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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

May 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

In 1st Samuel 16 whenever an evil spirit came upon Saul, David took his harp and played it; then Saul would find relief as the evil spirit left him. The evil spirit did not flee because it did not like the sound of the harp or because David had a great ability with words. The demons fled whenever David played because of the lyrics he sang. David often sang psalms to God and about what God has done.

God uses music even today the same way He did with David and Saul. When God's Words are spoken or said to music, the devil has no choice but to flee. This is good news for us. God says His Word is *the sword of the Spirit Eph. 6:17*. God's Words are an active weapon that we can use with full and absolute assurance that it will rid the devil away with all his sadness, temptations, frustrations and discouragements.

God permits us to use His weapon together with the blessing of music. Research has shown the reason why God gave this gift of putting His Words to music. It is a gift that positively stimulates the mind and deeply stirs the soul. God has given us a special blessing that we can swing the sword of the Spirit at the devil even as we enjoy the soul stirring gift of music.

Singing Bible-based and Christ centered music makes the devil cover his ears and run away screaming like a little sister who does not want to hear their sibling sing his favorite song off tune. This gift of music is not magic; the devil leaves because of the living Word. The devil tempted Jesus and Jesus used God's Word to defend Himself. After several unsuccessful attempts, "the devil left him" Mt. 4:11.

The devil has no choice but to flee when we, alone or in group of believers, speak *to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:19-20*

Martin Luther says that this type of music is hateful and intolerable to the devil. This is proven by the fact that the devil, the author of worries and distress, cringes at the sound of this music as he does from God's Word. That's why the prophets practiced music more than any other and did not put God's Words to geometry, arithmetic, or astronomy, but music; intimately uniting God's Words and music, telling the truth in psalms and songs. (*What Luther Says, #3104*).

The May Messenger is sponsored in honor of my loving family. All my 5 Children, 13 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Thanks be to God for his love. Eunice Peche

When satan plagues us with death, watch what God's Words do as we sing to the risen Christ:

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

When satan plagues us with our sins, watch what God's Words do as we sing to the forgiving Christ:

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be
That you, my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor you In all I do, I honor you

When sadness comes and threatens to gain the upper hand, we say: I must play a song to our Lord Christ... if the devil returns and suggests sad thoughts, defend yourself: Get out, devil, I must now sing and play to my Lord Christ (*What Luther Says, #3105*).

Take Luther's advice, while the devil attacks may be frightening, response to him with God's Word will be very positive and upbeat: as you attack the devil, sing!

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.



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

May 4th

"Recognizing Christ" - Luke 24:13-35

May 11th

"Never Walk Alone!" - Psalm 23:4

May 18th

"Where Are You Going?" - John 14:1-10

May 25th

"Your Baptism" - Psalm 66:6, 1 Peter 3:20-21

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.

Musical Opportunities

Worship Band

Mondays at 5PM

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM



Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6PM

Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

May Scripture Readings

May 4th

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

I Peter 1:17-25

Luke 24:13-35

May 11th

Acts 2:42-47

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

May 18th

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

I Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 25

Acts 17:16-31

I Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., May 6th at 6:30PM

Special Voters' Meeting

Wed., May 7th at 7PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., May 12th at 7PM

Trustees

Sun., May 18th at 6PM

Dorcas

Tues., May 20th at 6:30PM

Elders

Wed., May 28th at 7:30PM

National Day of Prayer

Fri., May 2nd

8th Grade Confirmation

May 4th in the 11AM Worship

8th Grade 1st Communion

May 11th in the 11AM Worship

Ascension Day Worship

Thurs., May 29th at 7PM

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.

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.

Benefit All You Can Eat Taco Dinner

Sat., May 3rd from 4-7PM in the Parish Hall. \$7.50 per person. Proceeds for April (Jensen) Ball as she goes through chemo treatments and fights against breast cancer. If questions call Vickie Albert 989-213-4068 or Lori Holtsberry 989-213-3220 or go to www.facebook.com/AngelsforApril.

Holland Tulip Festival Bus Trip

Those going on the Dorcas Bus Trip on Wed., May 7th will need to meet in the gravel parking lot on the east side of the Activity Center by 6AM. The bus will leave at 6:15AM sharp!

Special Voters' Assembly Meeting

Wed., May 7th at 7PM

Special Meeting is to call a principal.

There will be *No Council Meeting*.

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 May 9th.** 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.

Scrapbooking

Sat., May 10th 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., May 10th 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.

Mothers Day

Sunday, May 11th.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Fri., May 16th

Blood Drive

Fri., May 16th from 1-6PM in the Parish Hall.
Sign up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex.

Heroes

Tues., May 20th at 7:30PM in the Library

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th

No School - Offices Closed

GARAGE SALE

Fri., June 27th & Sat., June 28th

Spring Cleaning? If you find any treasures you don't need anymore, please bring them to the Parish Hall starting Monday, June 16th. Money earned this year will go to PTL. Last year Thrivent approved \$250.00 to purchase a Cricut machine which cuts out shapes and designs. This year we are applying to get more cartridges for it.



May Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Janice Binder	5/1	Ann Auernhammer	5/8	Dawn Reinert	5/15	Eunice Peche	5/24
Jean Jensen	5/1	Jackson Shreve	5/8	Terri Reinert	5/15	Jamie Blue	5/25
Timothy Pashby	5/1	Audrey Brown	5/9	David Williams	5/15	Gavin Henderson	5/25
Amy Schiefer	5/1	Alexis Bruner	5/9	Joshua Allen	5/16	Thomas Howay	5/25
Koltyn Sebert	5/1	Santana Edler	5/9	Nathan Draper	5/16	Andrea Ide	5/25
Robert Blogg	5/2	Shane Edler	5/9	Ashley Mason	5/16	Jonathan Keinath	5/25
Marian McIntyre	5/2	Matthew Harrington	5/9	Loraine M. Petzold	5/16	Marie Koch	5/25
Jonathan Petzold	5/2	Marie Keinath	5/9	Debra Werner	5/16	Tammy Kowitz	5/25
Donald Rasmussen	5/2	Stacie Lyons	5/9	Diane Bishop	5/17	James Lyons	5/25
Kim Reinig	5/2	Marie Marks	5/9	Skylar Ley	5/17	Edna McLaren	5/25
Colton Smith	5/2	Joshua Myers	5/9	Carmin List	5/17	Jack Sutton	5/25
Seth Smith	5/2	Patrick Decker	5/10	Melissa Wagner	5/17	Ian Damm	5/26
Katlyn Torres	5/2	Adam Gross	5/10	Maxwell Wood	5/17	Lydia Denome	5/26
Bryan Wilson Jr.	5/2	Kristin Hoard	5/10	Angela Zeck	5/17	Gary Johnson	5/26
Korbyn Cartner	5/3	Mary Kern	5/10	Lisa Bastian	5/18	Erik Loper	5/26
Rachel ILL	5/3	Sandra Lince	5/10	Jean Harsen	5/18	Daniel Meacham	5/26
Heather Jones	5/3	Sarah Mays	5/10	Heidi Petzold	5/18	Cynthia Miller	5/26
Hudson Myers	5/3	Savannah Porter	5/10	Kyle Yatsevich	5/18	Steven Foley	5/27
Lindsay Paquette	5/3	Patricia Reinert	5/10	Constance Damm	5/19	Dani Lyons	5/27
Emma Stewart	5/3	Betty Bradley	5/11	Kelsy Fisher	5/19	Christopher Michael	5/27
Lori Stratton	5/3	Cherri Holmes	5/11	David Holtsberry	5/19	Logan Morningstar	5/27
Nancy Wagner	5/3	Harry Kern	5/11	Larry ILL	5/19	Todd Nelson	5/27
Cody Woodward	5/3	Julie Piar	5/11	Arlyn Marks	5/19	Dylin Polzin	5/27
Michelle Jaruzel	5/4	Caleb Reinbold	5/11	Wyatt Popham	5/19	Ricky Reinert	5/27
Holly Jones	5/4	Abigail Whittaker	5/11	Jay Rodammer	5/19	Matthew Schiefer	5/27
Landon Kern	5/4	Dianne Johnston	5/12	Caleb Schlereth	5/19	Mark Ferrier	5/28
Gabriella Porter	5/4	Sue Sayles	5/12	Trevor Betzing	5/20	Sharon Garrett	5/28
Travis Washburn	5/4	Matthew Stewart	5/12	David Decker	5/20	Jorden Goodhue	5/28
Jeffrey Jones	5/5	John Walz	5/12	Jordyn Frahm	5/20	Rachel Lawrence	5/28
Haily Kennedy	5/5	Harper Aguirre	5/13	Daniel Inman	5/20	Carmen Leitz	5/28
Rebecca Mitchell	5/5	Christian Alberts	5/13	Jacob Jensen	5/20	Joseph Pavlicek	5/28
Joshua Williams	5/5	Cameron Barnum	5/13	Kelley Opperman	5/20	Ryan Pavlicek	5/28
June Bierlein	5/6	Troy Bonadurer	5/13	Donna Estes	5/21	Marlene Straub	5/28
Betty Bleuer	5/6	Kieran Ehrhardt	5/13	Donald Heuchert	5/21	Flora Weber	5/28
Owen Butterfield	5/6	Crystalyn Erickson	5/13	Amy Bentley	5/22	Katherine Weber	5/28
Susan Clouse	5/6	Geffory McTaggart	5/13	April Ehrhardt	5/22	Chad Cobanovich	5/29
Rian Edler	5/6	Zachary Myers	5/13	Misti Fall	5/22	Joanne Jaruzel	5/29
Jodie Frahm	5/6	Jackie Sabgash	5/13	Theodore Kabat	5/22	Jennifer Koch	5/29
Thomas Glynn	5/6	Ashlie Sayles	5/13	Gary Knoll	5/22	Christian Martinez	5/29
Rosalyn Horning	5/6	Stephen Schmandt	5/13	Robert O'Dell	5/22	Tayler Martinez	5/29
Adam Johnson	5/6	Marcia Stohon	5/13	Angi O'Neil	5/22	Victor Schwab	5/29
Emma Kaiser	5/6	Emaline Whittaker	5/13	Robin Shaffer	5/22	Benjamin Ahlersmeyer	5/30
Destiny Stevens	5/6	Ernst Zwack	5/13	Angela Thomason	5/22	James Brueggemann Jr.	5/30
Mya Sutton	5/6	Larry Greer III	5/14	Brenda Frahm	5/23	Ron King	5/30
Taylor Withers	5/6	Colin Meacham	5/14	Kelsey Gronowski	5/23	Cheryl Leix	5/30
Meghan DuRussel	5/7	Gina Werner	5/14	Katie Jensen	5/23	Michael Montney	5/30
Stephanie Long	5/7	Mark Williams	5/14	Matthew Sandusky	5/23	Stephan Schultz	5/30
Ronald Mieske	5/7	Emily Wood	5/14	James Bodeis Jr.	5/24	Ronald Wittum	5/30
Barbara Paquette	5/7	Anna Jensen	5/15	Jessica Detgen	5/24	Matthew Burns	5/31
Betty Rueger	5/7	Laura Keinath	5/15	Dillon Leix	5/24	Alfred Cunningham	5/31
Timothy Weber	5/7	Erik Lince	5/15	Seth Mohr	5/24	Carolyn Howe	5/31
						Chelsea Lichnovsky	5/31
						Torrey Lichnovsky	5/31



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

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10 Things Strong Minds DON'T Do!

1. **Dwell on the Past** - Strong people understand that the past is out of our control and the future is as predictable as the weather.
2. **Remain in Their Comfort Zone** - Staying within your comfort zone is giving up on life.
3. **Not Listen to the Opinions of Others** - A good idea is a good idea, regardless of whether you came up with it or not. If someone has great advice to give, take it.
4. **Avoid Change** - Trying to avoid the inevitable is pointless. Therefore, trying to avoid change is pointless; it's a mere waste of time and energy.
5. **Keep a Closed Mind** - If you keep a closed mind, you are preventing yourself from learning new material. If you stop learning, you stop living.
6. **Get Jealous Over the Success of Others** - The success of others does not, in any way, lessen the chances of you succeeding. If anything, it should motivate you to keep pushing forward.
7. **Feel Like You're Owed** - You aren't owed anything in life. You were born; the rest is up to you. There are no handouts.
8. **Act Without Calculating** - The mentally strong know better than to act before completely understanding the situation at hand.
9. **Think About the High Possibility of Failure** - Our thoughts control our perspective; our perspective controls our results. Hope gives us courage and the Holy Spirit give us the strength to try.
10. **Refuse Help from Others** - You're not Superman - you can't do it all. If others are offering help, let them help. Even if you can, why should you? Be social, listen to their ideas and watch how they do things. You may learn something. If not, then you can teach them something and do what God made us to do: socialize.

Memorials / Mark Your Calendar / Serve & Volunteer

May 2014

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF William Daeschlein General Fund	\$20.00
IN HONOR OF Pastor Bruner and Rodger Grulke General Fund	\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Ted Draper General Fund	\$75.00
GIFT TO Dorcas Society LWIM	\$25.00
IN MEMORY OF Margret Beyerlein General Fund	\$10.00
THANKOFFERING for the 80 th celebration of Barbara Mohr's birthday General Fund	\$80.00
GIFT TO Handbells	\$861.00
IN HONOR OF Lloyd & Marion Walz General Fund	\$500.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR Mrs. Bickel Send Out Cards	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Rosalyn Jakubik Building Fund	\$40.00
Dorcas LWIM	\$10.00
General Fund	\$390.00

Mark your calendar!

After faithfully serving her Lord in the teaching ministry for 43 years, **Elaine Bickel** is looking forward to new ministry pastures where this lamb of God can continue serving God's flock. As a person who has touched and been touched by Elaine's life and ministry, **you are cordially invited** to join us as we say "Thank You" and celebrate Elaine's many years of service here at St. Paul Lutheran Church & School.

Sunday, June 15th

Heritage Sunday Worship at 10AM

(Note: Only one worship service for this weekend)

Pavilion Picnic at 11AM

Program for Elaine at 1:30PM

A videographer will be on hand to record your memories &/or well wishes for Elaine, so come prepared. *PTL will be catering the meal. Volunteers and donations of paper products, plastic silverware, desserts, fruits & veggies are needed. Please contact Kristy Sherman 871-7135 or Heather Jones 810-360-3462.*

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

Soccer Coach

We need a **boys' soccer coach** for fall. Please call the school office if you are able to help.

Fish Booth

Needed: Committee members for the Summer Festival Fish Booth. We will discuss this at the May 6th PTL meeting. In order to support our computer, science and library financial needs we will need volunteers to help organize this. This is PTL's main fundraiser.

Fall Festival Chairman Needed

God has blessed us with the opportunity to serve St. Paul Lutheran School and the Millington Community for the past three years with a Millington Fall Festival. We have had some challenging weather, but have still managed to be successful. We are at a crucial point. We need a new leader! We have some people who have pledged to work hard to make this work. There is room for new ideas—things we have never done at the Fall Festival before. If you would like to help, but would prefer not to be the chairperson, perhaps you would consider being a coordinator for one of the other areas:

Advertising—Coordinate advertisement in local businesses, schools, newspaper, television and radio spots.

Concessions—We have had an excellent kitchen crew for the past three years—they could use even more help.

Outside Activities - Three on Three Basketball? Farmer's Market? Outdoor Vendors? Agricultural Competitions/Displays—You decide. **Vendors**—We have a list of the many vendors who have participated and we could always recruit more!

Entertainment—Finding groups who would share their talents just because they love to entertain or for a small fee.

Silent Auction—Classroom baskets and donated items are offered. **Children's Activities**—A petting zoo, fall projects, old fashioned games or contests or whatever your creative mind might design.

Parking—Coordinating the parking—working with our trustees to determine the parking areas.

Parade Float—Design and construct a float for the Millington Summer Festival to advertise the Millington Fall Festival.

If God is tugging at your heart strings, please consider calling Diane Leach at the school office (989) 871-4581. It would mean the world to her!

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHRIST IN LEVITICUS – In one sense, many of the rituals in Leviticus are obsolete for Christians who are interested in the sacrifice of Christ, not in animal sacrifices. But in another sense, the Levitical Ceremonies are still of immense relevance for today's church. It was in terms of these sacrifices that Jesus himself and the early church understood his atoning death. The sacrificial system of Leviticus was established by the same God who sent his Son to die for the world.						
4 Easter 3 Ex. 32:15-35 Luke 6:39-49 Ps. 119:49-56 & 79	5 Ex. 33:1-23 Luke 7:1-17 Ps. 80:1-7 & 27	6 Ex. 34:1-28 Luke 7:18-35 Ps. 86:11-17 & 34	7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Ex. 34:29-35:21 Luke 7:36-50 Ps. 84:1-4 & 23	8 Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31 Luke 8:1-21 Ps. 119:145-152 & 20	9 Ex. 39:32-40:16 Luke 8:22-39 Ps. 107:23-32 & 115	10 Ex. 40:17-38 Luke 8:40-56 Ps. 41:1-3, 11-13 & 76
11 Easter 4 Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36 Luke 9:1-17 Ps. 45:4-8a & 132	12 Lev. 9:1-24 Luke 9:18-36 Ps. 119:129-138 & 96	13 Lev. 10:1-20 Luke 9:37-62 Ps. 25:1-10 & 141	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Lev. 16:1-24 Luke 10:1-22 Ps. 19:7-14 & 50	15 Lev. 17:1-16 Luke 10:23-42 Ps. 17:7-15 & 89	16 Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8 Luke 11:1-13 Ps. 119:1-8 & 116	17 Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37 Luke 11:14-36 Ps. 36:7-12 & 39
18 Easter 5 Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Luke 11:37-54 Ps. 37:1-9 & 150	19 Lev. 21:1-24 Luke 12:1-12 Ps. 31:1-5 & 25	20 Lev. 23:1-22 Luke 12:13-34 Ps. 127 & 92	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Lev. 23:23-44 Luke 12:35-53 Ps. 116:12-19 & 123	22 Lev. 24:1-23 Luke 12:54-13:17 Ps. 52 & 107	23 Lev. 26:1-20 Luke 13:18-35 Ps. 119:33-40 & 81	24 Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44 Luke 14:1-24 Ps. 63:1-5, 8-11 & 78
25 Easter 6 Num. 3:1-16, 39-48 Luke 14:25-15:10 Ps. 135:13-21 & 60	26 Num. 8:5-26 Luke 15:11-32 Ps. 103:6-14 & 70	27 Num. 9:1-23 Luke 16:1-18 Ps. 85:1-7 & 18	28 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Num. 10:11-36 Luke 16:19-31 Ps. 62:5-10 & 19	29 Ascension Num. 11:1-23, 31-35 Luke 17:1-19 Ps. 130 & 47	30 Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16 Luke 17:20-37 Ps. 77:11-15 & 8	31 Num. 13:1-3, 17-33 Luke 18:1-17 Ps. 119:97-104 & 122

– Leviticus used to be the first book Jewish children studied in the synagogue. In the modern church, it tends to be the last part of the Scriptures anyone cares to look at. For some, Leviticus is the “liver and onions” Book of the Bible: it must be good for us, but we just don’t seem to have a taste for the stuff. Although it is frequently overlooked, Leviticus is the backbone of the Pentateuch and provides the NT, esp. Hebrews, with the vocabulary and theological categories to understand Christ’s forgiveness. Leviticus is dominated by holiness. Yahweh is holy and he graciously empowers Israel to walk in his holy ways.

Sacrificial blood is a major motif in Leviticus. For instance, blood is sprinkled seven times before Yahweh at the sanctuary (Lev 4:6) as well as on the front of the mercy seat (Lev 8:23). It is placed on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear, the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot (Lev 8:23). Why all the blood? Shed blood reconciles people with God. “Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin” (Heb 9:22). [Lessing and Steinmann, Prepare The Way of The Lord]

May Schedule

Acolytes

3	7:30PM		Kaitlyn Ill & Jeff
4	8:30AM		Evan Hoard & Ethan
4	11AM	Confirmation	Corey Daenzer & Tim
10	7:30PM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
11	8:30AM		Joshua Allen & Justin
11	11AM	1st. Comm.	Bradyn Henderson & Jim
17	7:30PM		Seth Mittler & Jason Ketels
18	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
18	11AM		Pierce & Sterling Force
24	7:30PM		Zac Yorke & Jeff
25	8:30AM		Timmy David
25	11AM		Zac Maas
29	7PM	Ascension	Pierce & Sterling Force
31	7:30PM		Corey Daenzer & 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

TEAM A

8:30AM		
Captain	Phil Gordon	Larry Petzold
Assistant	Ron Johnson	Peter Shollack
	John Keinath	Chris Smith
	Kerry Koch	Gerry Smith
	James Kribs	Gerry Smith II
	James Petzold	Jason Smith
		Andrew Weber
11AM		
Captain	Dick Gross	Seth Keinath
Assistant	Arnold Petzold	Tom Keinath
	Steve Holmes	Mike O'Hearn
	Derrick (Kip) Keinath	Phil Petzold
		Mathew Slough
7:30PM		
	Brian Glady - Captain	Dale Peché

Church Sextons

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

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Shelli Lugg
8:30AM - Mary White
11AM - Kim Torrey

Lutherans for Life

The Tiny Peace Maker by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Based on Psalm 139:13-14, I spoke to the students in chapel about God knitting us together inside our mom. I displayed fetal models as I spoke indicating the various stages of growth. We then read Psalm 51:5 (NIV): "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me." I asked, "What does this say about us before we were born?" One of the younger students answered rather loudly, "We were trouble makers!" He got the message! We trouble makers need a peace maker from the moment of conception. On the Annunciation of our Lord (March 25), we celebrate the fact that we have one. Nine months before Christmas we are reminded that Jesus was conceived in the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit—a holy conception, a holy Child with a holy mission. On the cross, Jesus' suffering and death would make peace with God on behalf of the trouble makers. "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19-20 NIV).

In the midst of Lent, we are reminded that the path to the cross did not start in a manger but in a fallopian tube. In the midst of Lent, we are reminded that we have a Peace Maker who took our place from the moment of conception. In the midst of Lent we are reminded of the great value God gives to life from the moment of conception. May your journey to the cross and the empty tomb give you peace. www.LutheransforLife.org

U.S. abortions decrease 13% from 2008 to 2011

The Guttmacher Institute released a paper which finds a decrease in the number of abortions performed in the United States. That is good news for children preparing to be born and for their mothers who are finding the support needed during an untimely pregnancy. The dedicated efforts of pro-life people are making a positive impact. Data from the Michigan Department of Community Health show abortions have decreased in our state by more than half, down 52.7 percent since 1987. For more information about abortion statistics, visit Right to Life of Michigan at www.RTL.org.

Speak Up For Life

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." Mother Teresa

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

St. Paul Website

Remember to check out our St. Paul website www.stpaul-millington.org for church and school information. There are also many links available for additional information and resources. Sermons are also available on the website, www.stpaul-millington.org. The 8:30AM service is recorded and CDs are available on the wall across from the Chapel.

Prayer Requests

Your **prayer requests** and needs are important to you and us. During the week, you can call the office to share your request. If you have a need over the week-end, the most efficient method will be to speak to the Sexton or Elder on duty before the worship service. He will relay the information to the pastor(s). In an emergency Pastor Bruner's cell phone is (989-233-1994).

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday - Thursday, June 17th-19th from 6-8PM

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is (QFT) **Quality Family Time.**

New this year: Nighttime & Family VBS

We will be having a **potluck on Tuesday** at 6PM in the pavilion.
Bring a side, salad, or fruit dish to pass. Hot dogs, desserts, and tableware will be provided.

Families are encouraged to stay together and enjoy the outdoor fun
while we learn about God and enjoy His outdoor creation.
If your whole family can't attend you can join with another for the activities.

Volunteers and monetary donations are needed.

Please call the church office if you can help in any way.

Donations can be brought to the church or school office.

If attending, please fill out the form below and return to the office by Mon., June 9th. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School QFT - Quality Family Time

Tuesday - Thursday, June 17th - 19th 6-8PM

New for 2014 - Evening VBS

Learn about God while enjoying His outdoor creation!

Family Name _____

Total Attending: Adults _____ Children _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parents' names _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Emergency contact person _____

Relationship to student _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Food allergies Y ___ N ___ (List:) _____

Medical concerns Y ___ N ___ (Explain:) _____

Family doctor _____ Phone _____

Church affiliation _____ Church membership at _____

People who may pick up the child _____

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent's signature _____

Please return forms to the church office by Mon., June 9th. Volunteers are needed!
Please call the church office if you would like to help.

Financial Report / Youth Gathering / Misc.



The Michigan District of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod presents...

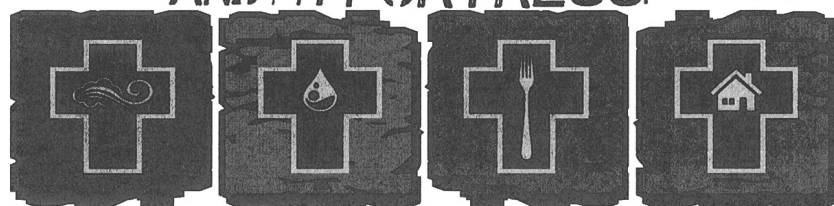
JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

July 25-27, 2014

Concordia University | Ann Arbor, Michigan

SURVIVAL

"BE TO ME A ROCK OF
REFUGE, TO WHICH I MAY
CONTINUALLY COME...
FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK
AND MY FORTRESS" *Psalm 71:3 (ESV)*



For ALL youth entering grades 7-9 in the fall of 2014...

Contact your youth leader today!
Registration opens **February 14, 2014**

www.michigandistrict.org/survival14

Financial Report for Congregation – General Church Account

Carryover Deficit as of 2/28/14		(\$70,977.18)
March General Fund Income	\$164,106.83	
March Living the Parable	\$2,755.00	
March Seeds of Thanksgiving	\$1,275.98	
General Fund Expenses	(\$108,701.69)	
+ / - for Month of March	\$59,436.12	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		(\$11,541.06)
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2013/2014 through 3/31/14	\$44,931.10	
Monthly Givings - March		
Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)	\$14,762.54	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$1,921.38	
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$1,149.51	
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$328.43	
Energy Efficiency Fund Balance	\$12,767.53	

Area News

Millington High School students participated in the Team America Rocketry Challenge. One of the teams made it to the top 100 and is looking for any donations to offset the cost of the trip to Virginia. Your name or company logo will be placed on the back of their T-shirt to advertise as a team sponsor. To donate, call Mr. Ratza 871-5221 or send your donation to: Millington High School, Attn: Mark Ratza, 8780 Dean Drive, Millington, MI 48746.

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., May 9th from 11AM-2PM and 4-7PM at St. Martin Lutheran Church. Adults: \$10, 5-12 yrs: \$7, Under 5: Free.

Fellowship of Christian Men (FCM) men's breakfast meeting Sat. May 10 from 7:30-9am @ Zehnder's - \$6. RSVP to fcm.muth@gmail.com. Speaker Dr. Sterling Gatling Topic "How a Single Copy of God's Word Can Impact the World."

Yearbook Pictures

Yearbook pictures are needed for the 2013-2014 school year. If you have any class photos, sports, events, candid shots, field trips, etc., please email to church.office@spmill.org "Attn: Yearbook."

Zehnder's Coupons

Zehnder's Friends and Family coupons for use May 1 – June 8. Coupons available in the school office. Discounts listed on back of coupon.

Trust and Investment

Trust & Investment has funds to be distributed and is accepting applications until Thurs., May 15th. Applications available in the church office.

Mother's Day Slide Show

If you would like to submit pictures for the **Mother's Day Slideshow**, please bring to the church office by Thurs., May 8th. Thank you!

Lutheran Study Bibles

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



He is risen...He is risen INDEED!

God has truly given all of us so much for which to be grateful! Take time to stop and look around at all of the wonderful blessings springing up before you.

As the school year winds down, we have several very special events during May to mark on your calendars.

May 1 [Kindergarten Graduation pictures & 3rd-8th Grade Spelling](#)

[Bee at 1:00 p.m.](#)

May 2 [Wear your school theme shirt & National Day of Prayer](#)

May 4 [Confirmation](#) 11:00 a.m. service [Lutheran School Music Festival](#) Trinity, Reese

May 8 [P.T.L. Meeting](#) at 6:00 p.m.

May 11 [8th grade First Communion](#)

May 14 [Athletic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. We will acknowledge the God-given athletic talents of the boys and girls that participated in school athletics. Awards will be given to the athletes for their participation as well as a special award- *The Reflection of Christ*- to the eighth grade boy and girl that most show Christ in everything they do, both on the field of competition and off.

May 22 [Preschool Graduation & Picnic](#) starting at 11:00 a.m.

May 23 [6th -8th grade Dance](#)

May 26 [NO SCHOOL](#) ~ Memorial Day Both the school and church offices will be closed as well.

May 28 [Academic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the boys and girls in 5th-8th grades that will be recognized during a dinner in their honor for using their God-given academic talents throughout the school year.



May Sports



May 3	Track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 7	Lutheran Northwest Invitational	TBA
May 10	Cardinal Classic Meet at VLHS	TBA
May 13	TCLL Relay meet at Reese	TBA
May 17	Regional track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 27	Track Meet at Lapeer West	TBA
May 31	State Track meet in Monroe, MI	TBA



School Music Opportunities



May 4	Cherub Choir	11:00 a.m.
May 9	Lutheran Schools Music Festival	all day
May 11	All Students K-8	choice of service
May 18	Cantate Choir	8:30 a.m.
May 25	Pre-School Choir	11:00 a.m.
May 29	School Band	7:00 p.m.

We would like to say thank you to the coaches, players and fans for your help and support during the Boys Volleyball and track team seasons. We are looking for someone who would like to be the head soccer coach for the boy's team this fall. If you are interested in coaching, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Stiff, as soon as possible.

We participate in programs with Meijer & Kroger stores. Using your Kroger card allows St. Paul Lutheran School to receive 5% of your purchase. **SCRIP** is available in the school office for many local and Flint/ Saginaw stores like Shop-Rite and Marathon Gas stations (Bo's). **SCRIP** gift cards are great for Mother's and Father's Day as well as graduation. See the school office for all of the special programs available.



Youth News

412 Youth Jr. High Ministry May 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

Sunday, May 11th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Movie Clip: Remember the Titans Topic: Attitude Like Jesus

Attitudes always affect behavior, either for good or for bad. That's true for you and me; and when our attitudes and actions as Christians become poor, not only do we pay the price, but so do others! Therefore, we must make sure our attitude is like Jesus'.

Sunday, May 18th 4-6pm

Youth Night & Curly Cone (bring \$)

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.

High School Ministry

Sunday, May 11th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night & Curly Cone (bring \$)

Movie Clip: The Avengers Topic: Teamwork

No matter how talented some of us may be, we still need each other to function the way God wants us to. None of us are here by accident. It's the truth! The Bible teaches us in several places that God has put us together, on purpose, and wants us to work together.
















Sunday, May 18th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Artist: Pharrell Williams Song: Happy

Most of us allow our emotions and contentment to be controlled by outward conditions, but we need to start focusing our attention on something else...Christ! We have a personal and permanent relationship with Jesus Christ, and He has called every one of us to share the good news with a dying world desperately searching for meaning, purpose, value and happiness in all the wrong places. True happiness is found in Christ and sharing what we know with others!

May 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 9-11AM Storyhour  6:15PM Praise Team	2 9-11AM Storyhour <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	3 4-7PM Benefit Taco Dinner for April Ball  7:30PM Worship
4  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship <i>Cherub Choir</i> <i>8th Grade Confirmation</i>	5 5PM Church Band 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation	6 12-3 Quilting 6:30 Social Concerns 7:30PM AA	7 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir 7PM Special Voters'	8 9-11AM Storyhour 6PM PTL Meeting  6:15PM Praise Team	9 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS 9-11AM Storyhour Music Festival at St. Michael's, Richville	10 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking and Crafts  7:30PM Worship +C
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>  8:30AM Worship <i>School Children</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C <i>School Children</i> <i>8th Grade 1st Communion</i> 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	12 5PM Church Band 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Stephen Ministry	13 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	14 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	15 9-11AM Storyhour  6:15PM Praise Team	16 9-11AM Storyhour 1-6PM Blood Drive <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	17  7:30PM Worship
18  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Cantate</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship Contemporary <i>Handbells</i> 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6PM Trustees 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	19 5PM Church Band 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation	20 12-3 Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30 Dorcas 7:30PM AA Heros	21 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	22 9-11AM Storyhour  6:15PM Praise Team	23 9-11AM Storyhour	24  7:30PM Worship +C
25  8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C Contemporary <i>PS Choir</i>	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>No School</i> <i>Offices Closed</i>	27 12-3 Quilting 7:30PM AA	28 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	29 <i>Ascension Day</i> 10AM Storyhour Picnic  7PM Worship	30 10AM Storyhour Picnic	31  7:30PM Worship