Memorials Correction

Correction: In last week's bulletin in our message from the Memorial committee it stated that the Memorials is a perpetual fund. Memorials is NOT a perpetual fund. A perpetual fund is a fund that only the interest earned from the invested monies can be used. The actual money in the fund cannot be touched. That is how the Trust and Investment accounts work. The Memorial fund is a working fund that any or all of the donated funds can be used for immediate needs of the church, school, or congregation. I'm sorry for the incorrect information and any confusion it may have caused. I am happy to answer any questions (989) 529-2513.

Sharon Keinath, Memorial Committee President

## 1) Search

- Enter church name or tap *Find Churches Near Me* to start your search
- Select your church
- Your selected church will be displayed as your default church
- Tap *Give Now*

## 2) Select

- Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount
- Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information
- Scan or enter your card or bank account information

## 3) Submit

- Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*



## Create

- It only takes a few minutes to create an account with an email address and password
- You'll have the option to log in using the Touch ID/Fingerprint feature or a PIN

## Manage

- Tap the menu icon to manage personal information, change password, review donations or update/add payment methods

## Schedule

- Next time you donate, tap **Select Frequency** to create a recurring weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or annual donation to the fund of your choice
- Note:** Your church determines frequency options

## Review

- From the menu, go to **Recurring Donations** to view or delete any scheduled donation made through the GivePlus app
- Or, select **Giving History** to review your past GivePlus donations

## Opportunities / Meetings / Misc.

### **Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate**

#### **Lutheran Schools Week Collection**

Lutheran Schools Week begins Sunday, March 3rd. For the service project this year, each classroom will be collecting items to send health kits for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. If you would like to donate, drop-off boxes will be in the school hallway. Items needed: tissues, baby products, nail clippers, shampoo, body wash (men/women), socks, underwear, body lotion, deodorant (men/women), combs, brushes, shaving cream & razors (men/women). Thank you for your help!

#### **Rescue Mission**

Our next Rescue Mission date is March 9th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw from 10AM-2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. To help prepare sack lunches, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., March 8th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

#### **Health Kit Donations**

Thank you for all the Health Kit donations. We sent 20 kits for Valentine's Day. Items needed for our next collection: 8 toothbrushes, 16 toothpaste, 25 shampoo, 15 deodorant.

#### **Student Aid Fund**

From time to time, situations arise in our lives causing a financial crisis. Loss of job, divorce/marital separation, and medical situations are a few of those times when we may not know how we are going to pay the bills. Some of our school families are dealing with these and similar situations and are in need of Christian compassion, assistances and encouragement. St. Paul Student Aid Fund has been set up to help families meet their financial obligation for tuition/fees. Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated and needed. If God has gifted you to be a blessing to these families, contributions may be brought to the church or school office. Much thanks!

### **Trust & Investment**

**Applications are being accepted for Trust & Investment** disbursement for 2019 beginning thru April 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available for the board chairperson in the church office or on line.

Funds distributed in the last 10 years - \$86,837.76. In 2018 we approved \$26,790.56. Available for disbursement in 2019 \$26,476.88.

If spendable funds are still available after the April voters meeting, the committee will review future requests as we receive them.

Trust and Investment Committee

### **March Meetings**

#### **PTL Meeting**

Tues., March 5th at 5PM

#### **Social Concerns**

Tues., March 5th at 5:30PM  
in the Council Room

#### **Youth Team**

Tues., March 5th at 6PM in the Youth Room

#### **Stewardship**

Tues., March 5th at 6:30PM  
in the Gathering Room

#### **Council**

Wed., March 6th at 6:30PM in the Library

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., March 11th & 25th at 7PM

#### **Prayer Committee**

Thurs., March 14th at 6:30PM

#### **Dorcas Meeting**

Tues., March 19th at 6PM

#### **Elders**

Wed., March 27th at 7:30PM

### **Messenger Sponsors**

Messenger sponsors are needed for May, September, October, and December 2019. The cost is \$75.00 per month. Please call the church office to pick a month.

### **Altar Flowers**

The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for flowers, please write your name, phone number, and if center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and also for calling the church office for your bulletin article.

### **Easter Flowers**

Orders for **Easter Flowers** for the altar are being taken. \$15.00. Checks are to be made to Pam Hanlin. A sign-up sheet and box for the money will be on the glass case in the narthex.





# Lent & Holy Week Services / Mission Trip

## Reflecting on Lent

(Begins on Ash Wed. - March 6th)



The six weeks of Lent help us to examine our lives and the reason for Christmas and the greatest event ever - Christ's resurrection on Easter.

During Lent, we look at our own heart and life in relation to God and His Word. An honest evaluation will show a need for change. This change may involve repentance. We hope that during Lent, each of us will identify one thing that God wants to be changed.

If God has not led you to focus on something already, feel free to choose from the following.

1. Work toward being reconciled with someone.
2. Along with the "Bring It Home" Bible Study, read the Passion of Jesus in all four Gospels (Matt. 24-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 13-21).
3. Attend worship every Sunday and Wednesday.
4. Tithe. (If not already doing so, try just 6 weeks and see what God shows you about trusting Him to provide.)
5. Ask God to enable you to share your faith and bring a friend or neighbor to church this Holy Season.
6. Pray two minutes every morning, noon, and evening (ex. for your church, Pastors, teachers, staff, others.)

God bless your journey through this Lenten Season.



## ***Come worship with us for...***

### **2019 Lenten Services**

#### **Wednesdays at 4PM**

Dates: March 6th (Ash Wed.), 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th

#### **Dinners at 5PM**

March 6th - Thai Dinner with American Accents

Sponsored by Janette Keinath

March 13th - Taco Bar

Sponsored by the Bd. of Social Concerns

March 20th - Taco Bar

Sponsored by Pastor & Patti Martinal

March 27th - Lasagna Dinner

Sponsored by Connie Daenzer

April 3rd - Winter Picnic

Sponsored by the Praise Team

April 10th - Baked Spaghetti

Sponsored by the Church Choir

### ***Holy Week Services***

**Maundy Thursday** – April 18th

7:00PM - Worship with Communion

**Good Friday** – April 19th

1:30PM – Worship

7:00PM – Tenebrae

**Easter Celebrations** –

April 21st

6:30AM – Sunrise

Easter Breakfast

8:30AM – Worship with Communion

11:00AM – Contemporary Worship with Comm.



## **Mission Trip to Thailand (Part 2)**



**Where is Thailand?** Thailand is in the heart of Southeast Asia. Cambodia and Laos border the country to the east and northeast, and Myanmar lies to the northwest. To the west is the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand, southeast of Burma. The long southern region, connects with Malaysia.

I will be in the city of Chiang Mai in the north where the star is on the map. It takes approximately 20 hours to fly from the USA to reach the school where I will be working. Below, follows the promised menu for the **Thai Dinner with American Accents**

**Chicken Fried Rice** (Tastes similar to Chinese) made by Pastor Lang Yang from St. Michael's Lutheran who is Thai and is the Pastor to the Hmong people there and in Lansing.

**Chicken Noodle Soup** - made by our very own, Eileen Ziegler.

**Salad** - Dorcas serves this at our funeral dinners.

**Pineapple Chunks** – Many Thai homes serve this fruit for their dessert.

**Desserts** - Goodies made by our very own members of the congregation.

**Beverages - Coffee, Lemonade, Water**

The cost of the meal will be a free-will donation in support of my mission trip to Thailand. Hope you will consider joining us after the Ash Wednesday Service on **March 6**, in the Parish Hall.

Stay tuned for more about my trip in the coming months.

In Christ's service,

Janette Keinath

<b>March 2019</b> <b>St. Paul Calendar of Events</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8AM Men's Bible St. 6PM Bible Study <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>3</b> <i>Lutheran Schools Week</i> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>K-8 sing</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School / Book Fair <b>11AM Worship</b> <i>K-8 sing</i> 2:15PM Impact Go Carts 6-7PM Public School Conf.	<b>4</b>  6PM Women's Bible Study 7PM Handbells	<b>5</b> 7AM Jubilee 9AM Women's Bible Study 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 5PM PTL meeting 5:30PM Social Concerns 6PM Painting / Spelling Bee / Youth Team 6:30PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	<b>6</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <b>4PM Worship</b> <i>Free Spirit</i> 5PM Thai Dinner 6PM Bible Study 6:30PM Council	<b>7</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>8</b> 1:30PM Pack Lunches for Rescue Mission	<b>9</b> 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking in Projects Room 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission 4-7PM Euchre 6PM Bible Study <b>7PM Worship+C</b>
<b>10</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School / Book Fair <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <i>Church Choir</i> 5PM No Reason Pot Luck & Talent Show 6-7PM Public School Conf.	<b>11</b>  6PM Women's Bible Study 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>12</b> 7AM Jubilee 9AM Women's Bible Study 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM -Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>13</b> <b>4PM Worship</b> <i>Cherub</i> 5PM Taco Bar 6PM Bible Study	<b>14</b>  6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Prayer Committee	<b>15</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	<b>16</b>  6PM Bible Study <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> <i>Preschool Choir</i> 12-6 K/Pre-K Round Up 6-7PM Public School Conf.	<b>18</b>  6PM Women's Bible Study 7PM Handbells	<b>19</b> 7AM Jubilee 9AM Women's Bible Study 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM -Painting Dorcas 7:30PM AA	<b>20</b> <b>4PM Worship</b> <i>Women's Choir</i> 5PM Taco Bar 6PM Bible Study	<b>21</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  6PM Bible Study <b>7PM Worship+C</b> <i>Jr. Bells</i>
<b>24</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> Adult Confirmation <i>Handbells</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <b>Contemporary</b>	<b>25</b> <i>No School Spring Break</i> 6PM Bible Study 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Min.	<b>26</b>  9AM Bible Study 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>27</b> <b>4PM Worship</b> 5PM Lasagna Dinner 6PM Bible Study 7:30PM Elders	<b>28</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6PM Bible Study <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>31</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45 Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> <b>Contemporary</b> 6PM Public School Conf.						

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

## March

Acolytes	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	
8:30AM	Hoards	Ryan Keinath	Hoards	Ryan Keinath	
11AM	Luke Petzold	Peyton Schmandt	Tyler Rude	Rodammers	Sawyer Keinath
Screen Tech	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
7PM	Weston Reinig	<b>**Available**</b>	Kailee Fackler	Mason Lugg	Mason Lugg
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers	<b>**Available**</b>	<b>**Available**</b>	<b>**Available**</b>
11AM	Carly Trinklein	Hunter Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine	Hunter Ayotte
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergeant	
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 & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine	

### Ushers

8:30AM Service  
 Captain – Dwight Keinath  
 Assistant – Michael Albert  
 Ken Auernhammer  
 Colin Meacham  
 Daniel Meacham  
 Lester Miller  
 Jeremy Petzold  
 Luke Platt  
 Matt Singer  
 Eugene Weiss  
 Bud Zeck  
 Mike Ziegler

### Ushers

11AM Service  
 Captain – Richard Harpst  
 Assistant – Mark Rude  
 Mike Hoard  
 Heath Keinath  
 John Petzold  
 Michael Rader  
 Jay Rodammer  
 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

### Communion Set-Up

7PM - Lillian Sergeant  
 8:30AM - Vickie Albert  
 11AM - Cheryl Roeske & Ellie Ayotte

*“Volunteers do not necessarily  
 have the time;  
 they just have the heart.”*



# Birthday Celebrations

Kyle Badgley	3/1	Leo Sandusky	3/14	James Legue	3/25
Shelby Dues	3/1	Timothy Schultz	3/14	Deborah O'Brien	3/25
Connor Jones	3/1	Dorothy Simmons	3/14	Travis Opperman	3/25
Shelby Wood	3/1	Olivia Bailey	3/15	Barbara Sergent	3/25
Eleanor Ayotte	3/2	Garrison Hecht	3/15	Connie Hoard	3/26
Melissa Detgen	3/2	Malachi Hecht	3/15	Murray Kinney	3/26
Valerie Petzold	3/2	ReAnna Hecht	3/15	Jeanette Petzold	3/26
Courteney Porter	3/2	Bradley Skank	3/15	Jeffrey Raymond	3/26
Ben Boerneke	3/3	Danielle Skank	3/15	Daryl Schiefer	3/26
Garth Brown	3/3	Kim Smith	3/15	Anessa Todd	3/26
Alton Pederson	3/3	Aimee Whittaker	3/15	Caleb Allard	3/27
Danielle Weber	3/3	Katelynn Brady	3/16	Cindy Davis	3/27
Trenton Damm	3/4	Alicia Ide	3/16	Marion Detgen	3/27
Shannon Jones	3/4	Robert Osborn	3/16	Caleb Frahm	3/27
Christian Kennedy	3/4	Shane Pease	3/16	Sheila Hebner	3/27
Jaymie Rousseau	3/4	Garen Stewart	3/16	Debra Hodge	3/27
Daniel Wagle	3/4	Brynn Burrows	3/17	Christopher Morrow	3/27
Nancy Warby	3/4	Claire Burrows	3/17	William Weber	3/27
Jamie Brandle	3/5	Arlene Hohman	3/17	Caitlynn Burns	3/28
Jason Germain	3/5	Gloria Rodammer	3/17	Joseph Mallard Jr.	3/28
Sarah Simmons	3/5	Evan Thayer	3/17	Zachary Petzold	3/28
Zachary Aulbert	3/6	Lloyd Walz	3/17	Cami Polzin	3/28
Yvonne Bishop	3/6	Gauge Woelzlein	3/17	Jason Loomis	3/29
Jan Snyder	3/6	Robert Aulbert	3/18	Peggy Maschke	3/29
Eric Stewart	3/6	James Henderson Jr.	3/18	Kristyn O'Connor	3/29
Emily Albert	3/7	Jacob Martinal	3/18	Derek Bassett	3/30
Diane Foley	3/7	Dorothy Platt	3/18	Danion Brow	3/30
Ryan Petzold	3/7	Matthew Reinert	3/18	Aly Compaore	3/30
Rhonda Roth	3/7	Sid Werner	3/18	Megan Edler	3/30
Kelly Stevens	3/7	Daniel Erickson	3/19	Howard Hergenreder	3/30
Wyatt Stiers	3/7	Charlie Ferrier	3/19	Susan Jensen	3/30
Emil Higgins	3/8	Jeffrey Hecht	3/19	Karlie Sherman	3/30
Andrew Hoard	3/8	Chase Howay	3/19	Nicole Swink	3/30
Teri Petzold	3/8	Russell ILL	3/19	Olivia Zeck	3/30
Ryan Roth	3/8	Amber Roth	3/19	Nicole Brown	3/31
Anthony Sherman	3/8	Nicholas Sohmer	3/19	Mary Haines	3/31
Samantha Smith	3/8	Misty Sutton	3/19	Cynthia Huber	3/31
Woodrow Wates	3/8	Laura Glynn	3/20		
Ashley Jensen	3/9	Scott Jones	3/20		
Katelyn Sasser	3/9	Wayne Petzold	3/20		
Vickie Albert	3/10	Kim Reinert	3/20		
Jessica Cunningham	3/10	Hope Wood	3/20		
Michael Hoard	3/10	Carla Jackson	3/21		
Todd Keinath	3/10	Kathirin Lich	3/21		
Patricia O'Dell	3/10	Tyler Ramsey	3/21		
Serena Petzold	3/10	Sonja Russell	3/21		
Benjamin Rader	3/10	Michael Schreiber	3/21		
Kristy Sherman	3/10	Robert Bastian	3/22		
Jason Titworth	3/10	Brooklyn Bickel	3/22		
Hendrix Watchpocket	3/10	Xachary Carlyon	3/22		
Barbara Bassett	3/11	Ryan Detgen	3/22		
Karen Graham	3/11	Leigha Metro	3/22		
Mildred Keinath	3/11	John Ball	3/23		
Anjanette Kemp	3/11	Lindsey Derscha	3/23		
Austin Kirby	3/11	Kenton Gleason	3/23		
Brooklyn Merriam	3/11	Jacquelyn Petzold	3/23		
Kandie Sherman	3/12	Timm Ames	3/24		
James Smith	3/12	Christian Coleman	3/24		
Lexie Bommarito	3/13	Shannon Guelette	3/24		
Christa Evans	3/13	Lorine Petzold	3/24		
Alyshia Fyke-Jolly	3/13	Vicki Petzold	3/24		
Anthony Huber	3/13	Thomas Schiefer	3/24		
Ebin Petiprin	3/13	Lyla Wagner	3/24		
Pete Daenzer	3/14	Cindy Waterman	3/24		
Sue Fabbro	3/14	David Bouck	3/25		
Edward Keinath	3/14	Cameron Dues	3/25		
Jeremy Petzold	3/14	Brian Glady	3/25		
Max Petzold	3/14	Randy Graham	3/25		

Birthdays are

good for you.

The more you have,

the longer you live!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Daily Lectionary / LEAP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2019					<b>1</b> Job 33:1-18 John 10:22-42	<b>2</b> Job 33:19-34:9 John 11:1-16
<b>3</b> Job 34:10-33 John 11:17-37	<b>4</b> Job 36:1-21 John 11:38-57	<b>5</b> Job 37:1-24 John 12:1-19	<b>6</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Gen. 1:1-19 Mk. 1:1-13	<b>7</b> Gen. 1:20-2:3 Mk. 1:14-28	<b>8</b> Gen. 2:4-25 Mk. 1:29-45	<b>9</b> Gen. 3:1-24 Mk. 2:1-17
<b>10</b> Gen. 4:1-26 Mk. 2:18-28	<b>11</b> Gen. 6:1-7:5 Mk. 3:1-19	<b>12</b> Gen. 7:11-8:12 Mk. 3:20-25	<b>13</b> Gen. 8:13-9:17 Mk. 4:1-20	<b>14</b> Gen. 11:27-12:20 Mk. 4:21-41	<b>15</b> Gen. 13:1-18 Mk. 5:1-20	<b>16</b> Gen. 15:1-21 Mk. 5:21-43
<b>17</b> Gen. 16:1-9; 15-17:22 Mk. 6:1-13	<b>18</b> Gen. 18:1-15 Mk. 6:14-34	<b>19</b> Matt. 2:13-15; 19-23 ,	<b>20</b> Gen. 22:1-19 Mk 7:1-23	<b>21</b> Gen. 24:1-31 Mk. 7:24-37	<b>22</b> Gen. 24:32-52; 61-67 Mk. 8:1-21	<b>23</b> Gen. 27:1-29 Mk. 8:22-38
<b>24</b> Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-20 Mk. 9:1-13	<b>25</b> Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38	<b>26</b> Gen. 35:1-29 Mk. 9:33-50	<b>27</b> Gen. 37:1-36 Mk. 10:1-12	<b>28</b> Gen. 39:1-23 Mk. 10:13-31	<b>29</b> Gen. 40:1-23 Mk. 10:32-52	<b>30</b> Gen. 41:1-27 Mk. 11:1-19
<b>31</b> Gen. 41:28-57 Mk. 11:20-33						

### The Church Management System

Over a year ago a small ad-hoc group gathered to look at a cloud-based program to replace our aging Shepherd's Staff church management system (ChMS). After reviewing and testing three different systems, Church Council gave approval to upgrade to a new ChMS called Shelby Membership.

What does this mean to you? Everything. Each confirmed congregational member (and their children) will have their own account in the ChMS that you can access at any time. The account includes your personal information, attendance, giving, and what groups you belong to. Families are grouped together, so the head of household can edit any of the family accounts.

The ChMS comes with a calendar with in-depth information. If you check the church web calendar, you'll see it has a new look. Just click on any event and you'll see the details: when, where, what room, costs, etc.

We now have the capability to mass contact you via home phone, cell phone, text, or e-mail. You'll need to tell the church office which method of communication works best for you.

How to start: we chose not to import 1,800 records of stale data into the new system, but rather start fresh with your input. We encourage everyone to request a link to your account and you can populate as many fields as possible. You just need to contact Stacey with your e-mail address and she'll send you the link.

Alternatively, we do have a small team of volunteers that is going to transfer data, piece by piece, from the old system into the new. You will see data request forms around the church that you can fill out and return to the church office.

### WHAT IS ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN?

Orphan Grain Train is a Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and into 67 countries around the world. Orphan Grain Train—Michigan in Sebewaing is the first organized presence of this humanitarian network in our state. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The first pilot team of volunteers is begins in March to process and prepare these goods for distribution from the Sebewaing Center. Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. Learn more at [ogt.org](http://ogt.org) or contact the Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264.





# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 9-10 | READINGS 25-30

March 3-16

## 25. GOD PROVIDES MANNA & QUAIL—Exodus 16

WEEK 9 | March 3-9

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ God gave them enough food for one day at a time. What do you think it taught them? (See the “Lord’s Prayer” in Luther’s Small Catechism for more about daily bread.)

## 26. THE 10 COMMANDMENTS—Exodus 20

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ When God came down to the mountain, the people were scared. Describe a scary time in your life.
- ◆ None of us can keep God’s Law perfectly, but Jesus did for us. What does this mean for us today? Also, think about 1 person you know who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus, and pray for an opportunity to share it with them.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your Law shows us our sin and our need for a Savior. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us so that our sins are forgiven. It has changed our lives! Give us Your Holy Spirit and an opportunity to share this greatest of news with others.*

## 27. THE TABERNACLE—Exodus 26

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Have you ever made a friend so mad he or she didn’t want to be your friend anymore? How did that make you feel?
- ◆ God told Moses to use sacrifices to take away the sins of the people. All of these sacrifices pointed ahead to the day Jesus would go to the cross and die in our place. What event happened in the Temple when Jesus died? (See Matthew 27:51)

*Prayer: Lord God, thank You for the tabernacle which showed us a little more about the work of Jesus. Thank You for forgiving me for Jesus’ sake. Amen.*

## 28. THE GOLDEN CALF—Exodus 32

WEEK 10 | March 10-16

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Have you ever done something that made your mom or dad really, really mad?
- ◆ The word “atonement” means “to pay the penalty for sin”. Who atoned our sins and how? What does this mean?

*Prayer: Lord God, I am sorry for the times I forget Your loving promises and do things that make You angry. Please forgive me for Jesus’ sake, because He died on the cross in my place. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

## 29. THE 12 SPIES—Numbers 13-14

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why can it be easy to doubt the power of God, like so many of the men did in this story?
- ◆ Have you ever wanted to do something good, but your friends were too scared to join you? Why weren’t Caleb & Joshua afraid to occupy the land?

## 30. WATER FROM A ROCK—Numbers 20:2-13

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Do you complain a lot? What kind of things make you want to complain?
- ◆ Why do you think God dealt so harshly with Moses & Aaron?

*Prayer: Lord God, sometimes people make me upset, and sometimes things in my life do. Forgive me for not always being kind, patient, and thankful. Help me see how good, kind, and patient You are with me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 11-12 | READINGS 31-36

March 17-30

## 31. FIERY SERPENTS—Numbers 21:4-9

WEEK 11 | March 17-23

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ What are some things you do when bad things happen to you?
- ♦ How is the bronze serpent a preview of Jesus? (See John 3:14-15 & John 12:27-33)

## 32. JOSHUA BECOMES LEADER—Deuteronomy 31

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ Describe a time when you made a bad choice. Did bad things happen because of that choice? How about a time when you made a good choice. Did good things happen?
- ♦ Verse 6 is a great verse to memorize. Write it down & stick it somewhere you'll see it every day. How do you feel reading it?

*Prayer: God, thank You for raising up Joshua to lead the people of Israel. Thank You for raising up Jesus to lead us. Amen.*

## 33. THE DEATH OF MOSES—Deuteronomy 34

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ Who is the oldest person you know? How strong and healthy is he or she?
- ♦ Verse 10 says, "there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses". What made Moses so special? (Re-read verses 10-12)

*Prayer: Lord God, thank You for raising up Moses to free Your people from slavery. Thank You for raising Jesus to set us free from sin, death, and hell. Now raise me up to love other people and help them learn about Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 34. RAHAB HIDES THE SPIES—Joshua 2

WEEK 12 | March 24-30

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ What is the scariest thing you've ever done? What is the scariest thing you're going through now?
- ♦ Notice that God was with Rahab and preserved her life even though she was not an Israelite. Who do you know who may not be a believer? How can God use you to reach out to them with the forgiveness of sins in Jesus?

*Prayer: Lord God, Your powerful deeds made the people of Jericho tremble in fear. Thank You that we don't need to be afraid of You, because Jesus, our Savior, took our place on the cross. Help us tell others about His great love. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 35. ISRAEL ENTERS THE PROMISED LAND—Joshua 3-4

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ Do you ever pick up seashells, rocks, or other things to take home to remind you of a wonderful place? How might you remember significant events when God was powerfully present in your life?
- ♦ How might God be our protector and shield in times of trouble, like He was for Israel?

*Prayer: Lord, You promise to always be with us. Keep me mindful of Your promises of grace, mercy, and peace. Amen.*

## 36. THE FALL OF JERICO—Joshua 6

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ When you were really little, where was your favorite place to hide when you were scared? Can you hide from God?
- ♦ Joshua 24:15 says, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." What do you think this would mean for your family?

*Prayer: Lord, no walls are thick enough to keep You out. Knock down all my walls. Come into my heart and guide me. I pray that You would be the Lord and Savior of my home. Keep my eyes fixed on Your promises and help me to be faithful to You. Amen.*

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly Minutes**

December 9, 2018

Opening Hymn #353, prayer/devotion by Pastor Bruner on 2 Thess.

Meeting called to order by President Ed Sergent at 1:30PM.

Moved and supported to accept the Voters' Minutes of October 14, 2018. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to accept new voting members: Derek Bassett and Jeff Yorke. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Vote on Constitution Change (Preamble). Readings 1 and 2 accomplished at Oct 2018 and December 2018 Voter's assembly.  
Moved and supported to accept. Motion carried. Refer to attachment A.

1st reading on new proposed by-laws for Trust & Investment.. Moved and supported to accept. Tabled to February meeting for vote. Motion carried. Refer to attachment B.

1st reading By-Law Para V.N. (Christian Care)

Moved and supported to accept with changes. Tabled to February meeting for vote.  
Motion carried. Refer to attachment C.

1st reading By-Law Para V.M. (Stephen Ministers)

Moved and supported to accept with changes. Tabled to February meeting for vote.  
Motion carried. Refer to attachment D.

### **New Business:**

#### **Results of 2018 Church Elections**

Vice President: Tim Keinath

Board of Elders: Glenn Brown, Steve Schultz, Keith Woolwine

Board of Education: Heather Petzold, Erin Schmandt

Board of Evangelism: Wayne Jaruzel, Heidi Woolwine

Board of Fellowship: Matt Singer, Katrina Wager

Board of Finance: Gloria LaPointe

Board of Social Concerns: Carrie Daenzer, April Ehrhardt

Board of Stewardship: David Ackerman, Gailan Reinert

Board of Trustees: Tim Daenzer, Arnold Petzold, David Wiacek

Salary & Personnel Committee: Shelley Shollack, Duane Weber, Jim Weber

Moved and supported to accept 2018 elections. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to destroy ballots. Motion carried.

#### **Appointments/Ratification of Evangelism and Stewardship**

Jeff Yorke (exp. 2020) appointed to Evangelism to replace Jan Snyder.

Derek Bassett (exp. 2020) and Denise Sherman (exp. 2019) appointed to vacant positions on Stewardship.

Moved and supported to accept the appointments. Motion carried.

Trust & Investment appointments: Dick Gladly, Michael Kern, Roger Wendt, Ed Keinath, Sue Fabbro

Moved and supported to accept the appointments. Motion carried.

Our congregation can nominate up to two candidates for Synodical President. Steve Kern recommends Matt Harrison and Larry Rast. Synodical Vice President nomination recommendations: Arthur Just and John Pless. Regional Vice President nomination recommendation: Patrick Ferry.

Moved and supported to accept the recommendations for President and Vice President. Motion carried.

### **Board Reports**

#### **Principal/Board of Ed -**

Children's Services are Dec. 19th & 24th.

Empty Bowls Dinner should be able to provide 33 families with a full dinner.

Advent Devotions are out.

New Saxon Math program is going well. Test scores for grades 3 & 5 are going up.

Donated PJs to the Saginaw Rescue Mission.

May need a second Pre-school teacher.

#### **Board of Elders -**

Moved and supported to accept the following membership changes:

Pastor Timothy and Patti Martinal transfer in from Our Redeemer, Wahoo, Nebraska. Motion carried.

Over 1000 people that have not been here in over five or more years. What do we do? Discussion varied from removing from our rosters (we pay for non-attending members) to never abandoning people. In the end, no actionable resolution was provided to the Elders for consideration.

(Continued on back.)



(Voters' Minutes Continued)

*Board of Evangelism -*

Visitor table in narthex has a gift for all visitors.  
Everyone invited to caroling on Dec. 15th & 16th.

*Board of Fellowship - No Report*

*Board of Finance - Diane Mills*

Moved and supported to accept the 2019 budget.  
Motion carried.

November Income: \$ 78,989.08; Expense: \$ 86,229.93

November Deficit: (\$ 7,240.85)

Fiscal Year 18-19 Surplus to date: \$ 50,273.60

Surplus to Date: \$ 32,859.97

Memorials/Designated balance: \$214,764.53

Mortgage Balance 11/30/18: \$ 623,949.21

Looking into changing our online giving to Kindred given Church Extension Fund is no longer subsidizing the costs associated with Vanco, our current online giving partner.

*Board of Social Concerns - No Report*

*Board of Stewardship - No Report*

*Board of Trustees -*

New electronic access added to Childcare door and safe room.

Repairs to air conditioner, boiler, walk-in cooler.

Need to replace fire alarm, floor in Parish Hall, and change lights to LED throughout building.

*Salary & Personnel - No Report*

*Trust & Investment - No Report*

*Associate / Administrative Pastors - Combined Report*

**Shut-in** Visitation for October and November:

2x = 3

1x = 19

0 = 8 (6 unable to reach)

Attended Church = 5

35 shutins

Visited one additional member who will be added to the list for the winter months.

**Hospital** contacts in November = 4

Have left messages for Mike Derscha to learn what we could do to assist him as a result of his recent hospitalization.

**Confirmation** - Adult Confirmation is set for December 9<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate 5-6 to be confirmed.

**Advent** Theme: "The Holiday Spirit" Week 1) "The Holiday Spirit" preceding Christmas and week 2) "The Holiday Spirit" all year long.

**Evangelism advertisement** - Timbers Golf course score card with QR to Website. Continue to fine tune the landing site with information that will help guide visitors to specific areas of our website. This landing site will allow us to count how many visits we get and whether the advertisement was worth the cost.

**Bible reading** in 2019 - Preparing plan to encourage reading the Bible in 2019. We are approaching the Minnesota District for their material on 125 Biblical narratives with discussion questions.

**Learning about Membership** - The pastors and principal have been discussing using a book called "I am a Church Member." It provides Biblical encouragement for members to be engaged or actively serving within the church rather than expecting to be served.

Mat Ayotte is still taking steps toward the **Specific Ministry Pastor** program.

**Youth ministry** - Pastor Bruner has been an Assistant Coach for the girls' B basketball team. Pastor Martinal has been attending the SPL games and also youth activities to foster relationships.

**LEAP** - is investigating a possible health plan group through Concordia Plans

**Christmas in the Village** - MMA hosted living nativity and gave away activity books and devotional books to children and adults. Several of our members helped to be Mary, Joseph and a shepherd. The MMA is also working on acquiring a new nativity set for the downtown area. There has been around \$2,500 - \$2,700 donated so far toward the set.

**Mission statement application** - There have been several members in worship that have not attended for some time. Perhaps the Mission moment and prayer card is working. People are praying, inviting and God is answering the prayers. A **letter** is set to be mailed to all members inviting them to participate in our mission.

Tidbit: The bulk mailing permit has been an issue. Would it be just as simple to pay first class for these letters instead of paying the bulk permit fee and then the postage for this particular mailing?

Closed with the common doxology.

Moved and supported to adjourn at 3:12PM.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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# Monthly Messenger

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difficulty in every opportunity;  
the optimist see the  
opportunity in every difficulty.  
Where do you stand?*