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St. Paul Monthly Messenger March 2014

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

A Message from Pastor Abatelli

"There is perhaps nothing so bad and so dangerous in life as fear." -Jawaharal Nehru

Fear can paralyze and even kill people. Fear can take itself so seriously and suck the life out of life. Fear can make us so focused inward. But notice one word - "can." Fear "can" do all that if we welcome it into our lives. But why would we welcome something that strips us of life, love, and joy?

Fear is tricky, it moves so craftily in disguise. It can take cover in what seems to be caring for another, but in reality we're watching out for ourselves instead of helping another in Christ. It can be camouflaged as skillful words of insight, but in reality it uses words to cover the heart of the issue instead of trusting Christ. It can masquerade as well thought out wisdom, but in reality stops us from going forward in Christ. Fear can be a manipulating and controlling factor in our lives. Fear is never our friend.

Gary Busey said, "Fear is the darkroom where satan takes you to develop all of the 'negatives.'" Fear is used by satan to have us focus on the negative and not on Christ or what Christ will do.

Fear tells us that there is something wrong with our lives. When we're in pain we know something is wrong and we go to the doctor to find out the problem and solution. Fear, like pain, can be an indicator of what is wrong and needs change in our lives.

Are we afraid of losing our wealth, our status, our power, our security, our future, our control, etc.? Notice that all those words make us focus inward. Its focus is on the self and not on helping others or God.

Believers are not exempt to have fear, but they have the God who kicks out the fear we welcome in our hearts. God says many times in the Bible, Do not be afraid, Do not fear. Why?

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We have a God who is with us. One who is in charge, and will protect and strengthen us. That is why He says, Do not fear.

Our God who is with us came down to handle sin, fear, death, and the devil for us. Christ died and rose for us to show us that He is in charge, will protect us and strengthen us for He gave us forgiveness and life. He showed us fear is not our friend, but He is,

We say: "I'm afraid and I can't go on."

God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear but of love and power. My grace is sufficient in Christ." 2 Tm 1:7; 2 Cor 12:9

in memory of Ilene Weber's 85th birthday from her family.

The March Messenger is sponsored

We say: "I'm worried and frustrated."

God says: "Cast all your cares on me; I care for you." 1 Pt 5:7

We say: "I can't do it"

God says: "You can do all things in Christ." Phil. 4:13

Jesus descended into hell to have a "word" with satan 1 Pt. 3:18-19. He went to tell satan he lost. Death, sin, and fear lost for He is in charge. I would have loved to have seen satan get an ear full. Imagine Jesus in hell cracking His knuckles, and pointing at satan saying, I have disarmed your powers and authority, I made them a public spectacle, triumphing over them by My cross Col. 2:15. Christ made a public spectacle of what He did by a cross. Fear, death, satan, and sin are powerless and Christ made them a laughing stock.

Our theology should enable us to see God as one in whom we can trust, even in the middle of the ultimate fear which is death. If we can laugh in the crisis of death, that's one way of saying that God is in charge.

-Quaker humorist Tom Mullen

We laugh at what Christ did to satan, because it was for us and to show us He is in charge, not death, satan, sin, or fear for they are powerless. Fear is never our friend, but Christ is. Fear can do a lot, but our God can do more and makes fear shrink.

Fear can paralyze and even kill people. Fear, like misery, loves company. Faith and laughter are Fear's most formidable foes. Laughter cuts Fear down to size. Fear takes itself so seriously; but it shrinks when we laugh in its face. Poke fun at Fear and it goes into a frenzy.

-Peggy Goldtrap

We laugh at fear because we have a Christ with us cracking His knuckles saying, "Do not fear, I am with you, I am in charge and I WILL handle this!"

He will kick out the fear in our lives, for Christ defeated death to show fear no longer needs to be a problem. Since we have Christ and His Spirit we press on past fear. We press on for the future, knowing our God is already there and in charge. We use God's words, His wisdom, to expose the crafty disguises fear uses. We use Christ's love to drive out that fear to trust Him, love Him, have joy in Him, and have life in Him. We use His love to drive out fear to love others, have joy with others, and have a life with others. 1 John 4:17-19

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 the men of St. Paul (bring your friends too!) are invited to study God's Word on Sat., March 1st, in the school library. We are focusing on Heroes of the Faith. The men's group meets at 7:30AM and has a casual atmosphere as we explore God's Word and enjoy doughnuts, milk, and coffee. Please read through Luke 2:21-35 before class. We will learn that Jesus Christ is the longawaited Savior and rejoice with Simeon and Anna as they come face-to-face with the infant Jesus and will use the lives of Simeon and Anna as models as we eagerly prepare for our Lord's second coming. Finally, in response to Christ's salvation, we will proclaim Him to those in our everyday lives.

Saturday Morning Adult Instruction Class

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about St. Paul or become a member, we will be offering **Adult Instruction Classes** on three Saturday sessions from 9AM-12PM on March 1st, 15th, and 29th. The first class will meet in the Council Room. Attendance at all three dates will be mandatory if you wish to become a confirmed member of St. Paul. If interested or have questions, please call the church office at 871-4581 #3.

Musical Opportunities

Worship Band

Mondays at 5PM

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6PM

Choir

Wednesdays at 6PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

March Scripture Readings

March 2nd

Exodus 24:8-18

2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

March 9th

Genesis 3:1-21

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 16th

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 23rd

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-30, 39-42

March 30th

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., March 4th at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., March 5th at 7PM

Stephen Ministry

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

Trustees

Sun., March 16th at 6PM

Dorcas

Tues., March 18th at 6:30PM

Elders

Wed., March 26th at 7:30PM

Confirmation Pictures

Tuesday, March 11th

An order form and Confirmation information was mailed to all 8th grade Confirmation students. If you didn't receive one, please call the church office.

Confirmation Gowns

Gowns will be ordered the week of March 10th. If you need a gown for Confirmation, you need to let the church office know before then. All orders placed after this date will need to pay the express shipping fee.

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 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.

Free - Beat the Blues Event

Sponsored by the Millington Ministerial Alliance
Sun., March 2nd at St. Paul
Workshops 4-4:45PM
Dodge Ball against the Pastors at 5PM
Spaghetti Dinner at 6PM
Fun Activities, Games, Informational Tables from
Various Agencies & Groups to help us all
"Beat the Blues."

Desserts are needed – please call the church office if you can make one.

St. Paul Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 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.

Scrapbooking

Sat., March 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!

Crafting

Please join the fun to make crafts for the **Dorcas Bazaar**. We will share the Parish Hall with the scrapbookers. 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.

Breakfast Club

All students are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a devotion every Friday at 7AM in the Home Ec. Room at the Millington High School. **St. Paul is hosting breakfast on March 14th.** Donations help make this ministry possible. Items needed: eggs, shredded cheese, ground sausage, chocolate milk, orange juice, or monetary gifts. Please call the church office or Laura Gleim if you can donate items, or help in any way.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline Friday, March 14th

Heroes

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

First Day of Spring March 20th





March Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



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Kyle Badgley	3/1	Hendrix Watchpocket	3/10	Charlie Ferrier	3/19	Caleb Frahm
Shelby Dues	3/1	Barbara Bassett	3/11	Jeffrey Hecht	3/19	Sheila Hebner
Connor Jones	3/1	Jim Force	3/11	Chase Howay	3/19	Debra Hodge
Robert Loomis	3/1	Karen Graham	3/11	Russell ILL	3/19	Christopher Morrow
Shelby Wood	3/1	Mildred Keinath	3/11	Amber Roth	3/19	William Weber
Eleanor Ayotte	3/2	Austin Kirby	3/11	Nicholas Sohmer	3/19	Kirk Abatelli
Melissa Detgen	3/2	Barbara Mohr	3/11	Misty Sutton	3/19	Caitlynn Burns
Valerie Petzold	3/2	Joseph Kidd	3/11	•	3/19	
	3/2	1	3/12	Laura Glynn Scott Jones	3/20	Joseph Mallard Jr.
Courteney Porter	3/2	Kandie Perez	3/12		3/20	Zachary Petzold
Garth Brown		James Smith		Ruth Mieske		Cami Polzin
Gerald Koeltzow	3/3	Lexie Bommarito	3/13	Wayne Petzold	3/20	Mitchell Ehrhardt
Alton Pederson	3/3	Christa Evans	3/13	Kim Reinert	3/20	Jason Loomis
Danielle Weber	3/3	Alyshia Fyke-Jolly	3/13	Hope Wood	3/20	Peggy Maschke
Trenton Damm	3/4	Anthony Huber	3/13	Carla Jackson	3/21	Kristyn O'Connor
Shannon Jones	3/4	Viola Hunt	3/13	Kathirin Lich	3/21	Derek Bassett
Christian Kennedy	3/4	Ebin Petiprin	3/13	Tyler Ramsey	3/21	Danion Brow
Jaymie Rousseau	3/4	David Daenzer	3/14	Sonja Russell	3/21	Aly Compaore
Daniel Wagle	3/4	Sue Fabbro	3/14	Michael Schreiber	3/21	Megan Edler
Nancy Warby	3/4	Edward Keinath	3/14	Robert Bastian	3/22	Howard Hergenreder
Edna Weiss	3/4	Henry Mohr	3/14	Xachary Carlyon	3/22	Susan Jensen
Michelle Bender	3/5	Jeremy Petzold	3/14	Ryan Detgen	3/22	Karlie Sherman
Jamie Brandle	3/5	Timothy Schultz	3/14	Leigha Metro	3/22	Nicole Swink
Jason Germain	3/5	Dorothy Simmons	3/14	David Sebert	3/22	Olivia Zeck
Sarah Simmons	3/5	Alexander Babcock	3/15	John Ball	3/23	Shannon Bonadurer
Zachary Aulbert	3/6	Lucas Babcock	3/15	Lindsey Derscha	3/23	Nicole Brown
Yvonne Bishop	3/6	Olivia Bailey	3/15	Jacquelyn Petzold	3/23	Mary Haines
Jan Snyder	3/6	Garrison Hecht	3/15	Timm Ames	3/24	Cynthia Huber
Eric Stewart	3/6	Malachi Hecht	3/15	Christian Coleman	3/24	Daniel Pobocik
Emily Albert	3/7	ReAnna Hecht	3/15	Shannon Guelette	3/24	
Diane Foley	3/7	Bradley Skank	3/15	Lorine Petzold	3/24	
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Rhonda Roth	3/7	Kim Smith	3/15	Thomas Schiefer	3/24	
Kelly Stevens	3/7	Aimee Whittaker	3/15	Lyla Wagner	3/24	e
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Teri Petzold	3/8	Alicia Ide	3/16	David Bouck	3/25	
Ryan Roth	3/8	Robert Osborn	3/16	Cameron Dues	3/25	5
Anthony Sherman	3/8	Shane Pease	3/16	Brian Glady	3/25	
Samantha Smith	3/8	Garen Stewart	3/16	Randy Graham	3/25	#
Woodrow Wates	3/8	Arlene Hohman	3/17		3/25	
	3/9	Gloria Rodammer	3/17	Travis Opperman	3/25	
Ashley Jensen				Barbara Sergent		
Joel Keinath	3/9	Evan Thayer	3/17	Connie Hoard	3/26	
Katelyn Sasser	3/9	Lloyd Walz	3/17	Murray Kinney	3/26	
Vickie Albert	3/10	Gauge Woelzlein	3/17	Jeanette Petzold	3/26	•
Jessica Cunningham	3/10	Robert Aulbert	3/18	Rudolf Petzold	3/26	
Michael Hoard	3/10	Faylene Bretzloff	3/18	Jeffrey Raymond	3/26	
	3/10	James Henderson Jr.	3/18	Daryl Schiefer	3/26	C
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March 2014



2014 Special Services



Wednesday Lenten Services
Worship Times: 4:00PM and 7:00PM
Theme: Lamb of God Pure and Holy

Ash Wednesday – March 5th, March 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.

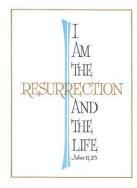
Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday – April 17th
7:00PM - Worship with communion

Good Friday – April 18th 1:30PM – Worship 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



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.

Homemade Pasty Sale

\$5.00 each for a homemade pasty filled with beef, potatoes, carrots, and onions. You can call one of the following students to place an order by Wed., March 5th: AnnaMae Beckman, Kaitlyn Burton, Corey Daenzer, Timmy David, Leah Denome, Pierce & Sterling Force, Bradyn Henderson, Kaitlyn Ill, Mason Lugg, Olivia Ostrander, Faith Smith or the church office. If you would rather help by donating ingredients, we need potatoes, carrots, onions, ground beef, and monetary donations. Call Connie Daenzer 989-233-3667 to donate. Thank you for helping with the Washington D.C. trip.



Daylight Savings Time

March 9th
Remember to set your
clocks ahead 1 hour!



From the family of Marlene Wilson, who entered God's Eternal Kingdom on 1/8/14, we sincerely **thank** everyone who gave us guidance, comfort, prayers, love and support. A special thank you to Pastor Abatelli, Pastor Bruner, Elaine Bickel, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Janette Keinath, Christian Care Committee, Dorcas, family and friends. You truly helped us through one of life's hardest goodbyes.

-Jack Geisenhaver, Mark Metro, Don, Donna, Kyle & Cory Stange

The family of George Metro, who rests in God's Eternal Kingdom as of 12/21/13, expresses a heartfelt **thankfulness and appreciation** to our amazing family and friends who helped us through a difficult 15-month journey. Your steadfast prayers & support gave us the strength to endure each day. We are thankful for each one of you.

-Mark Metro, Don, Donna, Kyle & Cory Stange

2014 Messenger Sponsors

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

Dorcas Ladies

Please join us on Wed., Mar. 12th from 1-4PM for **Bingo** at **Wellspring Lutheran Home** in Frankenmuth. We need your help. We need 10 ladies to help the residents with their Bingo cards, and to hand out prizes. We also need small stuffed animals for prizes and angel food cakes. Please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 for more information or to volunteer.

Financial Report for Congregation – General Church Account Carryover Deficit as of 12/31/13 (Revised) (\$5,901.75)

January General Fund Income \$61,616.15
January Seeds of Thanksgiving \$1,500.00
General Fund Expenses (\$106,619.04)
+ / - for Month of January (\$43,502.89)

Ongoing Deficit to Date

+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2013/2014 through 1/31/14

Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)
Energy Efficiency Fund Balance

(\$49,404.64)

\$11,249.00

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\$579.04

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\$165.44

\$12,767.53

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.

Memorials / Misc.

Washington D.C. Trip

We will be taking two busses for next year's 8th grade class trip to **Washing-ton D.C.** and we have plenty of seats available that need to be filled. The dates are <u>September 22-26, 2014</u>. If interested or have questions, please call the school office.



Screen Techs

We need screen techs to run the screen during worship services on Saturdays and Sundays. If we don't find enough volunteers, we won't be able to utilize the screen during all services. Please call the church office if you can help.

Health Kits

The **Health Kits** are filled and ready to go to the Abuse Center in Caro. Thank you for all the donations.



<u>Lutheran Ministries</u> "Worship for Shut-Ins"

March 2nd "Witnesses to Christ's Glory" - Matthew 17:1-9

March 9th
"My Heart, Christ's Home" - Matthew 4:1-11

March 16th
"Immeasurable Love" - John 3:14-17

March 23rd "Needing THE Water" - John 4:5-26

March 30th "Displaying God's Works" - John 9:3

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.

MARCH 2014 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

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IN MEMORY OF Edward and Gertrude Trinklein General Fund	\$1000.00
IN MEMORY OF Anna Tuttle Choir Fund St. Paul School	\$ 50.00 \$ 10.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR Pastor Bruner General Fund	\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Ilene Weber To Be Designated by Family	\$ 50.00
IN MEMORY OF Victor Weiss Building Fund	\$150.00
IN HONOR OF Dorothy Platt's 75 th birthday General Fund	\$75.00
IN MEMORY OF Marlene Wilson General Fund St. Paul School Computer Lab Stephen Ministry	\$90.00 \$770.00 \$10.00
IN MEMORY OF Wilma List General Fund Building Fund To Be Designated by Family To Be Designated by Memorial Committee	\$539.00 \$ 45.00 \$1220.00 \$ 20.00
GIFT TO Christian Care Committee	\$ 70.00

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit & Silent Auction

Sunday, March 9th
12-6PM in the St. Paul Parish Hall
Spaghetti, Salad, Bread - Freewill Donation
Proceeds will go to the Gulledge Family
to help with medical bills.
If you would like to help in any way

(with the dinner, or by making a donation) please call Tamara Auld 871-4770 or 810-577-8038.

Area News

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

Ladies Mini Retreat Sat., Mar. 8th from 8:30-11:30AM at St. Lorenz School Dining Hall. Continental breakfast buffet, singing and fun. RSVP at 652-4516.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Thurs., Mar. 13th from 1-6:45PM at the Millington Community Center.

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., Mar. 14th from 11AM-2PM and 4-7PM at St. Martin Lutheran Church. Adults: \$10, 5-12 yrs: \$7

Dinner Theater "The Mysterious Benefactor" Sat., Mar. 15th beginning at 6:15PM at Trinity St. James, Munger. Cost: \$10 includes appetizers and meal. Call 989-659-2506 for tickets.

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Sun., Mar. 16th from 12-2PM at Good Shepherd, Saginaw. Adults: \$8, Children: \$4.

March Schedule

	7:30PM		Ethan Hoard & Evan
2	8:30AM		Joshua Allen & Justin
2	11AM		Kelsey Gronowski & Ray Peche
5	4PM	Lent	Mason Lugg
8	7:30PM		Kaitlyn III & Jeff
9	8:30AM		Corey Daenzer & Tim
9	11AM		Bradyn Henderson & Jim
12	4PM	Lent	Dustin & Sydney Bishop
15	7:30PM		Seth Mittler & Jason Ketels
16	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
16	11AM		Pierce & Sterling Force
19	4PM	Lent	Zac Yorke & Jeff
22	7:30PM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
23	8:30AM		Timmy David
23	11AM		Abby Brown & Tim
26	4PM	Lent	Seth Mittler & Jason Ketels
29	7:30PM		Zac Yorke & Jeff
30	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
30	11AM		Kaitlyn III & Jeff

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
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Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)

Ushers
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8:30AM	Captain	Dwight Keinath Michael Albert Ken Auernhammer	Ryan Ill Luke Platt Dennis Rodammer
		Corey Harry Mitchel III	Eugene Weiss Bud Zeck
		Russell III	Mike Ziegler
11AM	Captain	Richard Harpst	Hans Schmandt
	Assistant	Jay Rodammer	Michael Sherman
		Heath Keinath	Rick Sherman
		John Petzold	Randy Wolverton
7:30PM	Captain	Larry Beagle	Jim Jaruzel
	•	Ed Keinath	Jan Snyder

Church Sextons Mathew & Angela Ayotte

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

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Lillian Sergent 8:30AM - Erika Kaiser & Susan Klauer 11AM - Lisa Rodammer & Heather Petzold



St. Paul Lutheran School

March 2014

Welcome to March! Everyone sees green and clovers this month. What a great way to explain our triune God...3 in 1 like the clover, filled with love shown by each lobe of the clover and always green and alive because of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Let's remember these things as we start our journey through Lent leading to the CELEBRATION of Easter next month!

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

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March 4	Read-Around Day, ½ day of school
March 5	Ash Wednesday services at 4 & 7 p.m.,
	Scholastic Book Fair Mar. 5-9
March 7	Wear your school theme shirt
March 8-9	Girl's State Basketball Tournament -pending
	at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI
March 11	Moms & Muffins (K-3)
March 12	Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m.
March 18	Kindergarten Round-Up 9 a.m 5 p.m.
March 19	Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m
March 24	Little Caesar's Fundraiser 3/24-4/7
March 26	Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m
March 27-29	Lutheran School National Basketball Tournament - pending
	For our Girl's A-Team at Valoraiso University
March 28	½ day of school end of the quarter

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 5t. Paul.



School Musical Opportunities



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Mar. 9	Junior Bells	8:30 a.m. service
	Cantate Choir	11:00 a.m. service
Mar.12	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m. service
Mar. 16	Cherub Choir	8:30 a,m, service
Mar 26	Contate Chair	4:00 p.m. service

Spartan Sports Our basketball season for boys A-team finished last month . We would like to thank all of the fans, parents and coaches for a great season. Continue to keep the girl's A-Team in your prayers as they await news of acceptance to participate in the State Tournament at Concordia University and then the National Tournament at Valopraiso University later this month.

C-Teams will play through this month. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.

Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball



Mar.1	with St. Michael's, Richville	boys	10 a.m.	girls	11	a.m.
Mar. 8	with St. Paul, Saginaw		10 a.m.		11	a.m.
Mar. 15	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth		10 a.m.	1	NO	GAME

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

MARCH 2014 - DAILY LECTIONARY

LSB P. 299-304; with Psalm selections from: A Year in the Old Testament

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
From: A Year in the Old Testament, Meditations from Each Day of the Church Year, by Jeffrey Pulse, CPH, 2012 PREFACE – [1] All of Scripture is about Jesus Christ, both the Old and the New Testament. Christ is the very essence of Scripture—there is not a word or theme found in the Holy Writings that is not about Him. The challenge, from the perspective of the Old Testament, is not to recognize the Savior where He may be found, but rather to see Him in all the text of the Old Testament because this is how He is revealed.						
2 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Job 33:19 - 34:9 John 11:1-16 Ps. 116:1-9; 119:49-56	3 Job 34:10-33 John 11:17-37 Ps. 116:12-19 & 138	4 Job 36:1-21 John 11:38-57 Ps. 2:1-6, 10-12 & 83	5 Ash Wednesday 9AM Bible Study Gen. 1:1-19 Mk. 1:1-13 Ps. 136:1-9 & Ps 90, 6	6 Gen. 1:20-2:3 Mk. 1:14-28 Ps. 8:1-6,9 & 128, 32	7 Gen. 2:4-25 Mk. 1:29-45 Ps. 9, 38	8 Gen. 3:1-24 Mk. 2:1-17 Ps. 12:1-6; & 14, 51
9 1 st S. in Lent Gen. 4:1-26 Mk. 2:18-28 Ps. 79:5-9 & 42, 102	10 Gen. 6:1-7:5 Mk. 3:1-19 Ps. 2, 77, 130	11 Gen. 7:11-8:12 Mk. 3:20-25 Ps. 104:1-9 &124, 143	12 9AM Bible Study Gen. 8:13-9:17 Mk. 4:1-20 Ps. 74:10-17 & 126, 6	13 Gen. 11:27-12:20 Mk. 4:21-41 Ps. 107:23-32 & 47, 32	14 Gen. 13:1-18 Mk. 5:1-20 Ps. 73:25-28 & 133, 38	15 Gen. 15:1-21 Mk. 5:21-43 Ps. 32:1-5 & 3, 51
16 2 nd S. in Lent Gen. 16:1-9, 15 17:22 Mk. 6:1-13 Ps. 139, 102	17 Gen. 18:1-15 Mk. 6:14-34 Ps. 91, 130	18 Gen. 21:1-21 Mk. 6:35-56 Ps. 126, 127, 143	19 9AM Bible Study Gen. 22:1-19 Mk 7:1-23 Ps. 66, 6	20 Gen. 24:1-31 Mk. 7:24-37 Ps. 28, 32	21 Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk. 8:1-21 Ps. 118, 38	22 Gen. 27:1-29 Mk. 8:22-38 Ps. 2, 51
23 3 rd S. in Lent Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22 Mk. 9:1-13 Ps. 129, 79, 102	24 Gen. 29:1-30 Mk. 9:14-32 Ps. 38:13-15, 21-22 & 54, 130	25 Gen. 35:1-29 Mk. 9:33-50 Ps. 105, 143	26 9AM Bible Study Gen. 37:1-36 Mk. 10:1-12 Ps. 31, 6	27 Gen. 39:1-23 Mk. 10:13-31 Ps. 106, 32	28 Gen. 40:1-23 Mk. 10:32-52 Ps. 49, 102	29 Gen. 41:1-27 Mk. 11:1-19 Ps. 11, 118, 51
30 4 th S. in Lent Gen. 41:28-57 Mk. 11:20-33 Ps. 60, 102 [2] Because all of Scripture is Christological, that is, primarily concerned with Jesus Christ, we are blessed in our day, with our New Testament eyes, to be able to read God's Word not only from the Old Testament through the New Testament but also then to read from the New Testament back through the Old. Such a reading provides a complete picture, a unified theological narrative, a total Christological understanding that opens our eyes and our minds so that we might see Jesus.						

^[3] Seeing Christ "behind every bush and under every rock" in the Old Testament in true Lutheran fashion is not always an easy task. Martin Luther was quite adept in this, but more than once his approach caused concern among those of his day as well as, not infrequently, concern from people of our day as well. There is a fear that we will "force" Christ upon the text, or that we will artificially discover Him where He is not. Fear not! Christ is in all of the Old Testament, not only providing its Christological nature but also pointing us to the text's ultimate purpose. The challenge is only in discovering how Christ is in the text, not if Christ is in the text. Nevertheless, it can be a challenge!

^[4] Scripture provides us with rich biblical motifs that wind their way through the Old and the New. These motifs find their beginning in Genesis and are carried through the Old Testament text into the New. Each one intersects with the life of Christ and His redemptive action on our behalf. Most frequently, in Christ, a great reversal takes place as the motif continues on to fruition and fulfillment in Revelation and the coming of our LORD. When we see these biblical motifs crossing over, intertwining in the text, it is important to take special note of the character or event where this takes place, because something special is happening...

March 2014								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT		
Notes Bible Study Sunday School						1 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 9AM-12PM Adult Instruction Class 7:30PM Worship		
8:30AM Worship+C Church Choir/Brass 9:45AM *See Notes* 11AM Worship Church Choir/Brass 4PM Beat the Blues and Spaghetti Dinner	3 5PM Church Band 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed	4 1/2 Day of School 12-3 Quilting 6PM Board of Ed. 6:15PM Zumba 6:30PM Social Concerns 7:30PM AA	5 Ash Wednesday Book Fair 9AM Bible Study 4PM Lenten Worship Women's Choir 5-6:30 Soup Supper 7PM Lenten Worship Women's Choir 6PM Worship Team 6PM Choir 8PM Council	9-11AM Storyhour ورو 6:15PM Praise Team	9-11AM Storyhour Fish Fry	9AM-7PM Scrapbooking And Crafts 7:30PM Worship +C		
9 Book Fair 8:30AM Worship Jr. Handbells 9:45AM *See Notes* 11AM Worship+C Cantate Choir 12-6PM Spaghetti Dinner	5PM Church Band 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed	11 Confirmation Pictures 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	9AM Bible Study 4PM Lenten Worship Free Spirit 5-6:30 Soup Supper 7PM Lenten Worship 6PM Worship Team 6PM Choir	9-11AM Storyhour 6:15PM Zumba 6:15PM Praise Team	14 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS 9-11AM Storyhour Messenger Deadline Fish Fry	9AM-12PM Adult Instruction Class		
Fundraiser 16 8:30AM Worship+C Cherub Choir 9:45AM *See Notes 11AM Worship Contemporary 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6PM Trustees 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	Stephen Ministry 17 5PM Church Band 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Free Indeed	18 Kindergarten Round Up 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30PM Dorcas 7:30 Heros 7:30PM AA	19 9AM Bible Study 4PM Lenten Worship Instrumental 5-6:30 Soup Supper 7PM Lenten Worship Instrumental 6PM Worship Team 6PM Choir	9-11AM Storyhour 6:15PM Praise Team	9-11AM Storyhour Fish Fry	22 7:30PM Worship +C		
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