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Rev. James Bruner
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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

February 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 February Messenger is
sponsored in honor of
Jim Jaruzel's birthday.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, God has not yet revealed to me whether my call is to continue serving as your pastor or to serve our Christian brothers and sisters in Hubbard Lake, MI. I have been reading Scripture, praying and listening to people share their hearts with me. There is one thing I do know for sure. The following quote [from my installation service bulletin] will be as true now as it was in 1997 when I first came to Millington. "There are two things of which you can be certain regarding Pastor Bruner. He will always pray for a white Christmas (and gladly accept responsibility for such precipitation), and he will devote his ministry to one simple theme: '...to love God's people.'" Where does God want to use me?

I don't know a lot about her, but Mother Theresa seems to illustrate these truths. The life of a Christian can be a challenging and difficult life. It can also be a life seasoned and blessed with love and joy. She was willing to be used by God wherever He wanted, even in places she would not choose for herself. My impression is that even in difficult situations she shared God's love with others. In return, her life was also seasoned and blessed with love and joy.

Although the future is unknown, I can say that God has brought love and joy into my life through my ministry here. I want to continue to teach God's people to be instruments of God, because they understand the love and joy of Jesus. As Hebrews 12:2-3 states, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." "I [also]

realize(d) that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him – for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work – this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart" (Ecc. 5:18-20).

God wants us to be motivated by love and joy, not by guilt, shame or the Law. God desires for us to give our best for Jesus, because He gave His best for us. What is God teaching us? Regardless of our place and position in life, **God is able** to fill our lives with love and joy.

Lord, forgive us for the times we have served for the wrong reasons. Thank You for the love and joy we have experienced when we have served because of love. Help us see what we can accomplish, in Your name, where You have placed us. Amen.

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

Pastor Jim Bruner
1 John 4:10-11

Spiritual News

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

Discussion on Epiphany – Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library.

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

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

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

I would like to invite all the men of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School (bring your friends too!) to study God's Word on the first Saturday of the month, February 1st, in the school library with your fellow brothers in Christ. We are focusing on Heroes of the Faith. The men's Bible study group meets at 7:30 AM and has a casual, laid back atmosphere as we explore God's Word and enjoy doughnuts, milk, and coffee. **We pray that you may commit this small amount of time to God, knowing how hectic all of our calendars tend to be.**

As a refresher to the ministry of the archangel Gabriel, please read through Daniel, chapter 9, and Luke, chapter 1, prior to our class. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, we will rejoice that Gabriel proclaimed God's salvation in both the Old and New Testaments. We will learn how Gabriel's words anticipate the completion of God's plan of salvation and later proclaim its coming. Finally, we will gladly tell others the Good News.

New Bible Study Beginning in February

Daring to Walk as Christ's Disciples

I contribute to the health and wellbeing of the church (others)? What does it mean to be a disciple? How do I grow spiritually? What does being a member of St. Paul mean? How am I a partner in the Gospel? What is my personal Mission in serving and giving to God and others? How do my spiritual gifts play a part in God's Mission? What part does worship play? Why should I give?

Answer these questions and more; and find out how we can be a blessing to all because that is why God created us, through sharing, giving, serving, and loving Christ. Beginning Feb. 9th between services.



February Scripture Readings

February 2nd

1 Sam. 1:21-28

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

February 9th

Isaiah 58:3-9a

I Cor. 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

February 16th

Deut. 30:15-20

I Cor. 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 23rd

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18

I Cor. 3:10-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Musical Opportunities

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6PM

Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM



February Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Feb. 4th at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., Feb. 5th at 7PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Feb. 10th & 24th at 7PM

Voters' Assembly

Sun., Feb. 16th at 1:30PM

Dorcas

Tues., Feb. 18th at 6:30PM

Trustees

Sun., Feb. 23rd at 6PM

Elders

Wed., Feb. 26th at 7:30PM

Calendar of Events

Free Indeed

Free Indeed at St. Paul every Monday from 7-9PM. Free Indeed is designed to help those struggling with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process. This program is similar to Celebrate Recovery. We will have devotions, praise and fellowship time, and men and women groups of confidential sharing to support one another in our times of difficulty. Open to everyone, and FREE child care provided. If questions, call Jan McKee [989-475-2091](tel:989-475-2091) or Kenny McKee 810-577-2325.

Public School Confirmation Classes

Mondays at 7PM in the Library

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.

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. Please consider coming in and helping. No experience is necessary!! 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.

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.

Carnation Sale

ANNUAL VALENTINE CARNATION SALE to benefit the St. Paul Art Department. Carnations will be sold Mon., Feb. 3rd through Thurs., Feb. 13th every morning before classes begin and will be delivered on Valentine's Day. We also will take orders on Sat. & Sun., Feb. 8th & 9th before and after church services in the hallway outside the church offices. Flowers are \$1.50 each or \$15.00 per dozen. Outside orders can be picked up on Feb. 13th after 6PM or Feb. 14th after 7:30AM in the school office area. If questions call Joyce at 871-2995. If no answer, please leave a message.

Scrapbooking

Sat., Feb. 8th 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!

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day!!

February 14th



Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., February 16th at 1:30PM

Heroes

Tues., Feb. 18th at 7:30PM in the Library

Beat the Blues Event

Sponsored by the Millington Ministerial Alliance

Sun., March 2nd at St. Paul

Free!

Spaghetti Dinner, Fun Activities, Games,

Dodge Ball against the Pastors,

Informational Tables from Various Agencies

& Groups to help us all "Beat the Blues."

Holland Tulip Festival Bus Trip

Sponsored by: Dorcas LWIM

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.



Lutherans for Life / Lutheran Hour

EUTHANASIA - Should children have the right to ask for their own deaths?

In Belgium, where euthanasia is now legal for people over the age of 18, the government is considering extending it to children — something that no other country has done. The same bill would offer the right to die to adults with early dementia. Advocates argue that euthanasia for children, with the consent of their parents, is necessary to give families an option in a desperately painful situation. But opponents have questioned whether children can reasonably decide to end their own lives. Belgium is already a euthanasia pioneer; it legalized the practice for adults in 2002. In the last decade, the number of reported cases per year has risen from 235 deaths in 2003 to 1,432 in 2012, the last year for which statistics are available. Doctors typically give patients a powerful sedative before injecting another drug to stop their heart.

Only a few countries have legalized euthanasia or anything approaching it. In the Netherlands, euthanasia is legal under specific circumstances and for children over the age of 12 with parental consent. (There is an understanding that infants, too, can be euthanized, and that doctors will not be prosecuted if they act appropriately.) Elsewhere in Europe, euthanasia is only legal in Luxembourg. Assisted suicide, where doctors help patients to die but do not actively kill them, is allowed in Switzerland.

In the U.S., the state of Oregon grants assisted suicide requests for residents aged 18 or over with a terminal illness. Assisted suicide also is allowed in the states of Washington, Vermont and Montana.

In Belgium, the ruling Socialist party has proposed the bill expanding the right of euthanasia. The Christian Democratic Flemish party vowed to oppose the legislation and to challenge it in the European Court of Human Rights, if it passes. A final decision must be approved by Parliament and could take months. In the meantime, the Senate has heard testimony on both sides of the issue. "It is strange that minors are considered legally incompetent in key areas, such as getting married, but might (be able) to decide to die," Catholic Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard testified. Leonard said alternatives like palliative sedation make euthanasia unnecessary — and relieves doctors of the burden of having to kill patients. In palliative sedation, patients are sedated and life-sustaining support is withdrawn so they starve to death; the process can take days.

But the debate has extended to medical ethicists and professionals far from Belgium. Charles Foster, who teaches medical law and ethics at Oxford University, believes children couldn't possibly have the capacity to make an informed decision about euthanasia since even adults struggle with the concept. "It often happens that when people get into the circumstances they had so feared earlier, they manage to cling on all the more," he said. "Children, like everyone else, may not be able to anticipate how much they will value their lives if they were not killed."

There are others, though, who argue that because Belgium has already approved euthanasia for adults, it is unjust to deny it to children. "The principle of euthanasia for children sounds shocking at first, but it's motivated by compassion and protection," said John Harris, a professor of bioethics at the University of Manchester. "It's unfair to provide euthanasia differentially to some citizens and not to others (children) if the need is equal." (Read the article in its entirety at: <http://www.rtl.org>)

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep forever." *Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, Query 18, 1781* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

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

Abortion is forever – get the facts first



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

February 2nd

"Depart in Peace" - John 4:5-26

February 9th

"What God Prepares" - I Corinthians 2:9-12

February 16th

"Familiar Words of Forgiveness" - Matthew 5:21-26

February 23rd

"Be Perfect" - Matthew 5:48

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.



February Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Angela Germain	2/1	Karleigh Cole	2/10	Derrick List	2/17	Cody Conrad	2/25
LuRene ILL	2/1	Thomas Devereaux	2/10	Gregory Mulka	2/17	Donald Denome	2/25
James Jaruzel	2/1	Robert Hebner	2/10	Kevin Sutton	2/17	David Kaiser	2/26
Karen Jaruzel	2/1	Nicholas Mays	2/10	Laurel Woodward	2/17	Cathy Myers	2/26
Glenn Brown	2/2	Graham Sutton	2/10	Tyler Goodhue	2/18	Brady Petzold	2/26
Patrick Grzebinski	2/2	Edwin White	2/10	Ryan Herrick	2/18	Mary Jane Shreve	2/26
Edward Sergent	2/2	Sharon Wyman	2/10	Rhonda Kern	2/18	Dawn Ayotte	2/28
Cheri Sutherland	2/2	Aiden Balcer	2/11	Jason Ketels	2/18	Austin Burns	2/28
Austin Wendland	2/2	Justin France	2/11	Madison Maize	2/18	Melissa DeOrnellas	2/28
Martin Damm Jr.	2/3	Kevin Mason	2/11	Patrick Michael	2/18	John Hiles	2/28
AshLynn Jones	2/3	Chase Milostan	2/11	Arthur Mullin	2/18	Alan June	2/28
Jan Schmidt	2/3	Roger Shoens	2/11	Jason Peche	2/18	Donald Lichnovsky	2/28
Cole Sergent	2/3	Brian Titsworth	2/11	Kathryn Pederson	2/18	Tyler Reinert	2/28
Bradley Dormire	2/4	Jennifer Wood	2/11	Craig Withers	2/18	Craig Stiff	2/28
Hunter Jones	2/4	Billy Woolwine III	2/11	Adam Wolverton	2/18	John Borcharding	2/29
Alec Robinson	2/4	Mathew Balcer	2/12	Rebecca Bodeis	2/19	Sharon Kauer	2/29
Joshua Burns	2/5	Emma Cobanovich	2/12	Lynette Denome	2/19		
Ronald Colman	2/5	Cory Hunt	2/12	Michaela Draper	2/19		
Renee Higgins	2/5	Celeste Ketels	2/12	Sarah Gorsuch	2/19		
Kaycee Kowitz	2/5	Jason Lichnovsky	2/12	Dennis Weiss	2/19		
Jennifer Rondo	2/5	Andrew Cobb	2/13	Betty Bouchard-Schmidt	2/20		
Hayley Usrey	2/5	Lindsay Corradi	2/13	Rachel Brown	2/20		
Meagan Bailey	2/6	Michelle Erdman	2/13	Sandra Haley	2/20		
Haley Kennard	2/6	Judy Harpst	2/13	Erika Kaiser	2/20		
Troy Lich	2/6	Wilbert ILL	2/13	Roger Leach	2/20		
Brianna McPherson	2/6	Carolyn Laplow	2/13	Holly Malace	2/20		
Dale Petzold	2/6	Kyle Piar	2/13	Adorna Mallard	2/20		
Jonathan Schuler	2/6	Danielle Baker	2/14	Joshua Matthews	2/20		
Mathew Slough	2/6	Shila Keinath	2/14	Kenneth Sohn	2/20		
Christine Stevens	2/6	Carl Kralik	2/14	Shawn Lich	2/21		
Kiahna Sutton	2/6	Richard Laplow	2/14	Micah Petzold	2/21		
Kimberly Torrey	2/6	Erik Lawrence	2/14	Garrett Reinert	2/21		
John Brown	2/7	Joann Schiefer	2/14	Riley Coleman	2/22		
Landon Germain	2/7	Bonnie Wiacek	2/14	Tamara Henderson	2/22		
Corey Harry	2/7	Sheryl French	2/15	Rachel Jensen	2/22		
Jeffrey Hecht	2/7	Alex Goodhue	2/15	Jessica Pashby	2/22		
Ryan ILL	2/7	Eddie Lusk	2/15	Cris French	2/23		
Jeremy Keinath	2/7	Pamela Maas	2/15	Darlene Higgins	2/23		
Linda Kester	2/7	Elmer Snover	2/15	Jason Badgley	2/24		
Erica Selich	2/7	Kyle Stange	2/15	Briar Bearss	2/24		
Steve Washburn	2/7	Kyle Fisher	2/16	Bryce Bearss	2/24		
Patrick Galloway	2/8	Elinor Kroll	2/16	Kaylee Erickson	2/24		
Sarah Hergenreder	2/8	Brad Leach	2/16	Teresa Erickson	2/24		
Ruth Mohr	2/8	Chad Reinert	2/16	Karen Henderson	2/24		
JoAnne Petzold	2/8	MaKaylee Schultz	2/16	Cheryl Heuchert	2/24		
Tiffinie Webb	2/8	Tina Timmons	2/16	Macinzie Keinath	2/24		
Roger Bearss II	2/9	Lucas Ames	2/17	Marjorie Keinath	2/24		
Nicole Bringer	2/9	Scott Bassett	2/17	Weston Reinig	2/24		
Andrea Wirsing	2/9	Kyle Brow	2/17	Loretta Weber	2/24		
Braxton Withers	2/9	Jason Duranseau	2/17	James Bickel	2/25		

*Best
Wishes*



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

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**February
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2014 Special Services

Wednesday Lenten Services

Worship Times: 4 & 7PM
March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 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 and 7PM – Tenebrae

Easter Celebrations – April 20th

6:30AM – Sunrise

8:30AM & 11AM – Worship with communion

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

Financial Report / Miscellaneous

Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbela Township, bestowed a positive influence on his family to pursue their dreams by committing to and reinforcing the importance of a college education. While Don did not pursue this himself, he and his wife, Barbara, raised their children to believe that with a college education they would be able to do whatever they wanted to do in life.

Through the positive reinforcement received and the financial support of Don and Barbara, all four of their children, who attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, pursued and received their college degrees. Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family, for future St. Paul graduates who pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary. Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the Church Office and need to be returned by Fri., May 2nd.

Prayer Chain

Are you aware that St. Paul has an active prayer chain? It works very simply. If you have a prayer request, call Marlene Straub at 871-4730, Lela Higgins at 871-3662, or the church office at 871-4581. The request will then go to the leader of the prayer chain. No praying is done on the phone. The phoning is done to add the request to the chain. If you would like to be a member of the prayer chain call Marlene Straub at 871-4730 for information.

Financial Statements

End of Year **Financial Giving Statements** can be found in your church mailbox. If you have trouble finding it, call the church office.



Thank you to the pastors, faculty, secretaries, Christian Care Committee, all the wonderful people of this congregation and anyone that made my burden a little more bearable. Thank you to this congregation for all your thoughts and prayers – they mean so much. God bless you all. Thank you, Art Weber

2014 Flower Chart

Please check the **new Flower Chart**, hanging in the church hallway between the mailboxes, for available dates. When signing up for altar flowers, please add your name, phone number and if you would like center or side vases. Thank you.

2014 Messenger Sponsors

Messenger Sponsors are needed for the months of March, May, June, and August through December. The cost is \$120.00 per month which covers the postage. Please call the church office to reserve a month.



*"If we had no winter,
The spring would not
be so pleasant."*

- Anne Bradstreet



Financial Report for Congregation – General Church Account

Carryover Deficit as of 11/30/13		(\$44,805.59)
December General Fund Income	\$133,459.22	
December Seeds of Thanksgiving	\$5,900.00	
General Fund Expenses	(\$95,724.05)	
Seeds of Thanksgiving Expense – 2 nd Phase	(\$4,800.00)	
+ / - for Month of December	\$38,835.17	
Ongoing Deficit to Date – includes Line of Credit Balance Due		(\$5,970.42)
**Line of Credit <i>Principal</i> Balance Due as of 12/31/13		
		- Paid Off –
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2013/2014 through 12/31/13		\$50,501.74
Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)	\$22,313.96	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$2,200.11	
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$1,326.89	
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$379.11	
Energy Efficiency Fund Balance	\$15,115.97	

NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY AHERA

In December of 2013, we had St. Paul Lutheran Church and School reinspected for asbestos hazard by Digus Consultant Company. They are Environmental Protection Agency accredited and Michigan Department of Public Health licensed as inspectors and management planners. This reinspection was performed in compliance with AHERA-Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Although we do have some asbestos in our building, some response actions and periodic surveillance will help control possible hazard to our congregation, students, staff, parents or guardians, custodians, part-time workers, or contractors. This reinspection report will be included in the management plan and is available for your inspection by appointment only with Bill Weber, the Asbestos Program Manager for our church and school. Reinspection of these materials at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Millington, shall be conducted at least once every three years. Annual notification shall be issued and updated information shall be made available.

Memorials / Misc.

Scrip

We have many cards on hand in the school office or they are available through shopwithscrip.com. Something new this year - Fifty percent of the scrip discount can be returned to school families as a credit on their next year's school expenses. The other fifty percent goes to St. Paul to pay for the expenses of the program and to the St. Paul School General Fund. To designate where you want your credit to go, please fill out a form from the school office.

Washington D.C. Trip

How would you like to go on a vacation without doing any of the legwork and planning? You can! We will be taking two busses for next year's 8th grade class trip to **Washington D.C.** and we have plenty of seats available that need to be filled. Everything is done for you. All you have to do is let the school office know you're interested and we can set up a payment plan beginning in January. The dates are September 22-26, 2014. If interested or have questions, please call the school office.



Annual Reports

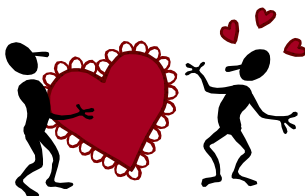
Annual Reports are needed from all boards and groups. Email to stacey.force@spsmill.org or bring to the church office by Fri., Feb. 7th. Thank you.

Ministry Perks

Ministry Perks 3rd quarter earnings were \$18.93. Thank you to all who remembered to use your Ministry Perks card when making purchases at the Family Christian Bookstore! **What is the Ministry Perks Program?** Family Christian Stores track all purchases made by perk card members at any of the Family Christian Stores. A rebate certificate equal to 5% of the total spent is sent to our church to use any products at FCS. Free perk cards are available in the church office.

Health Kits

It's time to fill the **Health Kits** again. Items needed: Band Aids, toothpaste, combs, emery boards, deodorant, and shampoo. We do not need: hand towels, wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, or plastic bags.



FEBRUARY 2014 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Vera Haubenstricker General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Terry Arrick General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Bob Benish & Duane Benish General Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Anna Tuttle Choir Fund	\$625.00
General Fund	\$135.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Dorcas Society	\$180.00
IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD for the Ministry of Pastor Bruner General Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Ilene Weber General Fund	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
To Be Designated by Family	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Larry Frank General Fund	\$15.00
IN MEMORY OF Doris Heuchert General Fund	\$15.00

Area News

CrossRoads Christian Counseling Ministries, Frankenmuth has professional counselors on staff; a Good Samaritan Support Program to assist clients who are unable to pay the full counseling fee; and an anonymous Prayer Partner program providing prayers for the client and counselor. More info can be found at www.crcounseling.org.

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

Lutheran Marriage Encounter offers a weekend that can help a couple discover each other and what is really important in life again. Weekends are scheduled Feb. 21-23 in Birch Run and Oct. 24-26 in Warren. For additional information contact Larry & Liz Grupe 586-566-1525 or go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

Valley Lutheran High School 11th Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction Sat., Feb. 22nd. Silent Auction at 5PM, Dinner at 7PM, Live Auction at 8:30PM.

FAMILY FUN COMEDY NIGHT by David Dean and music by David Britton Sat., Mar. 1st at 7PM at Bethlehem Lutheran, Saginaw. Tickets \$10 each or \$9 each for 4+. Desserts and coffee served after the show. Call 755-1144 ext. 101 with questions.



Acolytes

February			
1	7:30PM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
2	8:30AM		Joshua Allen & Justin
2	11AM		Zac Maas
8	7:30PM		Zac Yorke & Jeff
9	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
9	11AM		Kaitlyn Ill & Jeff
15	7:30PM		Corey Daenzer & Tim
16	8:30AM		Timmy David
16	11AM		Pierce & Sterling Force
22	7:30PM		Mason Lugg
23	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
23	11AM		Abby Brown & Tim



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	Phil Gordon - Captain Ron Johnson - Assistant John Keinath Kerry Koch James Kribs James Petzold	Larry Petzold Peter Shollack Chris Smith Gerry Smith Gerry Smith II Jason Smith Andrew Weber
11AM	Dick Gross - Captain Arnold Petzold - Assistant Steve Holmes Derrick (Kip) Keinath	Seth Keinath Tom Keinath Mike O'Hearn Phil Petzold Mathew Slough
7:30PM	Brian Glady - Captain	Dale Peche

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

Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Diane Leach
8:30AM - Pam Ill
11AM - Sheila Peche

A simple line drawing of a hand sowing seeds. The hand is open, with fingers slightly curled, and several small dots representing seeds are falling from it. To the left of the hand is a small flower with a round center and two leaves. The entire scene is set above a horizontal line representing the ground, with more seeds scattered on it. The artist's signature 'T.M.' is visible in the bottom right corner.

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Bill Weber is taking orders for bird feeders that resemble Cedar Adirondack Chairs and Swings. \$30.00 each or 2 for \$50.00. Questions can be addressed to and sample pictures can be found on Carol Weber's Facebook account or call 871-9975.

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Our Newest St. Paul Members

New Member Welcome at St. Paul Lutheran Church

January 2014

Welcome to all of the new members of St. Paul Lutheran Church! You are a true blessing to our family here in Millington and more importantly to the family of God.



From left to right:

Back row:

Mrs. Lisa Mohr, Mr. Murray Kinney, Mrs. Charlene Kinney, Pastor Bruner, Mr. Kelly Stevens, Mrs. Christy Ostrander, Mr. Scott Raymond, Mr. Duane Maas, Pastor Abatelli






















Front row:

Mrs. Valerie Dennis and son Hunter Dennis, Mrs. Shellie Watchpocket, Mrs. Amanda Stevens, Mrs. Mindy Raymond, Mrs. Jamie Curtis, Mrs. Pam Maas and son Zac Maas

Unavailable for picture:

Laura Blue, Tiffany Matzke, and Nicci Swink

February 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship
2  8:30AM Worship+C <i>K-8 service of choice</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship <i>K-8 service of choice</i>	3 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed	4 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30 PM Bd. of Soc. Concerns 7:30PM AA	5 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir 7PM Council	6 9-11AM Storyhour   6:15PM Praise Team	7 9-11AM Storyhour	8 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking  7:30PM Worship +C
9  8:30AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	10 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed Stephen Ministry	11 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	12 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	13 9-11AM Storyhour   6:15PM Praise Team	14 9-11AM Storyhour	15  7:30PM Worship
16  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Handbells</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship Contemporary 1:30PM Voters' 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	17 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed	18 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30PM Dorcas 7:30PM AA Heroes	19 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	20 9-11AM Storyhour   6:15PM Praise Team	21 9-11AM Storyhour	22  7:30PM Worship +C
23  8:30AM Worship <i>Free Spirit</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C Contemporary 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6PM Trustees 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	24 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed Stephen Ministry	25 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	26 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	27 9-11AM Storyhour   6:15PM Praise Team	28 9-11AM Storyhour 6-7:30PM Family Science Night	1 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship



Youth News

412 Youth Ministry February 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, February 9th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: I Pledge You My Faithfulness

The risks of a relationship are great. It may be frightening to think of a long-term commitment, yet the rewards are tremendous. We are going to take a look at what God intends marriage to be.

Sunday, February 16th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Let's Talk Dating!

What are the most important things you focus on when you want to date someone? Is their faith life #1?

Sunday, February 23rd 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Can We Hold Hands...?

What are God's established guidelines for our lives; are His guidelines for our good? Or is He just out to get us and make our lives miserable?



Youth News

412 Youth Jr. High Ministry February 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, February 9th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: You are Blessed

Text: Matthew 5:1-16

A translation for the word 'blessed' is 'happy'. Assuming that Jesus is talking to you, His disciple, how easy it is for you to be happy when horrible things happen in your life? How would you feel if a friend gave you the advice to 'just try to be happy' after you experienced a significant loss?

Sunday, February 16th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: Why all the Rules?

Text: Matthew 5:17-20

This section of reading could be taken as Jesus pointing out what's wrong with everyone in the crowd listening to His sermon. He isn't talking to just a sinner, He is talking to you, a disciple, a follower.

Sunday, February 23rd 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: Fruit

Text: Matthew 7:15-20

We need to be constantly reminded that we are God's followers and that He loves us unconditionally!



St. Paul Lutheran School

February 2014

The month of February is the time of year that we take some extra time to show those we care about how much we really love them! Let's take some extra time to show our Lord and Savior how much we **LOVE** Him!

February is Hearts for Jesus month. This year we are helping the peoples of India with the special Project India. The students will be collecting their change in "rice bags" for the entire month of February. Look for more information to be coming home very shortly.

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

Feb. 2	Celebration of the end of Lutheran Schools Week
Feb. 7	Wear your school theme shirt
Feb. 11-12	K-8 Vision or Hearing screening
Feb. 14	6-8 th grade Bowling Trip, Reading Buddy & 8 th Grade basketball player parent Night
Feb. 28	Family Science Night 6-7:30 p.m.

If there is a school delay or cancellation, we will be following Millington public schools. You will get these notifications on any of the major television or radio stations in the area and through the School Reach phone system of St. Paul.



School Musical Opportunities



Feb. 2	ALL students K-8	choice of service
Feb. 23	Free Spirit Choir	8:30 a.m. service

Spartan Sports Our basketball season for boys and girls on the A-teams finishes this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



January

Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball



Feb.4	with St. Paul Lapeer	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	with St. Michael's, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Christ the King, Sebawaing	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.

Reading Buddy & 8th Grade Parent Night

Feb. 20/22	Boy's League Tournaments	TBA
Feb. 21/22	Girl's League Tournaments	TBA

Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball

Feb.1	at Bethlehem, Saginaw	boys 10 a.m. girls 11 a.m.
Feb. 8	with Holy Cross, Saginaw	10 a.m. NO GAME
Feb. 15	at Peace, Saginaw	10 a.m. 11 a.m.
Feb. 22	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	10 a.m. NO GAME

Check the school office or St. Paul website for additions or changes to the schedule.

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.

FEBRUARY 2014 – DAILY LECTIONARY
LSB P. 299-304; with Psalm selections from: A Year With the Church Fathers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John – [LSB pp. 1775-1776 – <i>Blessings for Readers</i> – John’s Gospel focuses beautifully on both the promise of everlasting life and the bodily resurrection of those who trust in Jesus. As you study the words of Jesus as recorded by John, take comfort in His many great and precious promises to you. His words are spirit, and they are life! Just as the disciples reflected for years on Jesus’ simple yet profound words (2:22; 21:19), commit His words to heart, consider them with hope, and grow by them. Even now, Jesus—the Word made flesh—is working for your blessing (5:17) and preparing an eternal home for you (14:1-3).] [The Lutheran Study Bible]						1 Zech. 11:4-17 2 Tim. 4:1-18 Ps. 28, 48
2 Purification of Mary and Presentation of our Lord Zech. 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6 Ps. 75, 104	3 Zech. 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15 Ps. 47, 135	4 Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18 Ps. 127, 128	5 9AM Bible Study Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34 Ps. 31:1-2, 23-24; 88	6 Job 3:11-26 John 1:35-51 Ps. 77:1-3, 7-12, 15; Ps. 74	7 Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12 Ps. 4, 18	8 Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25 Ps. 69:1-4, 8-9, 24, 29-39; 122
9 5th S. a. Epiphany Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21 Ps. 23:1-5; 87	10 Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6 Ps. 38	11 Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26 Ps. 147	12 9AM Bible Study Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45 Ps. 71:1-6, 17-18; 99	13 Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54 Ps. 95:1-7a; 70	14 Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18 Ps. 119:153-160; 35	15 Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29 Ps. 57:1-5,8-10; 1
16 6th S. a. Epiphany Job 12:1-6, 12-25 John 5:30-47 Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16 Ps. 119:1-8	17 Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21 Ps. 37:25-29; 77	18 Martin Luther Job 13:13-28 John 6:22-40 Ps. 105	19 9AM Bible Study Job 14:1-22 John 6:41-59 Ps. 53, 30	20 Job 15:1-23, 30-35 John 6:60-71 Ps. 16:1, 4-6, 9-11 Ps. 90	21 Job 16:1-22 John 7:1-13 Ps. 84:1-4, 8-12; 64	22 Job 17:1-16 John 7:14-31 Ps. 25:15-22; 114
23 7th S. a. Epiphany Job 18:1-21 John 7:32-53 Ps. 42:1-62, 9-11; 52	24 St. Matthias Job 19:1-12, 21-27 John 8:1-20 Ps. 30:1-5, 8-12; 22	25 Job 20:1-23, 29 John 8:21-38 Ps. 112, 119:57-64	26 9AM Bible Study Job 21:1-21 John 8:39-59 Ps. 3, 119:73-80	27 Job 30:16-31 John 9:1-23 Ps. 146:5-10 Ps. 119:89-96	28 Job 31:1-12, 33-40 John 9:24-41 Ps. 66:8-12, 16-20 Ps. 119:169-176	

TLNB: pp. 1784-1785 – **The Witness of “I’AM”** – Throughout the OT, the most frequent name for God is “Yahweh,” used over 5,000 times. This Hebrew name for God comes from God Himself, as Moses records. When Moses asked God by what name He desired to be called, God replied, “I AM WHO I AM” (Ex 3:14). When Moses began preaching to the Israelites, he explained to them, “ ‘He Is’ sent me” or, literally in Hebrew, “Yahweh sent me.”

The Gospel of St John builds on this OT event and this personal name for God in order to explain who Jesus is. The Jewish people of Jesus’ day knew Moses’ story about “I AM” and Moses’ preaching in the name of “He Is.” This name for God was so sacred that they would never utter it. In view of this background, imagine the outrage of the Pharisees when Jesus described Himself by repeatedly using the phrase “I am.” Based on the Greek original, here are the places in John where Christ refers to Himself as “I am” : 4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 24, 28, 58; 9:9; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1, 5; 18:5-6, 8.

The following examples will explain Jesus’ statements and help you better understand who Jesus is. **I Am the Bread of Life... I Am the Light of the World... I Am the Door... I Am the Good Shepherd... I Am the Resurrection and the Life...** Christ intended that His “I am” statements would lead others to faith. His prayer offered just before He raised Lazarus demonstrates this: “I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You (God) sent Me” (11:42).

For Jewish readers, John’s Gospel emphasizes that Jesus is Yahweh, come down among men. For other readers, John emphasizes that the one true God created and sustains the physical universe. For you and all generations, John affirms that there is no other Savior. Jesus is our bread, light, door, shepherd, and life.