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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

August 2013

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli



A Message from Pastor Bruner

*The August Messenger is
sponsored in memory of Noel
Deornellas from his family.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Life is busy and can be complicated. That is why I continue to focus your attention on God. There are many ways people try to connect with God. The simplest solution is to seek God and listen to what He has to say to you by reading His Word (the Bible) daily. Discover how easy it can be to fit the reading schedule provided each month in this Messenger into your busy life. As you spend time reading God's Word, the wisdom and guidance provided will simplify life into what really matters. We learn, from the lives of others in the Bible, that our relationship with God is what really matters and that Jesus Christ provides the answers to our most difficult questions.

Here are two brief applications from some of the recent readings from the Daily Lectionary.

Judges 2 God will not wipe out (or weed out) all the bad in life, but He allows people and issues to be a test of our faithfulness. There are some controversial topics facing our country right now. As we read the book of Judges, we find that God helped His people who trusted Him in the face of struggles. God may not remove our challenges and conflicts of life, but He can be trusted to rescue us in His own time and way. Even when we are influenced to be like the culture, God calls us back through repentance to the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1 There are many "voices" speaking to us their opinions and solutions. Even inside the Christian community, people tell us what we should be doing. The Gospel is the good news that God has done the work for us through Jesus Christ. God is pleased when we devote ourselves to the work of His

kingdom. For the times we fail to do what pleases Him, He offers us grace through the one who came to save us from our sinful lives. Living in Jesus Christ each day is a combination of being restored through grace, because we continue to sin, and being empowered to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Our good works are not how we are saved, but a grateful response to the truth that we are saved through Jesus.

Starting in September there will be an additional opportunity to meet for a group Bible study. This will be on a weekday. The focus of this study will be what can be learned from the Daily Lectionary readings. I hope to utilize the many helpful resources that are provided in "The Lutheran Study Bible." I am asking you to consider attending this Bible study if your schedule allows.

Recently I saw a picture of a school of fish all going the same direction. Have you ever seen a school of fish swimming together as "one body" even when they change directions? I hope that St. Paul Lutheran will be like a school of fish and swim together in the same direction. I also hope that through His Word, God will help us change directions to avoid what threatens us and to keep on the course that brings us closer to Him.

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

Pastor James R. Bruner
1 John 4:10-11

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

✠ **Word – God Speaks to Us** (from the Lutheran spirituality Series) - Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library. Do Lutheran Christians have spirituality? Indeed they do! This adult Bible study series explores the rich depths of a distinctively Lutheran spirituality that begins in Baptism and is founded upon God's Word. The Word of God communicates not merely spiritual energies, an emotional high, a method of reasoning, or a stringent morality, but truly Jesus Christ Himself – God in human flesh. Learn about what God has done and continues to do for us through His Word.

Musical Opportunities

Worship Team
Wednesdays at 6PM

Praise Team
Thursdays at 6:15PM



August Scripture Readings

August 4th

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14, 2:18-26

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 11th

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-16

Luke 12:22-34

August 18th

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Hebrews 11:17-31(32-40), 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

August 25th

Isaiah 66:18-23

Hebrews 12:4-29 (25-29)

Luke 13:22-30

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

I would like to offer an open invitation to all the men of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School (bring your friends too!) to study God's Word on the first Saturday of every month. We meet at 7:30AM in the school library and have a casual, laid back atmosphere as we explore God's Word and enjoy doughnuts, milk, and coffee. We are focusing on Heroes of the Faith. We pray that you may commit this small amount of time to God, knowing how hectic all of our calendars tend to be. Please come and check it out to see how exciting studying God's Word can be. I have listed heroes we will be studying starting on Sept. 7th through the end of the calendar year. - David Kaiser

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hero of the Faith</u>	<u>Please Review This Scripture for Class</u>
Sept. 7, 2013	Nicodemus	Chapters 3, 7, and 19 of the Gospel of John
**Oct. 12, 2013	Canaanite Woman	Matthew 15 and Mark 7
Nov. 2, 2013	Ethiopian Eunuch	Acts 8
Dec. 7, 2013	Melchizedek	Genesis 14 and Hebrews 7 & 8
Jan. 4, 2014	Elisha	II Kings 2, 4, 5, 13; Luke 17; John 6
Feb. 1, 2014	The Archangel Gabriel	Daniel 9 and Luke 1
Mar. 1, 2014	Simeon & Anna	Luke 2
Apr. 5, 2014	The Poor Widow	Luke 21 and Mark 12
May 3, 2014	Thomas	John 20
June 7, 2014	Adam & Eve	Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Genesis

****Please note this study will be held on the second Saturday so that all the men would be able to volunteer their services for the Fall Festival.**

If there is a reason you need to miss a Bible study, we operate the study so that you will not be behind if you miss one week.

Calendar of Events

Karate

Tuesdays from 5-8 in the Parish Hall.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30 -8:30PM in the Council Room. For more information contact Gary 989-710-6637.

Millington Old Fashioned Days Festival

August 7th-11th

Please come and show your support at our St. Paul food booths.

Dorcas LWIM Bake Sale

Fri., Aug. 9th

Please bring your baked goods in front of Klutter Bug Antiques (the old Henderson Drug Store) by 8:30AM.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Fri., August 16th

Coaches Meeting

Mon., August 19th at 6:30pm

Parent Meeting

of students playing any sport at St. Paul
August 19th at 7pm

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Wed., August 21st at 7:30PM.
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

St. Paul School Open House

Tues., August 27th from 3-8PM

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tues., August 27th at 7PM

This is an important informational meeting for all parents of 8th grade and public school Confirmation students. Please make every effort to attend.

MILLINGTON FALL FESTIVAL



St. Paul Lutheran
Church & School
4941 Center St. Millington, MI 48746

Fri., Oct. 4 & Sat., Oct. 5, 2013
9:00AM – 5:00PM

Concessions Available Both Days

Fish Fry both days

(Take outs available) Friday 10AM-7PM,
Sat. 10AM-5PM

Cast Iron Bean Soup Friday & Saturday
Breakfast Saturday Morning 7-10AM

Activities & Events:



Antique Tractors

Hit & Miss Engines

Rope Making Shingle Mill

Barrel Train Rides Petting Zoo

Crafting Kids Games Food Booth

Unique Pumpkins/Gourds

Agricultural Displays Bake Sale

Carved Pumpkin Contest Judging Saturday

Jam & Jelly Contest Judging Saturday

Pie Contest & Auction Judging Saturday

Music & Entertainment Daily

Crafter space available: \$20.00 (outside)
\$30.00 (inside)

Supply own table and chairs

**If you have any questions or would like to
participate please call:**

St. Paul School Office 989-871-4581 ext. 4

Elaine Bickel at 989-737-7247 or

Diane Leach at 989-871-2634

Email: school.office@spmill.org

Miscellaneous / Memorials

Vacation Bible School **Go Tell it on the Mountain.....**

A Special thank you to EVERYONE involved in VBS this year. We averaged 135 kids on a daily basis this year, and had students attend from preschool to 8th grade. We also had about 35 helpers on a daily basis to run VBS.

This year, we challenged the students to have "perfect attendance." They were so excited to come to come on a daily basis, and the support by parents was fantastic!!!! The students also received prizes on the last day for attendance.

Because of your generosity this year, our expenses covered by the General Budget for VBS were only \$250.00. This included our "Friday Fun Day" with a bounce house and ice-cream!

Last year, we spent around \$1,400.00 after donations. We could not have done this without all your help, donations, contributions, and support!!!

A special thanks to the following workers: Story-tellers, Bible Challengers, Crafts, Snacks, Games, Room Leaders, Room Guides, Puppets, Song Leaders, and everyone who just "showed up and helped in any way!!!"

A special thank you to Pastor Abatelli for helping with the Opening and Closing Message, Youth, Puppets, and everything else he did to make this week successful.

Again, thank you for love, blessings and support. We would LOVE to have even more people participate next year. Please let the office know if you would like to help us out next year!

Blessings and Peace,
Karen Bruner

2013 VBS Workers:

Pastor Abatelli, Sarah Kester, Melissa Boesler, Katie Abatelli, Bonnie Wittum, Laura Gleim, Corey Daenzer, Jacob Hecht, Jackie Stewart, Jesse Stewart, Kelly Crittenden, Breck Kinsey, Shirley Snyder, Becky Dalton, Danielle DeOrnellas, Amy Baldwin, Shirley Petzold, Denise Hoard, Heidi Tyree and friend, Julie Rude, Sandy Fackler, Heather Petzold, Celeste Ketels, Eunice Peche, Lisa Rodammer, Susan Klauer, Erika Kaiser, Nancy Wilson, Emily DeOrnellas, Katherine DeOrnellas, Madison Ill, Maylynne Wager, Christy Ostrander, Audrey Brown, Aurelia Brown, Brian Wilson, Justin Allen, Evan Hoard, Kathy Ill, Logan Wirsing, Sandy Schmidt, Bethany Daenzer, Debbie Beckman, Khierra Beckman, Jason Keinath, Alex Rueger, Elizabeth Zeck, Olivia Zeck, Matt Blue, Roger Leach, Bill Weber, Stacey Force, Terri Jo Keinath, Diane Leach, Pam Maas and anyone we may have forgotten. You are all appreciated!

August 2013 **MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS**

IN HONOR OF Erna Reinert's birthday General Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Herman and Katherine Klee General Fund	\$500.00
IN HONOR OF Dale Peche's birthday LCMS World Relief	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Arden June General Fund	\$70.00
Jack Shreve Scholarship Fund	\$50.00
St. Paul Christian Care Committee	\$200.00
IN MEMORY OF Ella Husted Building Fund	\$150.00
IN MEMORY OF Marlett Grueber General Fund	\$25.00
IN MEMORY OF Ralph VanWormer General Fund	\$25.00

Congratulations on Your Upcoming Wedding



*August 10th
Michelle Russell & Doug Bender*

Special Thanks

A special "Thank You" goes to Karen Bruner for all her work in organizing and preparing for Vacation Bible School. We couldn't have done it without you and you are appreciated!!



More Spiritual News

Fall Bible Sale

Concordia Publishing House is having a Bible sale for a limited time. Discounts on:

- The Lutheran Study Bible
- Concordia Self-Study Bible
- Concordia's Complete Bible Handbook
- The Story Bible
- and More!

If interested, indicate your choice of Bible, name and phone number on the sheet on the glass case in the narthex by Fri., Sept. 13th. We will let you know the total amount due with shipping when we place the order. If questions, please call the church office.

Meetings

Council Wed., Aug. 7th at 7:30PM

Stephen Ministry Mon., August 12th at 7PM

Trustees Sun., Aug. 18th at 7PM

Elders Wed., Aug. 28th at 7:30PM

Bible Marking

We mark Bibles during the summer months Fridays at 9AM. Everyone is welcome to meet in the church and help.

Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like to receive a visit and/or be placed on the prayer list, please notify the church office as soon as you can. The hospitals do not always notify us due to HIPA/privacy laws.

Christmas in July?

It's never too early to start thinking about Advent Devotions. If you have an idea or story, it can be submitted at any time. Please email to Laura at laura.gleim@stpaul-millington.org.

Health Kits

Dorcas is gathering items for **Health Kits**. Needed: 16 toothbrushes, 14 shampoo, 5 bar soap, 23 combs, 18 toothpaste, 47 emery boards, 11 deodorant. NOT NEEDED: Band-Aids, washcloths or plastic bags.



The Lutheran Hour

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

August 4th

"What Is Important?" - Luke 12:13-21
Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege

August 11th

"Holy Identity Theft" - Genesis 15:1-6
Rev. Matt Hoffmann

August 18th

"For the Joy" - Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

August 25th

"Enrolled in Heaven"
Rev. Dalter A. Maier III

Broadcast Guide

Sundays at 7:30AM WMPC 1230 AM

Sundays at 8:30AM WSAM 1400 AM

Sundays at 10AM KAWZ 89.3 FM

Sundays at 12PM WRDT 560 AM

For a complete listing, go to lhm.org, click on "Our Ministries" and click on "Lutheran Hour."

If anyone would like to support "The Lutheran Hour" mission outreach program, please mail your payments to: Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour, PO Box 133, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

Opportunities to Serve and Volunteer

Carpet Installation

If anyone would like to donate their time and talent by installing carpet in the room across from the church office, please call the church office 871-4581. The room is 12 x 16. Thank you!

Servant Hours

Attention all students needing servant hours—or anyone who just wants to volunteer their time: We will be cleaning the classroom chairs and could use lots of help. If interested, please show up to the school on Mon., August 5th at 9AM. Any help would be greatly appreciated!



August Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Kenneth Damm	8/1	Janet Love	8/10	Cynthia Jensen	8/17	Alicia Griesing	8/25
Susan Figgins	8/1	Brandi Murphy	8/10	Megan Russell	8/17	Adam Jacobs	8/25
Micheal Harrington	8/1	Jason Smith	8/10	Bethany Severn	8/17	David Lyons	8/25
Jody Hunt	8/1	Kathleen ILL	8/11	Kendall Steepe	8/17	Rylie Mills	8/25
Neil Kabat	8/1	Kenneth ILL	8/11	Patricia Wahl	8/17	Emma Mitchell	8/25
Sharon Mitchell	8/1	Timothy Keinath	8/11	Tori Duve	8/18	Michael Reinert	8/25
Olga Nims	8/1	Brayden Rondo	8/11	Jeffrey ILL	8/18	Matthew Blue	8/26
Richard O'Connor	8/1	Felicia Ball	8/12	Alyson Jacobs	8/18	Ryan Damm	8/26
Easton Ruppel	8/1	Kay Horning	8/12	Hayden Rader	8/19	Janel Dues	8/26
Kellie Sherman	8/1	Jessica Lenk	8/12	Ronald Schiefer	8/19	John Hergenreder	8/26
Patrick Allen	8/2	Carolyn Petzold	8/12	Kevin Adelberg	8/20	Thomas Keinath	8/26
Jeremy Frahm	8/2	Matthew Singer	8/12	Courtney Baker	8/20	Laura Oliver	8/26
Aubrie Laplow	8/2	Steven Titsworth	8/12	Susie Balcom	8/20	Teresa Powell	8/26
Charles Michael	8/2	Karen White	8/12	Rosanna Grzebinski	8/20	Kaiden Reinert	8/26
Amanda Roth	8/2	Gary Woelzlein II	8/12	Nikolas Jensen	8/20	Mark Reinert	8/26
Marlene Wilson	8/2	Patricia Ziegler	8/12	Easten Myers	8/20	Emmitt Stiff	8/26
Jeremy Colman	8/3	Kelsey Howay	8/13	Kayla Osborn	8/20	Daniel Weber	8/26
Alexis Reinert	8/3	Wanda Johnson	8/13	Alicia Rosebush	8/20	Aryha Hecht	8/27
Evan Reinert	8/3	Erin Schmandt	8/13	Heidi Tyree	8/20	Eric Heuchert	8/27
Beverly Wanamaker	8/3	Bryan St. Onge	8/13	Erica Johnson	8/21	Vicky Petzold	8/27
Joshua Bailey	8/4	Dale Todd	8/13	Jacob Koch	8/21	Charles Turner	8/27
Stephen Ley	8/4	Brynn Bearss	8/14	Teresa Malace	8/21	Hailey Brown	8/28
Bradley Nielson	8/4	Kathryn DeOrnellas	8/14	John Mallard	8/21	Tina Dale	8/28
Francis Rosebush	8/4	Shelly DuRussel	8/14	Matthew McGraw	8/21	Gary Lince	8/28
Brenda Ruppel	8/4	Victor Fabbro	8/14	Tyler White	8/21	Kathryn Pennington	8/28
Jean Skank	8/4	Stacey Force	8/14	Michael Aguirre	8/22	Andrew Rogers	8/28
Larry Beagle	8/5	Heath Keinath	8/14	Lindsey Allen	8/22	Paul Schoenknecht	8/28
Jon Carnet	8/5	Timothy Kern	8/14	Drake Carlyon	8/22	Amy Viano	8/28
Nathan Dalton	8/5	Aaron Reinbold	8/14	Emma Dalton	8/22	Justen Witmer	8/28
Matthew Grulke	8/5	Hannah Sergent	8/14	Jacob ILL	8/22	John Barnum	8/29
Lorie Keinath	8/5	Beverly Baldwin	8/15	Alexander Johnson	8/22	Mary Davison	8/29
William Sherman	8/5	Norman Brueggemann Jr.	8/15	Andria Kern	8/22	Nicholas Ewing	8/29
Garret Woodward	8/5	Donna Duranseau	8/15	Masen O'Neil	8/22	Jeffrey Higgins	8/29
Andrew Conrad	8/6	Stephanie Hanlin	8/15	Mark Rude	8/22	Julie Keinath	8/29
Ronald Schnell	8/7	Kathryn Matzke	8/15	Kenneth Sebert	8/22	Terry Keinath	8/29
Alexandria Sergent	8/7	Lisa Mohr	8/15	Penny Younger	8/22	Vincent McCurdy	8/29
Thomas Shufelt	8/7	Heather Selich	8/15	Danielle Fritz	8/23	Diane Selich	8/29
Keith Brown	8/8	Charles Daenzer	8/16	John Sergent	8/23	Connie Singer	8/29
Bonnie Fall	8/8	Roy Kauer	8/16	Mary Sutton	8/23	Geraldine Stange	8/29
Adam Knoll	8/8	Judith Kolaja	8/16	Michael Albert	8/24	Kathryn Abatelli	8/30
Andrew Lugg	8/8	Maureen Kralik	8/16	Brandon David	8/24	Kathleen Badgley	8/30
Cassie Allard	8/9	Alyssa Okorowski	8/16	Madilyn Draper	8/24	Carol Bannerman	8/30
Alicia Bellows	8/9	Collin Paquette	8/16	Troy Dues	8/24	Dawn Devereaux	8/30
Dale Hanlin	8/9	Ashton Porter	8/16	Jonathon Hoard	8/24	Edward Hunt	8/30
Diane Prusi	8/9	Malachi Wager	8/16	Allison Klauer	8/24	Pamela ILL	8/30
James Stratton	8/9	Mason Wolfington	8/16	Lori Reinert	8/24	Jason Jones	8/30
Haley Turner	8/9	Lisa Daenzer	8/17	Scott Reinert	8/24	Hunter White	8/30
Katherine Werner	8/9	Shannon Decker	8/17	Jodi Williams	8/24	Jason Hiles	8/31
Jeremy Kern	8/10	Gerald Gross	8/17	Joann Woelzlein	8/24	Larna Peterson	8/31
Garry Knapp	8/10	Jennifer Herrick	8/17	Jake Finatri	8/25	Travis Schiefer	8/31
						Peyton Woolwine	8/31

***God's Richest Blessings
on Your Birthday!***

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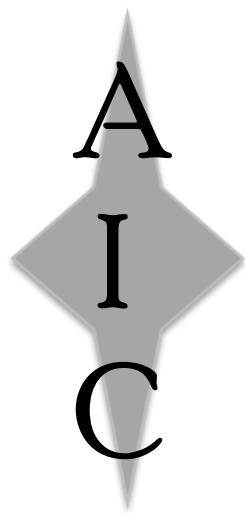
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Adult Instruction Class



Do you have questions about the Bible, the world, suffering, right and wrong, forgiveness, the purpose for your life?

Get answers, as we look at the myths about Christ and His teachings, and explore the truth about them in our **Adult Instruction Class**. We will provide a study booklet, "Luther's Small Catechism" and a Bible if you need one.

Dates: September 8th to January 5th

Time: 9:45AM

Interested? Please call our office at 989-871-4581 ext. 3, to prepare materials at no cost to you. After finishing the classes, if you desire, you can become a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Confirmation will be Sunday, January 12, 2014.

We look forward to seeing you!

Meet Our Newest Members



New Member Welcome St. Paul Lutheran Church June 2, 2013

From left to right:

Pastor James Bruner, Michael Schreiber and Marv & Dorothy Schreiber of Birch Run; Heidi Tyree of Vassar with husband, Gary and children, Jordan & Katelyn; Russell & Heather Hayden of Otisville and children, Patrick, Caitlyn & Annabelle (since then baby Benjamin has been added to their family); Bryan Wilson of Vassar and Pastor Kirk Abatelli (absent from picture: Fred & Sheri Erlenbeck of Millington)

August 2013 -- DAILY LECTIONARY

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST -- This season begins the day after Pentecost, and ends with midday prayer on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.

The Sundays of this time of the Church Year are known as Sundays after Pentecost. Picking up on Pentecost as the season of growth, the Sundays after Pentecost are often referred to as the Green Sundays. It is during this season that the Readings focus on the teachings of the Lord for the Church. We hear Jesus teaching his disciples and healing the faithful. [p. xi, A Year With the Church Fathers]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2013 -- DAILY LECTIONARY LSB P. 299-304 Psalm selections from: A Year With the Church Fathers				1 1 Sam. 17:1-19 Acts 26:1-23 Ps. 70; 75	2 1 Sam. 17:20-47 Acts 26:24-27:8 Ps. 71:1-8; 98	3 Joanna, Mary, & Salome 1 Sam. 17:48--18:9 Acts 27:9-26 Ps. 68
4 11 th S. a. Pent. 1 Sam. 18:10-30 Acts 27:27-44 Ps. 56	5 1 Sam. 19:1-24 Acts 28:1-15 Ps. 21	6 1 Sam. 20:1-23 Acts 28:16-31 Ps. 92	7 1 Sam. 20:24-42 1 Cor. 1:1-25 Ps. 144	8 1 Sam. 24:1-22 1 Cor. 1:26-2:16 Ps. 62	9 1 Sam. 25:1-22 1 Cor. 3:1-23 Ps. 94	10 1 Sam. 25:23-44 1 Cor. 4:1-21 Ps. 14; 53
11 12 th S. a. Pent. 1 Sam. 26:1-25 1 Cor. 5:1-13 Ps. 51	12 1 Sam. 28:3-25 1 Cor. 6:1-20 Ps. 99	13 1 Sam. 31:1-13 1 Cor. 7:1-24 Ps. 68	14 2 Sam. 1:1-27 1 Cor. 7:25-40 Ps. 33	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord 2 Sam. 5:1-25 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Ps. 132	16 Isaac 2 Sam. 6:1-19 1 Cor. 9:1-23 Ps. 11; 84	17 Johann Gerhard, Theologian 2 Sam. 7:1-17 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22 Ps. 24
18 13 th S. a. Pent. 2 Sam. 7:18-29 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16 Ps. 107:1-9; 106:1-5	19 2 Sam. 11:1-27 1 Cor. 11:17-34 Ps. 12; 22:14-21	20 Samuel 2 Sam. 12:1-25 1 Cor. 12:1-13 Ps. 51	21 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35 1 Cor. 12:14-31 Ps. 139	22 1 Kings 2:1-27 1 Cor. 13:1-13 Ps. 97	23 1 Kings 3:1-15 2 Cor. 1:1-22 Ps. 111:1-3, 9-10; 49	24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle 1 Kings 5:1-18 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17 Ps. 27
25 14 th S. a. Pent. 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 2 Cor. 3:1-18 Ps. 32	26 1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63 2 Cor. 4:1-18 Ps. 36	27 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13 2 Cor. 5:1-21 Ps. 72	28 Augustine of Hippo 1 Kings 11:1-26 2 Cor. 6:1-18 Ps. 48	29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 1 Kings 11:42-12:19 2 Cor. 7:1-16 Ps. 17	30 1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34 2 Cor. 8:1-24 Ps. 29:1-4, 10-11; 75	31 1 Kings 16:29-17:24 2 Cor. 9:1-15 Ps. 68:15-20; 70

To help you gain insight from the readings, use the acronym I.T.C.P. Each letter stands for Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession, and Prayer. Read the Bible and ask what does God want to teach or **Instruct** you through this passage? For what can you give **Thanks** to God based on this text? What can you **Confess** based on this text? Now **Pray** based upon this Scripture reading.

Family Spiritual Growth Night

What is the Family Spiritual Growth Night?

This is a night where you and your family get to enjoy an evening of FREE food, wonderful fellowship, listen to a talented speaker and have the opportunity to grow spiritually and spend time talking to God and each other, which is priceless.

We ask that you fill out the form below and turn it in to the School Office so that we can plan ahead and have enough materials for everyone!

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Gleim at 989-871-4581.

Dinner Reservations For

The _____ Family

For Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 P.M.

at St. Paul Lutheran!

Please **RETURN** form by Monday, September 16th.

We need to know exact numbers (as much as possible), so please make this your official commitment. We hope to see you all there.

The people in our family who will be attending are: (Please list names)

MENU: Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Carrot Sticks and Ranch Dip, Chips, & Lemonade

Please indicate your best guess as to how many hot dogs and sloppy joes your family will be eating.

_____ Sloppy Joes
(Please indicate number your family is likely to eat.)

_____ Koegel's Hotdogs (with SKINS) in buns
(Please indicate number your family is likely to eat.)

_____ Koegel's Hotdogs (WITHOUT skins) in buns
(Please indicate number your family is likely to eat.)

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Our family will not be able to participate.

Inspirational Corner / Heritage in Motion

Family Prayer Time

(God is in the Small Stuff for your Family)

Most people would say they pray, and most would agree that prayer is effective. But how many of us would believe that prayer is a powerful way to bring our families closer to each other, as well as closer to God?

When you were young, your parents told you to "say your prayers." You probably learned to say a prayer like, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep." Maybe your family had a certain prayer for meals, or you learned the Lord's Prayer in church. There's nothing wrong with saying those kinds of prayers. They help establish the habit of prayer.

But rather than simply memorizing prayers to recite at meals, in church, and before bed, why not develop a family prayer time when everyone gets to participate? Take the initiative in this area by explaining to your family what prayer really is: talking to God. Prayer is thanking God for His involvement in the details of each of your lives. Of course, to discover what those details are, you have to talk to each other first. Before you pray as a family, share what God is doing in your life and ask other family members to do the same.

Prayer is also asking God to work in those areas where you feel vulnerable. In your family, those areas probably include school, work, and relationships. Maybe there are some small things in your family that need to be brought to God in prayer, things you should be dealing with. He's interested in all of them, and He longs to hear you talk to Him about them.

When you first talk as a family about the things you're going to pray about, you end up talking about important stuff. Small stuff and big stuff. Stuff that matters to others in the family. Stuff that matters to you.

The simple exercise of praying together regularly as a family will do more to strengthen your family than anything else you could do together. "The family that prays together stays together" is more than a nice saying; it's the truth.

Heritage in Motion Final report to congregation

First and foremost, the Board of Stewardship would like to thank everyone who helped the program in any way. Many people worked on many committees to help make this program happen. Without their assistance, this program would have never happened.

We shared church statistics from years ago. In 1945 our church had 360 members and their average annual church attendance per each member was 44 services. We compared that to current statistics that indicate in 2011 our church had 1,880 members and our average annual church attendance per member had dropped to 13 services.

Early in the program those who volunteered to serve on committees of the program pledged to attend 47 services per year. Later in the program the entire congregation was asked to pledge the number of services they would attend per year. 285 members did pledge to be in attendance 42 weeks per year.

The congregation was also asked to commit to service opportunities within the congregation. 351 members volunteered to serve the congregation in 1039 service activities. That was an average of just under 3 activities per person of those choosing to respond.

The service opportunity volunteer names have been given to each organization. The leaders of those groups will be contacting those who are new volunteers as soon as possible.

We wish to thank the entire congregation for their participation in the program. The Board of Stewardship will be working on ways to keep the program moving forward within the congregation.

We can complain because
rose bushes have thorns,
Or rejoice because
thorn bushes have roses!
-Abraham Lincoln



August Schedule



Acolytes

3	7:30PM		Mason Lugg
4	8:30AM		Justin & Joshua Allen
4	11AM		ReAnna Hecht
10	7:30PM		Ericka White & Brian
11	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
11	11AM		Corey Daenzer & Tim
17	7:30PM		
18	8:30AM		Sydney & Dustin Bishop
18	11AM		Jakob & Lukas Selich
24	7:30PM		Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
25	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
25	11AM		Shane & Owen Reinig

Greeters

First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy Ill
	11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims
Second Sunday	8:30AM	
	11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
	11:00AM	Anna Tuttle
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
	11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

Ushers

8:30AM	TEAM A	Captain	Phil Gordon	Larry Petzold
		Assistant	Ron Johnson	Peter Shollack
			John Keinath	Chris Smith
			Kerry Koch	Gerry Smith
			James Kribs	Gerry Smith II
			James Petzold	Jason Smith
				Andrew Weber
11AM	TEAM A	Captain	Dick Gross	Seth Keinath
		Assistant	Arnold Petzold	Tom Keinath
			Steve Holmes	Mike O'Hearn
			Derrick (Kip) Keinath	Phil Petzold
				Mathew Slough

7:30PM

Jeffrey Yorke - Captain, Chad Fackler, Marc Keinath

Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte	Ted & Katrina Wager
Ron & Ruth Mieske	Rod & Nancy Wilson
Ed & Marcia Keinath	

Altar Guild

7:30PM - Vickie Albert
8:30AM - Sonja Russell
11AM - Betty DeOrnellas
Melissa Keinath



Youth News

4:12 Youth Ministry August Events

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1st Timothy 4:12

Junior High & High School Ministry

TUESDAY, August 6th 6:30-8:30pm

Artist: Hawk Nelson

Song: A Million Miles Away

You can be your own worst enemy when dealing with your sin. God has forgiven you; don't let satan bring in doubt about your forgiveness!

TUESDAY, August 13th 6:30-8:30pm

Artist: I AM EMPIRE

Song: Tell Me Mirror

Mirrors reflect our outer appearance; an appearance that we may not like to look at or don't think we are worth anything. That same mirror does not reflect all of who God made us to be. God made us who we are and He doesn't make junk.

TUESDAY, August 20th 6:30-8:30pm

Artist: Jars of Clay

Song: Headphones

God's Word to us contains Law and Gospel, and we tend to have headphones on for both. We (according to the sinful flesh) don't want to hear about our sins, even though they are destroying our lives and our neighbors' lives; we don't want to hear about forgiveness because we'd rather go on thinking we did it right ourselves. We need to be listening to both, and hearing clearly.

August 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 6:15PM Praise Team	2	3 6:30PM Bible Study 7:30PM Worship
4 8:30AM Worship+C 9:45AM Bible Study 11AM Worship	5	6 5-8PM Karate 6:30-8:30PM Youth 7:30PM AA	7 6PM Worship Team 7:30PM Council	8 <div> <i>Old Fashioned Festival - Please Support Our Fish & Hot Dog Booths</i> </div> 6:15PM Praise Team	9 9AM Dorcas Bake Sale	10 <i>Guest Preacher Rev. Brandt</i> 2PM Wedding Michelle Russell Doug Bender 7:30PM Worship+C
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18 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study 11AM Worship Contemporary 7PM Trustees	19 <div> <i>Pastoral Planning Retreat</i> </div> 6:30PM Coaches Meeting 7PM Sports Parent Meeting	20 5-8PM Karate 6:30-8:30PM Youth 7:30PM AA	21 6PM Worship Team 7:30PM Voters'	22 6:15PM Praise Team	23	24 7:30PM Worship+C
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