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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

April 2014

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

A Message from Pastor Bruner

*The April Messenger is sponsored
in memory of Michael Petzold
from his family.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Christian Faith,

Numerous people have been asking me about the recent movies with Biblical themes. My response is: "How accurate to the Bible are they?" "Is the producer trying to share the Word of God or get more money from your pocket?" These movies can influence faith, but we need to ask what are we being encouraged to believe?

What you and I believe will remain constant if the object of our faith remains constant. Our faith will change if the object of our faith changes (as some movies alter the original text and its meaning).

The source for what we believe is the Word of God and what it reveals about Jesus the Christ. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings" (Heb. 13:8-9). Remain focused on Christ and our faith will not change. When we take our *eyes of faith* off Jesus and His Word, our faith will change and not for the better.

These movies are only one area of life that should be filtered, so we can discern what is true from what we see and hear. Every day we are challenged to focus on Jesus or something else. That is why the Bible warns Christians to be on guard.

"Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you" 1 Tim. 6:20-21.

"What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us" 2 Tim. 1:13-14.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love" 1 Cor. 16:13-14.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Phil. 4:6-7.

What is my advice? Read the Bible for the truth. Compare what is being presented as truth with what is written. Read the Bible so that God the Holy Spirit can help your faith grow in Jesus the Christ and what He did for us on the cross and through His Easter resurrection. Now that I have brought up the resurrection, I am aware of two TV shows that are titled "Resurrection" and "Believe." I wonder how close these will be to what is taught in the Bible? *No, not really.* Movies, TV shows and whatever else may bring a creative perspective, but ultimately, we rely on what God's Word says.

Read the true story of Jesus' death and resurrection in the Bible. God has provided all the details we need. Happy Easter to you.

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

Pastor Bruner
1 John 4:10-11

He Is Risen!

Alleluia!!



Spiritual News

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

Inviting Community – Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library.

Lutheranism 101 - Holy Baptism - Led by David Kaiser in the Computer Lab Saturday evenings and Sundays.

Daring to Walk as Christ's Disciples – Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Projects Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Daily Lectionary Bible Study - Led by Pastor Bruner on Wednesday mornings in the Council Room.

Thursday Morning Parenting Class

Have a New Kid by Friday – Led by Paul Schoenknecht in the 5th grade classroom Thursdays from 8:15-9AM.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

All men (bring your friends too!) are invited to study God's Word on Sat., April 5th at 7:30AM in the school library with your fellow brothers in Christ. We are focusing on ***Heroes of the Faith*** and have a casual, laid back atmosphere as we explore God's Word and enjoy doughnuts, milk, and coffee. While we are reflecting on the poor widow, please remember to read Luke, chapter 21 and Mark, chapter 12. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, we will learn how the actions of the poor widow reflect her faith in God's abundant grace. We will grow to understand that where our money is there our hearts are also. We will contrast the poor widow with the wealthy Pharisees. Finally, we will understand that our actions proclaim what is in our hearts, just as loudly as any words we say.

Musical Opportunities

Worship Band

Mon., April 14th & 28th at 5PM



Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6PM

Choir

Wed., April 23rd & 30th at 6:53PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM



April Scripture Readings

April 6th

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-45

April 13th

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:12-19

April 20th

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

April 27th

Acts 5:29-42

I Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., April 1st at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., April 2nd at 8PM

Board of Education

Tues., April 8th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., April 14th & 28th at 7PM

Dorcas

Tues., April 22nd at 6:30PM

Elders

Wed., April 23rd at 7:30PM

Trustees

Sun., April 27th at 6PM

New Member Welcome

Please join us as we welcome our newest St. Paul members on Sun., April 6th at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall.

Adult Confirmation

Sun., April 6th in the 11AM service

Lutheran Study Bibles

Need a gift idea for confirmation, birthdays, etc? **Lutheran Study Bibles** are available in the church office for \$45.00.

Calendar of Events

Public School Confirmation Classes

Mondays at 7PM in the Library

Quilting

Tuesdays from 12-3PM in the Parish Hall
Please continue to donate new or used items such as: sheets, light weight blankets, jeans, material, thread, etc. No experience is necessary to come and help!! We cut squares, put together World Relief quilts, and tie off quilts on the rack. We also have squares to be sewn and material to be cut at home. If questions, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

Zumba

Tuesdays at 6:15PM in the Pariah Hall. \$5.00 per class.

AA Meetings

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

Storyhour

Thursdays or Fridays from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. Each week the children enjoy Bible stories, activities and a snack. To join, come to the youth room on Thurs. or Fri. morning, or call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

St. Paul Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, April 4th & 11th

Take Out Only from 3-7PM

\$8.50 Includes Fish, French Fries or Onion Rings, Coleslaw and Roll.

Homemade Pies for Sale to help fund the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip.

Please use the Center St. Activity Center entrance and go to the Parish Hall. Profits go to the St. Paul Building Fund and will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, April 6th at 1:30PM

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Church Floor Waxing

The church floor, hallways and entrance will be waxed Mon. and Tues., April 7th & 8th. Please refrain from walking on during this time. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Millington Junior Women's Club and Millington Pizza will be having an Easter Egg Hunt Sat., April 12th at 11AM on the St. Paul playground.

Key Check

Attention: If you have any **keys for the St. Paul building** we will be having a key check on Friday, April 11th from 11AM-2PM and Saturday, April 12th from 9AM-2PM. We need to get our books up to date so your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, the Board of Trustees.

Scrapbooking

Sat., April 12th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Great Food! Great Fun! Make New Friends!...and Prizes too! Bring your own scrapbook supplies, a dish to pass and beverages if you want other than coffee or H2O. Representatives from Stampin' Up, Creative Memories, and Scrapbooker's Hideaway will be set up with supplies, lessons, "how-to's", ideas and items to purchase.

R.S.V.P. in the school office or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or at jenco33@yahoo.com.

SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME...JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!

Crafting

Please join the fun to make crafts for the **Dorcas Bazaar**. We will share the Parish Hall with the scrapbookers on Sat., April 12th from 9AM-7PM. You are welcome to come any time throughout the day. Please bring a dish to pass and stay for a couple hours or the whole day.

Heroes

Tues., April 15th at 7:30PM in the Library

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Wed., April 16th

Secret Angel Luncheon

Sun., April 27th at 12PM

Confirmation Rehearsal

Sun., April 27th at 1PM

Holland Tulip Festival Bus Trip

Sponsored by: Dorcas LWIM

Wed., May 7th

Lunch, Show, Parade,
Shopping, & Sightseeing

Cost: \$65.00

Bus leaves at 6:30AM and
will return by 9PM

For reservations call Eileen Ziegler 871-2329
or Connie Keinath 871-4125.





April Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Jeffrey Kennard	4/1	Matthew Lynn	4/8	Sawyer Keinath	4/18	Owen Reinig	4/26
Colleen Loomis	4/1	Trevor Smith	4/8	Duane Maas	4/18	Brian Rondo	4/27
Hailey McPherson	4/1	Angela Ayotte	4/9	Tamera Smith	4/18	Joshua Roth	4/27
Sean O'Connor	4/1	Hunter Dennis	4/9	David Balcom	4/19	William Badgley	4/28
David Reinert	4/1	Dylan Herrick	4/9	Bridgett Greenan	4/19	Bethany Erdman	4/28
Karl Titsworth	4/1	Bradley Lich	4/9	Virginia Reinert	4/19	Madison ILL	4/28
Amelia Wagner	4/1	Clinton Schwab	4/9	Brittany Sayyae	4/19	Richard Latham	4/28
Keagan Butterfield	4/2	Jenna Albrecht	4/10	Cameron Bierlein	4/20	John Petzold	4/28
Kierrah Butterfield	4/2	Dakota Bouck	4/10	Philip Erlenbeck	4/20	Bradley Bonadurer	4/29
Bonnie Draper	4/2	Rebekah Jones	4/10	Mary Michael	4/20	Jon Fritz	4/29
Roy Petzold	4/2	Brody Norman	4/10	Martin Powell	4/20	Lori Holtsberry	4/29
Margie Scannell	4/2	Kathy Rasmussen	4/10	Leonard Ross	4/20	James Koch	4/29
Erin Schwab	4/2	Cadence Ratza	4/10	Nicole Stiff	4/20	Edwyn Maschke	4/29
Mollie Torres	4/2	Rudy Stock	4/10	Katrina Wager	4/20	Nicholas Yorke	4/29
Robert Wager	4/2	Dakota Davies	4/11	Howard Wells	4/20	Diana Allard	4/30
Angel Gorsuch	4/3	Jonathan Matzke	4/11	Angela Burton	4/21	Reese Ehrhardt	4/30
Brendan Johnson	4/3	Avery Mays	4/11	Hillary Esterline	4/21	Terence Frixen	4/30
Jack Reinert	4/3	Shirley Petzold	4/11	Bryan Horning	4/21	Mason Ley	4/30
Rebecca Schuler	4/3	Jilanna Shufelt	4/11	Kourtnei Petzold	4/21	Beverly Montle	4/30
Ann Sergent	4/3	Brandon Skank	4/11	Crystal Schmitt	4/21	Hudson Ruppel	4/30
Donna Ames	4/4	Anika Sykes	4/11	Ian Stiff	4/21	Cali Stadler-Anderson	4/30
Pamela Engelhart	4/4	Lucas White	4/11	Sasha Arnett	4/22		
Seth Mittler	4/4	Marla Coggins	4/12	Bryan Bonadurer	4/22		
Janet Reinert	4/4	Valerie Dennis	4/12	Patrick Duve	4/22		
Ethan Hoard	4/5	Robert Figgins	4/12	Matthew Greenan	4/22		
Steven Holmes Jr.	4/5	Sheila Haynes	4/12	Timothy Jolly	4/22		
Ryan Hunt	4/5	Nathan Meier	4/12	Shelley Shollack	4/22		
Mark Husted	4/5	John Osborn	4/12	James Weber	4/22		
Kelsi McAlister	4/5	Tyler Sutton	4/12	Nancy Bastian	4/23		
David Rogers	4/5	Kathryn Brown	4/13	James Bruner	4/23		
Laura Schwab	4/5	Eric Hoard	4/13	Brookelyn Finatri	4/23		
Crystal Snyder	4/5	Arthur Weber	4/14	Alyssa Frahm	4/23		
Zachary Wolfer	4/5	Zachery White	4/14	MaKella Opperman	4/23		
Joshua Wooldridge	4/5	Tiffany Erickson	4/15	Ruth Ann Petzold	4/23		
Carlee Allard	4/6	Jay Mitchell	4/15	Michelle Rohraff	4/23		
James Dues	4/6	Melanie Reinert	4/15	Cameron Wilson	4/23		
Anthony Marks	4/6	Tamara Schultz	4/15	Nathan Bierlein	4/24		
Jacob Myers	4/6	Faith Stratton	4/15	Bette Chambal	4/24		
Earl Sergent	4/6	Shellie Watchpocket	4/15	Noah Reinbold	4/24		
Beth Todd	4/6	Donald Coleman	4/16	Bernice Schiefer	4/24		
Lisa Bentley	4/7	Leah Denome	4/16	Joshua Torrey	4/24		
Bradley Isetts	4/7	Rachel DuRussel	4/16	April Yatsevich	4/24		
Sharon Jensen	4/7	Ryan Goodhue	4/16	Claire Erlenbeck	4/25		
Kayli Leix	4/7	Sidney Werner	4/16	Debbie Galant	4/25		
Taylor Rueger	4/7	Ellia Licavoli	4/17	Nicholas Pennington	4/25		
Luella Saeger	4/7	Kolten O'Neil	4/17	Morgaine Anderson	4/26		
Haley Wood	4/7	Carol Saeger	4/17	Zachary Cunningham	4/26		
Leah Dale	4/8	Sarah Thayer	4/17	Delores Damm	4/26		
Christina Detgen	4/8	Gavin Blue	4/18	Michelle Dice	4/26		
Matthew Johnston	4/8	Hunter Figgins	4/18	Amanda Hergenreder	4/26		

Best Wishes



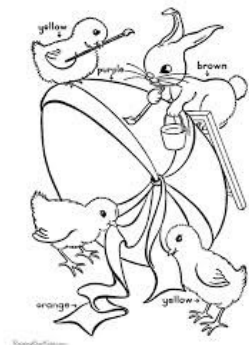
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on Your Birthday!***

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2014 Special Services

Wednesday Lenten Services

Worship Times: 4:00PM and 7:00PM
Theme: Lamb of God Pure and Holy
April 2nd & 9th

Soup Supper: 5-6:30PM – Free Will Donation

Proceeds go to St. Paul LYF to support with District Youth Gathering Trip
and will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 17th
7:00PM - Worship with communion

Good Friday – April 18th
1:30PM – Worship
7:00PM – Tenebrae



Easter Celebrations – April 20th
6:30AM – Sunrise
8:30AM – Worship with communion
11:00AM – Worship with communion

Easter Breakfast 7:30-10:30AM – Free Will Donation

Memorials / Financial Report / Misc.



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

April 6th
"No Condemnation!" - Romans 8:1

April 13th
"Palm Sunday Exclamation - John 12:13b

April 20th
"Come Away In Joy!" - Matthew 28:1-10

April 27th
"A Living Hope" - I Peter 1:3-9

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.

Easter Altar Flowers

The **Easter Altar Flower** sign up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex. \$15.00 each for choice of: Lily, Hyacinth, Tulip, or Daffodil. Please add your name, number and bulletin article by Fri., April 4th. This is also a fundraiser for the Washington D.C. trip so you can find a 7th grader to order from or call the church office if questions.



Special Thanks!

Dear Members of St Paul Lutheran,
The 7th Grade class would like to thank you for your generous support of our pasty sale. We would like to especially thank: **Larry and John Keinath** for donating all of our beef, **Ruth Ill** for donating the potatoes, **Eugene and Julie Weiss & Fred and Sherry Erlenbeck** for their donations of cash, all the **Parents** and **Grandparents** who gave up a Saturday to help us assemble the pasties, and **everyone** who purchased pasties from us. We could not have made this sale a success without your support. **Thank you!!!**

APRIL 2014 **MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS**

IN MEMORY OF Joshua Matzke General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Ilene Weber Christian Care Committee General Fund	\$50.00 \$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Wilma List General Fund	\$60.00
IN HONOR OF Edna Weiss' 90 th birthday Building Fund	\$110.00
IN MEMORY OF Elewyn Pletcher Building Fund	\$25.00
IN HONOR OF Lydia & Alexis Bruner St. Paul School Library Books	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Martha Eberlein General Fund	\$660.00

Washington D.C. Trip



Seats are still available for the **Washington D.C.** trip on September 22-26. Anyone is welcome. If interested or have questions, please call the school office.

Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

Don Haines Memorial Scholarships are available in the church office for St. Paul graduates who pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary. Return applications by Fri., May 2nd.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is looking for people to serve on the committee of 8. If you are willing to serve in this way, please call the school office. If we do not hear from you by Tues., April 15th, the Fall Festival will not take place.

Living the Parable

We have another opportunity for "Living the Parable." A homemade quilt top will be displayed in front of the church office for a silent auction. Come and check it out! Please place all bids by Sun., April 13th.

2014 Messenger Sponsors

Messenger Sponsors are needed for the months of August through December. The cost is now \$125.00 per month which covers the postage. Please call the church office to reserve a month.

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NOTES from – Prepare The Way of the LORD, Lessing and Steinmann, cph 2014, pp. 82-83, 94.</p> <p>(a) In Exodus we meet Yahweh, the God who is attentive to Israel's pain ... Yahweh is awesome, frightening, merciful, jealous, and never to be taken lightly ... He offers Israel this personal relationship. "I will be your God and you will be my people" (Ex. 6:7).</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Gen. 43:1-28 Mk. 12:13-27 Ps. 37, 143</p>	<p>2 9AM Bible Study</p> <p>Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk. 12:28-44 Ps. 26:1-7 & 16, 6</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk. 13:1-23 Ps. 82, 18, 32</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Gen. 47:1-31 Mk. 13:24-37 Ps. 77:11-15 & 17, 38</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Gen. 49:29 - 50:7, 14-26 Mk. 14:1-11 Ps. 44, 51</p>
See p. 1227 – The Lutheran Study Bible – Old Testament Names for God – God's personal name, presented as "LORD" is a translation of the Hbr words <i>yahweh</i> and <i>yah</i> .						
<p>6 Lent 5</p> <p>Ex. 1:1-22 Mk. 14:12-31 Ps. 129, 81, 102</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ex. 2:1-22 Mk. 14:32-52 Ps. 31:9-14 & 116, 130</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ex. 2:23-3:22 Mk. 14:53-72 Ps. 39:1-7 & 5, 143</p>	<p>9 9AM Bible Study</p> <p>Ex. 4:1-18 Mk. 15:1-15 Ps. 18:6-7, 16-20 & 23, 6</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ex. 4:19-31 Mk. 15:16-32 Ps. 69, 32</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ex. 5:1 - 6:1 Mk. 15:33-47 Ps. 22, 38</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ex. 7:1-25 Mk. 16:1-20 Ps. 78, 51</p>
<p>13 Palm Sunday</p> <p>Ex. 8:1-32 Heb. 1:1-14 Ps. 71:19-24 & 45, 130</p>	<p>14 Monday of Holy Week</p> <p>Ex. 9:1-28 Heb. 2:1-18 Ps. 35:1-6, 9-10 & 71, 143</p>	<p>15 Tuesday of Holy Week</p> <p>Ex. 9:29-10:20 Heb. 3:1-19 Ps. 88:3-9 & 77, 6</p>	<p>16 9AM Bible Study Wednesday of Holy Week</p> <p>Ex. 10:21 - 11:10 Heb. 4:1-16 Ps. 89, 32</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Ex. 12:1-28 Heb. 5:1-14 Ps. 37:1-7 & 110, 38</p>	<p>18 Good Friday</p> <p>Ex. 12:29-32 & 13:1-16 Heb. 6:1-20 Ps. 135:1-4, 8-9 & 136, 51</p>	<p>19 Holy Saturday</p> <p>Ex. 13:17-14:9 Heb. 7:1-22 Ps. 37:1-7 & 76, 102</p>
<p>20 Easter</p> <p>Ex. 14:10-31 Heb. 7:23-8:13 Ps. 96:1-3, 6, 11-13 & 107</p>	<p>21 Easter Monday</p> <p>Ex. 15:1-18 Heb. 9:1-28 Ps. 13, 59</p>	<p>22 Easter Tuesday</p> <p>Ex. 15:19 - 16:12 Heb. 10:1-18 Ps. 81:1-7 & 40</p>	<p>23 9AM Bible Study</p> <p>Ex. 16:13-35 Heb. 10:19-39 Ps. 134, 135</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Ex. 17:1-16 Heb. 11:1-29 Ps. 114, 136</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ex. 18:5-27 Heb. 12:1-24 Ps. 145:1-9 & 94</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ex. 19:1-25 Heb. 13:1-21 Ps. 30:3-12 & 68</p>
<p>27 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Ex. 20:1-24 Lk. 4:1-15 Ps. 119:9-16 & 91</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ex. 22:20 - 23:13 Lk. 4:16-30 Ps. 146, 103</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Ex. 23:14-33 Lk. 4:31-44 Ps. 26:1-3, 8-12 & 41</p>	<p>30 9AM Bible Study</p> <p>Ex. 24:1-18 Lk. 5:1-16 Ps. 99:1-5 & 79</p>	<p>(b) The Tetragrammaton [4 letters/ YHWH] ... <i>I am who I am</i> (Ex. 3:14). ... the name Yahweh derives from the verb (<i>to be</i>) used two times in this verse. ... Yahweh then means <i>the One who is</i>, that is, the <i>Being One</i>.</p>		

[1] In the book of Exodus, Israel moves from bondage to freedom, from despair to praise, from Egypt to Sinai, and from serving Pharaoh by making bricks to serving Yahweh by building his tabernacle. Yahweh seems completely absent in Ex. 1, as Pharaoh's genocidal policies become agents of horror and hell. Yet, by the end of the book, Yahweh is fully present as his glory fills the tabernacle.

[2] The Hebrew verb for *serve*, appears 99 times in Exodus and, while it can denote slave labor (Ex. 1:14; 2:23; 6:6), when applied to Israel after the Exodus it means *service* to Yahweh (Ex. 27:19; 36:1, 3, 5; 39:32, 42). The book of Exodus, then, describes Israel's movement from serving one master to another. One kills and destroys. The other liberates and loves.

[3] Israel's Exodus (salvation) is the primary way to express deliverance in the OT and reverberates in the NT. From Isaiah's new exodus from Babylon (Is. 43:16-21), to Christ's Easter exodus on the third day (Luke 9:31). Israel's departure from Egypt is the arch that spans the rest of the biblical narrative. John likens God's final act of deliverance to the song of Moses and the Lamb (Rev. 15:3), when the divine Warrior returns victoriously on his white horse to be called the King of Kings (Rev. 19:16; cf. Ex. 15:18).



April Schedule



Acolytes

2	4PM	Lent	Joshua Allen & Justin
2	7PM	Lent	
5	7:30PM		Corey Daenzer & Tim
6	8:30AM		Joshua Allen & Justin
6	11AM		Zac Maas
9	4PM	Lent	Katherine Weber & Duane
9	7PM	Lent	
12	7:30PM		Mason Lugg
13	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
13	11AM		Abby Brown & Tim
17	7PM	M. Thurs.	Corey Daenzer & Tim
18	1:30PM	Good Fri.	
18	7PM	Tenebrae	Tyler Bentley & Brian
20	6:30AM	Sunrise	Joshua Allen & Justin
20	8:30AM	Easter	Katherine Weber & Duane
20	11AM	Easter	Bradyn Henderson & Jim
26	7:30PM		Evan Hoard & Ethan
27	8:30AM		Timmy David
27	11AM		

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
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Third Saturday	7:30PM	Laura Sherman
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
	11:00AM	
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
	11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

Ushers

8:30AM

Captain	Glenn Brown	Ron Schiefer
Assistant	Vic Reinert	Matt Singer
	John Hergenreder	Bob Wager
	Mike Kern	Bill Weber
	Nate Kern	Duane Weber
	Tim Kern	Ed White
	Brian Meier	

11AM

Captain	Mark Rude	Larry Henderson
Assistant	Tim Brown	Roger Keinath
	Matt Ayotte	Jason Ketels
	Tedd Burton	Arlyn Marks
	Mike Daenzer	Eddie Meeks
	Tim Daenzer	Rod Wilson

Church Sextons Mathew & Angela Ayotte
Ron & Ruth Mieske
Ed & Marcia Keinath

Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Amy Yorke
8:30AM - Sonja Russell
11AM - Julie Rude

Lutherans for Life

A Speck and a Spectacle by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Last month, we began the final journey with our Lord on His way to the spectacle of the cross and the glory of the empty tomb. Also in March, on the 25th, we observed the Annunciation of our Lord when Jesus began His journey to that suffering and glory, not with the waving of palm branches in the hands of children, but with the waving of cilia in the walls of Mary's fallopian tube gently moving this holy speck of an embryo along to her womb. There, in that "secret" place (Psalm 139:15 ESV), the feet that walked on coats and branches were "intricately woven." There God knit the hands that would break the bread and bless the wine, and be pierced for our iniquities. There the Father formed the brow that sweat blood, bore thorns, and bowed in death. There God shaped the tiny heart that would painfully beat its last, and the blood that would flow into a cleansing flood. There God made the body He Himself would forsake in the darkness of the day, a body to be buried in the darkness of a tomb—and then raised in glorious victory over the darkness.

What sorrowful joy to know that our Savior not only took our place and our sin upon a cross, but took our place in a womb where our sinfulness began (Psalm 51:5). The holy Son of God takes the place of the unholy from womb to tomb that we might share in the holiness of His resurrection victory! God became a speck in a womb and a spectacle on a cross. What more needs to be said about the love and value He gives to life? Lutherans For Life wishes you a "spectacular" Holy Week and resurrection.

Abortion Insurance Opt-Out law brings transparency for all, peace of mind for many:

A subtle yet significant change happened in Michigan bringing transparency to all and peace of mind to many. The Abortion Insurance Opt-Out law is in effect. This law was made possible by the dedicated pro-life volunteers who collected signatures to initiate the legislation and Michigan legislators who voted to ensure no person is forced to fund the deliberate taking of an innocent human life in the name of health care. Many churches participated in the petition drive to make this law a reality. Michigan joined 23 other states that have opted out of abortion being a standard part in health care policies offered through the national health care exchanges. Michigan also joined nine other states that opted out of abortion as a standard part of private health care plans. Learn more at www.RTL.org.

U.S. abortion policy outside the norm: the Charlotte Lozier Institute looked at the abortion laws of 198 countries, independent states and semi-autonomous regions with populations of 1 million people and found that the permissive abortion policy in the United States was far outside the norm. The United States is one of only 7 countries which allow elective abortion after 20 weeks. Learn more about abortion law in the U.S. by visiting www.RTL.org.

United Nation documents forced abortion in North Korea: North Korea is a place where human rights and the right to life have no meaning. A new report from the U.N. detailed multiple abuses, including the mandatory forced abortions or infanticides of North Korean babies suspected of having a Chinese father.

Abortion is forever – get the facts first

Resource Centers: www.rtl.org www.lifenews.com www.prghelp@sbcglobal.net
www.fentonrighttolife.org www.lutheransforlife.org

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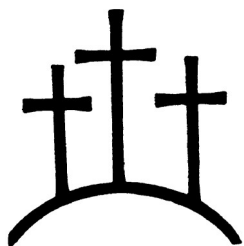
Three exciting LEAP reports!

1. The LEAP Collaboration Task Force (CTF) has recommended the formation of an organized collaborative alliance of congregations from across the Great Lakes Bay region whose primary focus will be on advancing Lutheran education for future generations in our region. The successful alliance will realize the advantages of collaboration and shared resources, while at the same time respect and support the individuality and independence of its member congregations. The existing LEAP Strategic Implementation Team and their congregations could serve as the foundation for the LEAP Alliance. The overall structure of the Alliance is modeled after that of trade associations – voluntary membership, an advisory relationship to the members, funded by membership fees (dues) and purchased services. The Alliance will have a board of participants made up of individuals from congregations who are members of the Alliance. The Alliance will have an individual leader/coordinator/manager. As the Alliance matures, formalized structures (by-laws, recognized service organization status, 501c3 status, etc.) will be developed and a manager employed.
2. A Cost Per Pupil questionnaire is coming from a leap task force that will help the congregations across the region collaborate in funding and operational strategies. As we work toward lowering the cost per pupil while improving our quality of education and programs, we will be the best stewards of our resources together!
3. Number of Lutheran schools in our region associated with LEAP: 20
Number of Students in those schools: 2,686
This makes the LEAP associated schools the fourth largest school district in the region!
1. Saginaw 2. Bay City 3. Saginaw Township
4. LUTHERAN SCHOOLS IN LEAP!

Financial Report for Congregation - Tentative

General Church Account

Carryover Deficit as of 1/31/14		(\$49,404.64)
February General Fund Income	\$84,530.24	
February Seeds of Thanksgiving	\$671.79	
General Fund Expenses	(\$106,774.57)	
+ / - for Month of February		(\$21,572.54)
Ongoing Deficit to Date		(\$70,977.18)
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2013/2014 through 1/31/14		(\$14,505.02)
Monthly Givings - February		
Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)	\$10,951.00	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$1,111.25	
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$705.25	
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$201.50	
Energy Efficiency Fund Balance	\$14,505.02	



Area News

Valley Lutheran 3rd Sunday Open House from 2-3PM. Come in and receive a personal tour of the facilities.

Tuscola Youth Softball Registration Sat., Apr. 5th from 10AM-2PM at the Tuscola Ball Park. This program is open to all boys and girls ages 5 through 17 as of April 1st. \$25.00 per child. Call 989-652-9700 if questions.

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., April 11th from 11AM-2PM and 4-7PM at St. Martin Lutheran Church. Adults: \$10, 5-12 yrs: \$7, Under 5: Free.

A LIVING PASSION DRAMA Wed., Apr. 19th, Fri. & Sat., April 18th & 19th from 6-9PM at St Michael's Lutheran Church Park, Richville. Experience the true meaning of Easter and follow the path of Jesus Christ in his final hours as you follow the eight scene **Living Passion Drama** entitled, **Gethsemane to Golgotha**". The Drama will take approximately 25-30 minutes to walk through. Light refreshments will follow each presentation. A free will donation will be accepted. For more information, please call 989-868-4791 or visit www.stmichaelsrichville.org.

St. Paul Lutheran School

April 2014

As our month begins, we continue our Lenten journey to the cross. We see new life being renewed as warmer weather comes and plants begin to show their new growth. We also grow with the celebration of the risen Lord!

Dear Lord, help us to show the joy and blessings we receive each day through Your Son, Jesus Christ! Amen.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for the month of April:

- Apr. 2 Lenten Services 4 & 7 p.m.
- Apr. 5-13 No School - Spring vacation
- Apr. 9 Lenten Services 4 & 7 p.m.
- Apr. 14 Classes resumes
- Apr. 18-21 No School - Easter Vacation
- Apr. 22 Classes resumes
- Apr. 29 Art ~ Music~ Social Studies Fair/ Chrysler Drive Fundraiser



School Musical Opportunities

Apr. 2	Cherub Choir	4:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	Junior Bells	11:00 a.m.

Spartan Sports

Our basketball seasons for boys and girls on the C-teams and girls A-team has come to an end. Thank you to all of the fans that followed the girls to Ann Arbor for the Lutheran Schools State Tournament games. Your support and encouragement was greatly appreciated! Thank you to all of the fans, parents and coaches for a learning and growing season.

Now we start our Spring Sports schedules. Currently, we are looking for some volunteers to coach our grade school track team this spring and the boys soccer team for fall season of the 2014-15 school year. If you are interested, please contact the school office or Craig Stiff, our St. Paul's athletic director.

<u>TRACK:</u>	April 26 Lutheran School Meet at Lapeer West High School	TBA
<u>GIRL'S SOCCER:</u>	April 19 at Valley Lutheran High School	TBA
<u>BOY'S VOLLEYBALL:</u>	April 12 at St. Paul Lutheran, Millington	TBA

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, Lays and Campbell soup labels, ink cartridges, SCRIP, Meijer and Kroger programs as well as gift cards for Central Shop-Rite, Meijer and Marathon gas stations. See the school office for more information.

He is risen...He is risen INDEED!





412 Youth Ministry April Events

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

High School Ministry

Sunday, April 6th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Movie Clip: Meet the Parents

Topic: Prayer

Christians often mention prayer or praying. You see people do it at church; some people pray at home; sometimes you even see people pray in restaurants. Prayer can be confusing. Even people who followed Jesus struggle with the subject of prayer. God wants us to come to Him with every detail in our lives; we should never be afraid to pray!

Sunday, April 13th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Artist: Imagine Dragons

Song: Demons

As Christians, we still have our sinful nature, and we need God's power and grace to defeat it and serve Christ.

Sunday, April 27th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: We Need to Let it Go!

We have an amazing Father who takes care of each and every one of our needs on a daily basis, but our fear can get in the way from serving Him. With His help we can fight those fears directly and let go of everything that hinders us!



412 Youth Jr. High Ministry April Events

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

Junior High Ministry – Sermon on the Mount Series

Sunday, April 6th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Movie Clip: Bruce Almighty

God's hand is in all our lives, even when bad things might happen. We should never lose our hope in Him!

Sunday, April 13th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Artist: Eminem ft. Rihanna

Song: The Monster

We all struggle with our fallen nature, and Jesus Christ is the only solution to the destructive 'monster' that lives inside of us.

Sunday, April 27th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Artist: Miley Cyrus

Song: Party in the USA

Music and movies may provide a quick fix in our lives, but God provides an eternal fix.