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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

March 2015

*"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 March Messenger
is sponsored in memory of
Ilene Weber's birthday.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In February, the temperature in Millington was above freezing (32 degrees F) only three times. One weather forecast site shows that it will be below freezing only six times in March. This will be a welcome change if it is true. A minor furnace repair at home made me appreciate the blessings of heat and a safe dwelling place during bitter winter weather that God provides my family.

The scripture for the 14th day of "Walking in the Word"* was from Proverbs 3:27-28. "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it'—when you have it with you." Being aware of this verse and several families in our church and community that have needed help with their heat has made me reflect on what God is saying. One of the meditative thoughts was, "How can I be an instrument of God to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of others?"

During these extreme frigid temperatures, the obvious answer is to help anyone who is in need of heat. This can be done through the Millington Ministerial Alliance Emergency Fund and our church's Board of Social Concerns.

The other necessity of our neighbor is spiritual. Regardless of the temperature, it is important to share how God has shown His love for everyone's most desperate need through Jesus. It pleases God when we are personally engaged in the ministry of our church to do this, as well as when we share regular gifts to accomplish the same. These direct and indirect actions are how we are helping our neighbor.

I am delighted to hear from members who are utilizing the "Walking in the Word" Scriptures and meditative thoughts. This tool is helping us grow in our faith and understanding of God's love for each of us, as well as inspire us to show God's love to others.

The Lenten season is a unique time to meditate on God's Word and the message it contains. God will reveal what He has done for us through Jesus and how we can respond in grateful service to Him and in His name.

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

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

* "Walking in the Word" is available on our website and you can receive it by a text link, voice message or email. Contact the church office to be added if you would like this Scripture a day tool.



Spiritual News

Bible Studies

9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Join us for **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall** before Bible Study begins.

Bible Study – led by Pastor Bruner in the Library.

Faithful in the Midst of Suffering - led by Pastor Abatelli in the old Choir Warm Up Room.

The Story – led by Elaine Bickel and Paul Schoenknecht in the Projects Room.

Wednesday Bible Study

Daily Lectionary - Led by Pastor Bruner at 9AM in the Council Room.

Heroes Men's Bible Study

Led by Pastor Abatelli Tues., March 10th at 7:30PM in the Library.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study – Sat., March 7th

Led by Ed White the first Saturday of the month at 7:30AM in the school library. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Easter Lilies

A sign up sheet to order Easter lilies or sprig plants is on the glass case in the narthex. Please include your name, bulletin wording, phone number, and plant choice. We will do our best to have spring plants, but it all depends on what is available. Plants are \$15.00 each and need to be ordered by Sun., March 29th. Thank you!



Jr. Youth

Sundays from 4-6PM

High School Youth

Sundays from 6:30-8:30PM

Musical Opportunities

Church Band

Mondays at 2:45PM

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

March Scripture Readings

March 1st

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38

March 8th

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 2:13-25

March 15th

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 22nd

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:32-45

March 29th

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

March Meetings

Stephen Ministry

Mondays at 7PM

Evangelism

Tues., March 3rd at 6PM at Elaine Bickel's home

Social Concerns

Wed., March 4th at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., March 4th at 8PM

Trustees

Sun., March 8th at 6PM

Board of Education

Tues., March 10th at 6:30PM

Dorcas Meeting

Tues., March 17th at 6:30PM

Elders

Wed., March 25th at 8PM

Calendar of Events



Coed Volleyball

Monday nights from 7-9PM
in the Activity Center. Bring gym shoes.

Storyhour

Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. Free for all preschool children. If questions, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 or come in any Tuesday morning.

Quilting



Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall.
No experience needed! We can always use material, thread, sheets, blankets, jeans, and volunteers. Please bring to the church office or the Parish Hall. If questions, please call Lori 989-205-9873.

Painting Classes

Tuesdays at 6PM in the Projects Room.
Classes are \$10.00. If questions, please call the school office.



AA Meetings

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

St. Paul Lenten Fish Fry

March 6, 13, 20, 27

Tables available to sit and enjoy your meal.

Time: 3-7PM

Menu:

3 Piece Cod, Choice of Fries or
Onion Rings, Coleslaw and Roll

Cost: \$9.00

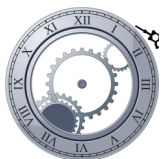


Homemade Pies for Sale - \$8.00 per pie
Proceeds for the Washington DC class trip.

Please use the Center St. Activity Center
entrance and go to the Parish Hall.

Profits go to the Building Fund.

Funds supplemented by Thrivent Financial.
Many helping hands are needed to make the
Fish Fry possible. Please call Lorie Keinath at
989-882-5867 to help.



Daylight Savings Time

Sun., March 8th
Remember to set your clocks
Forward Saturday evening
before going to bed.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, March 13th

St. Paul's Got Talent!

St. Paul PTL is excited to announce our first ever talent show! It will be held in the Activity Center on Fri., March 13th at 6PM. Concessions will be available and admission will be \$2.00. St. Paul students are free. Contact Kristy Sherman or Heather Jones to sign up or if questions.

Scrapbooking

Sat., March 14th 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.
R.S.V.P. in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spmill.org. **SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

Craft Workshop

Sat., Mar. 14th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.
Please share your creative projects or just come in for an hour or two and work on your hobby while we spend time together. Bring your own supplies and sit with friends.

Essential Oils 101

Thurs., Mar. 19th at 6:30PM in the Rehearsal Room.
Everyone is invited to find out how to use essential oils to live a life of wellness, purpose, and abundance. Questions? Call Jan at 989-475-2091.

PTL Family Fun Night

March 28th from 5:30-7:30PM

Everyone is invited!

All ages 2-100 - will have a blast!!

Mark Your Calendar

Dorcas LWIM 2nd Annual Bus Trip Wed., June 17th.
Join us for a fun filled day! Everyone is invited. The bus leaves St. Paul at 9AM and returns by 5PM. One low price of \$55.00 includes: round trip deluxe motor coach, admission to the USS Edson Navel Ship and Museum, narrated 2 hour river cruise on the Islander, soft drink or water on boat, lunch at the Atrium in Bay City – deli buffet, soup, salad, dessert & beverage, time to shop at the Nut Factory Outlet, Antique Shops, Speciality Shops and more. Make reservations by calling Connie Keinath 871-4125 or Eileen Ziegler 871-2329.

Memorials / Serve & Volunteer / Miscellaneous

Lenten Offering Coin Folders

As part of our church's "**Living the Parable**" program we have (as last year) been supplied with **Lenten Offering Coin Folders**. These folders hold dollar bills or coins that are placed daily through the 40 days of Lent. Many individuals and families participated last year and were blessed as they gave "Offerings of Blessing" as a thank you for the great sacrifice our Savior, Jesus made for each of us. The folders are available on the glass case in the narthex or in the church and school offices. Questions? Call 989-871-2995. Information for handing them in to follow. Thank you for your participation.

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers are here every Wednesday during Lent. If you can help in any way or to donate, please call Jan McKee 989-475-2091 or Connie Daenzer 871-5788.

The following are needed:

- * **Donations of soups, salads, and desserts.** If you have a favorite, please share it with us!!
- * **5-12 grade youth – we need your help** before, during, and after the meal. **Please sign up in the school office.** Money earned will go toward your future youth events. If you are signed up to help, please bring a dessert.

Easter Breakfast

Easter will be here before we know it and help is needed for the **Easter Breakfast**. Items needed: eggs, orange juice, milk, doughnuts, fresh fruit, and monetary donations. Youth & Adult Help is needed – money earned will go to the youth for future events. Please call Jan McKee 989-475-2091, Connie Daenzer 871-5788 or the church office to help or donate.

Screen Techs

We are looking for more people to run the **screen for church services**. We will train you and you can choose which service you would like. Please call the church office if interested and we will put you into rotating schedule.

Tellers

Volunteers are needed to be part of our **Teller Team**. You would be placed on a team and scheduled once a month to count the church offerings. If this is something you would like to be a part of, or if you have questions, please call Larna Peterson at 871-2223. Thank you!

Military Addresses

In the upcoming months, we would like to send a mailing to our **military parishioners who are overseas**. If you know the addresses of any, please call the church office before March 9th. Thank you!

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

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| IN MEMORY OF Jack Shreve St. Paul Student Aid Fund | \$50.00 |
| GIFT TO St. Paul Student Aid Fund | \$20.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF Richard Rohde Choir Fund | \$50.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF Edward Schiefer General Fund Building Fund | \$40.00 \$110.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF Norman Montle General Fund | \$160.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF Beverly Montle General Fund | \$40.00 |

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 1st.



March 20th

Daily Lectionary Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>1</u> 2 nd S. in Lent Gn 16:1-9, 15-17:22 Mk 6:1-13 Ps 139:7-10 | <u>2</u> Gn 18:1-15 Mk 6:14-34 Ps 91:9-16 | <u>3</u> Gn 21:1-21 Mk 6:35-56 Ps 126 | <u>4</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Gn 22:1-19 Mk 7:1-23 Ps 66:8-15 | <u>5</u> Gn 24:1-31 Mk 7:24-37 Ps 28:6-9 | <u>6</u> Gn 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk 8:1-21 Ps 118:19-24 | <u>7</u> Gn 27:1-29 Mk 8:22-38 Ps 2:7-9 |
| <u>8</u> 3 rd S. in Lent Gn 27:30-45; 28:10-22 Mk 9:1-13 Ps 129 | <u>9</u> Gn 29:1-30 Mk 9:14-32 Ps 38:13-15, 21-22 | <u>10</u> Gn 35:1-29 Mk 9:33-50 Ps 105:5-11 | <u>11</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Gn 37:1-36 Mk 10:1-12 Ps 31:1-5 | <u>12</u> Gn 39:1-23 Mk 10:13-31 Ps 106:44-48 | <u>13</u> Gn 40:1-23 Mk 10:32-52 Ps 49:1-3, 7-10 | <u>14</u> Gn 41:1-27 Mk 11:1-19 Ps 11 |
| <u>15</u> 4 th S. in Lent Gn 41:28-57 Mk 11:20-33 Ps 60:1, 9-12 | <u>16</u> Gn 42:1-34, 38 Mk 12:1-12 Ps 3 | <u>17</u> Gn 43:1-28 Mk 12:13-27 Ps 37:16-20 | <u>18</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Gn 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk 12:28-44 Ps 26:1-7 | <u>19</u> Gn 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk 13:1-23 Ps 82 | <u>20</u> Gn 47:1-31 Mk 13:24-37 Ps 77:11-15 | <u>21</u> Gn 49:29-50:7, 14-26 Mk 14:1-11 Ps 44:1-4 |
| <u>22</u> 5 th S. in Lent Ex 1:1-22 Mk 14:12-31 Ps 129 | <u>23</u> Ex. 2:1-22 Mk 14:32-52 Ps 31:9-14 | <u>24</u> Ex 2:23 -- 3:22 Mk 14:53-72 Ps 39:1-7 | <u>25</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Ex 4:1-18 Mk 15:1-15 Ps 18:6-7, 16-20 | <u>26</u> Ex 4:19-31 Mk 15:16-32 Ps 69:33-36 | <u>27</u> Ex 5:1 -- 6:1 Mk 15:33-47 Ps 22:1-5 | <u>28</u> Ex 7:1-25 Mk 16:1-20 Ps 78:52-55 |
| <u>29</u> Palm Sunday Ex 8:1-32 Heb 1:1-14 Ps 71:19-24 | <u>30</u> Monday of Holy Week Ex 9:1-28 Heb 2:1-18 Ps 35:1-6, 9-10 | <u>31</u> Tuesday of Holy Week Ex 9:29 -- 10:20 Heb 3:1-19 Ps 88:3-9 | March 2015 -- Daily Lectionary -- <u>LSB</u> : pp. 299-304 | | | |

Mk 8:31 -- 9:1 **Devotion and Prayer** - Jesus warns that He has come to suffer, die, and rise and that everyone who follows Him must carry the cross. We are easily tempted to avoid the cross. Our reason says that God would want us to be safe. Yet, Jesus suffered for our salvation and promised to overcome Satan and all our foes. Jesus is the only one sufficient to exchange His life for ours. He invites us to carry the cross in union with Him who has already paid the price for us. • Lord, thank You for accepting the disgrace and pain of the cross. Strengthen us to follow You from Your cross to Your glory. Amen. Daniel Paavola (2013-12-02). Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary: Mark (Locations 3308-3313). CPH, Kindle Edition.

Notes from: D. Paavola, RHBC: Mark (Locations 3230-3986). CPH, Kindle. -- **Mk 8:31** Though Isaiah 52:13 -- 53:12 predicted that God's Servant would suffer and die for the benefit of His people, the disciples would prove unable to accept such suffering. Jesus stresses the prophetic nature of His death by saying, "It is necessary ..." His death is not accidental, nor even a vicious injustice. It is the eternal plan of God (Eph 1:4-5). Jesus repeats this prediction twice in Mark (9:31, 10: 33-34), so that there ends up being three Passion predictions, one for each of Peter's denials in 14:66-72. After each Passion prediction, Jesus continues by teaching about discipleship. *elders ... chief priests ... scribes*. Jesus' rejection was by the breadth of Israel's leadership rather than one misguided segment. *three days rise again*. This will be the ultimate sign, pre-figured by Jonah (Mt 16:4), which will demonstrate His power as the Christ. His merciful, sacrificial love places Him on the cross. From that death, Jesus rises as the saving Christ, bestowing the benefit of His death on all.

Mk 8:35 *whoever would save his life*. The mystery of Jesus' suffering for the life of the world turns upside down everything the disciples know and imagine. In order to save their lives, they must be willing to give them up. The chief priests and scribes will mock Him on the cross saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself" (15:31). The sacrifice of His life saves all who have entrusted their lives to His death and resurrection.

Mk 10:32 *on the road going up to Jerusalem*. This is the metaphorical road seen since 1:2-3, the straight path prepared by John which leads to the cross. Jesus was walking ahead of them. Jesus knew exactly where this would lead, to His death and resurrection. He walks ahead of the disciples, a shepherd leading the sheep, into the valley of the shadow of His death. The disciples feel and fear the darkness of His enemies and His prediction of death. They're surprised that He is walking openly into the stronghold of His enemies (cf. Jn 7:1-5); they expected a deadly confrontation in which they would die along with Jesus (cf. Jn 1:1:16). But this Shepherd will sacrifice Himself, protect the sheep, and astonish the world with His resurrection.

Miscellaneous

Raise Funds Just for Shopping

We started using **Shoparoo to raise funds for our school**. All you need to do is download their app on your smartphone and take pictures of your receipts. To become one of our users please use the code "jeft2898" when registering for the school to earn extra points. If you do not have a smart phone, bring your receipts to the school office and we will take the pictures of them for you. Thank you.

Altar Flowers

The **2015 Flower Chart** is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for altar flowers, please write your name, phone number, and center or side vases. Thank you!

Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for June, Nov. and Dec. The cost is now \$125.00 per month to cover the postage. Please call the church office if interested.

Hospitalizations

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

Quiet Bags

Quiet Bags are available for children to use during the church services. Please return them to the hangers on the cross after the service. Each bag has a coloring page for children to take home – please return all other items to the bags to be used again. We can always use more religious books. If you have some to share, please put them in the box in the Care and Share cabinet in the narthex or give to Lori Osborn. Thank you.

Reminder to All Boards:

Remember to check your board mailbox in the Council Room weekly. This is a way for our parishioners, staff, and other board members to communicate with you. There may also be invoices for you to sign before bills can be paid.

Another friendly reminder: The deadline to submit articles or advertise for an event in the bulletin is Thursday by 10AM. The Messenger deadline is the 15th of every month. Items can be brought to the church office or emailed to church.office@spmill.org. Thank you!

Area News

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL is accepting applications for two teaching positions during the 2015-16 school year. ***Applications accepted until Fri., Mar. 13.*** Each position is full time and requires a Michigan State Teaching Certificate.

-Full time 5/6 grade teacher in a multi-age setting. Applicant would be responsible for all subject areas with some departmentalization in the upper grades. Math and/or Language Arts emphasis preferred. Technology or Athletics experience helpful.
-Full time 1st grade teacher. Applicant would be responsible for all subject areas within a self-contained classroom. Educational technology experience is required.

Send resume to: Holy Cross Lutheran School, 610 Court Street, Saginaw MI 48602.

Concordia University, Frankenmuth Center presents non-credit courses for professional church workers, lay leaders and interested lay members. Courses include: The Old & New Testament, Christian Care Giving, Christian Ethics, Financial Issues in Nonprofit Management, Nonprofit Fundraising and Grant Writing, Managing Change, and Refresher Greek & Hebrew. Please contact Gena Harken at 652-8686 or gena.harken@cuw.edu for more information.

Frankentrost Auction Sun., March 8th – Lunch & Silent Auction begin at noon, Live Auction begins at 1PM. Come and bid on hundreds of items. Lunch of hotdogs, sloppy joes, chips, dessert, & beverages are freewill donation.

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., Mar. 13th from 11-2 and 4-7 at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Birch Run. Adults: \$10, 5-12 yrs: \$7, Under 5: Free

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament March 21st at Trinity St. James, Munger. \$40 per team. For more info, please call 989-233-4301.

Immanuel, Sebewaing welcomes you to the installation of Rev. reed on Mar. 22nd at 3:30PM. Dinner following.

Dinner aboard the SS Gigantic for "The Last Voyage" (a dinner theater spoof of the movie Titanic.) Sat., March 28th at Trinity St. James, Munger; Appetizers at 6PM, Dinner at 6:45PM; Silent Auction; Cost: \$10. RSVP at 989-659-2506. Proceeds to benefit Trinity Youth for the National Gathering in July.

Living Passion Drama April 1st, 3rd & 4th from 6-9PM in the park next to St. Michael's School, Richville. Walk the path of Jesus Christ on a 15 minute guided tour on a paved walkway. See and hear live action scenes portraying our Lord's last hours.

Girls of Grace Dance Ministry from St. Lorenz presents "Thy Kingdom Come" at the Temple Theatre in Saginaw on Sat., & Sun., April 11th & 12th at 3PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered at 989-754-7469.

Hospice Support Volunteer Training for those interested in providing support to patients with a terminal illness and their family. Training dates: Mon. & Wed., April 13, 15, 20, & 22 from 1-4PM at the Genesys Administrative Services Building. For additional information or to sign up, please call Loraine at 810-695-7796.

Annual Children's Fun Fair Sat., Apr. 25th from 11AM-2PM at Highland Pines School, Caro. Free lunch, children's books, activities, prizes!



March Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



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| Badgley, Kyle | 3/1 | Watchpocket, Hendrix | 3/10 | Reinert, Matthew | 3/18 | Allard, Caleb | 3/27 |
| Dues, Shelby | 3/1 | Bassett, Barbara | 3/11 | Werner, Sid | 3/18 | Davis, Cindy | 3/27 |
| Jones, Connor | 3/1 | Force, Jim | 3/11 | Erickson, Daniel | 3/19 | Detgen, Marion | 3/27 |
| Loomis, Robert | 3/1 | Graham, Karen | 3/11 | Ferrier, Charlie | 3/19 | Frahm, Caleb | 3/27 |
| Wood, Shelby | 3/1 | Keinath, Mildred | 3/11 | Hecht, Jeffrey | 3/19 | Hebner, Sheila | 3/27 |
| Ayotte, Eleanor | 3/2 | Kemp, Anjanette | 3/11 | Howay, Chase | 3/19 | Hodge, Debra | 3/27 |
| Detgen, Melissa | 3/2 | Kirby, Austin | 3/11 | ILL, Russell | 3/19 | Morrow, Christopher | 3/27 |
| Petzold, Valerie | 3/2 | Mohr, Barbara | 3/11 | Roth, Amber | 3/19 | Weber, William | 3/27 |
| Porter, Courteney | 3/2 | Kidd, Joseph | 3/12 | Sohmer, Nicholas | 3/19 | Abatelli, Kirk | 3/28 |
| Brown, Garth | 3/3 | Perez, Kandie | 3/12 | Sutton, Misty | 3/19 | Burns, Caitlynn | 3/28 |
| Koeltzow, Gerald | 3/3 | Smith, James | 3/12 | Glynn, Laura | 3/20 | Mallard Jr., Joseph | 3/28 |
| Pederson, Alton | 3/3 | Bommarito, Lexie | 3/13 | Jones, Scott | 3/20 | Petzold, Zachary | 3/28 |
| Weber, Danielle | 3/3 | Evans, Christa | 3/13 | Mieske, Ruth | 3/20 | Polzin, Cami | 3/28 |
| Damm, Trenton | 3/4 | Fyke-Jolly, Alyshia | 3/13 | Petzold, Wayne | 3/20 | Ehrhardt, Mitchell | 3/29 |
| Jones, Shannon | 3/4 | Huber, Anthony | 3/13 | Reinert, Kim | 3/20 | Loomis, Jason | 3/29 |
| Kennedy, Christian | 3/4 | Hunt, Viola | 3/13 | Wood, Hope | 3/20 | Maschke, Peggy | 3/29 |
| Rousseau, Jaymie | 3/4 | Petiprin, Ebin | 3/13 | Jackson, Carla | 3/21 | O'Connor, Kristyn | 3/29 |
| Wagle, Daniel | 3/4 | Daenzer, Pete | 3/14 | Lich, Kathirin | 3/21 | Bassett, Derek | 3/30 |
| Warby, Nancy | 3/4 | Fabbro, Sue | 3/14 | Ramsey, Tyler | 3/21 | Brow, Danion | 3/30 |
| Weiss, Edna | 3/4 | Keinath, Edward | 3/14 | Russell, Sonja | 3/21 | Compaore, Aly | 3/30 |
| Bender, Michelle | 3/5 | Mohr, Henry | 3/14 | Schreiber, Michael | 3/21 | Edler, Megan | 3/30 |
| Brandle, Jamie | 3/5 | Petzold, Jeremy | 3/14 | Bastian, Robert | 3/22 | Hergenreder, Howard | 3/30 |
| Germain, Jason | 3/5 | Petzold, Max | 3/14 | Carlyon, Xachary | 3/22 | Jensen, Susan | 3/30 |
| Simmons, Sarah | 3/5 | Schultz, Timothy | 3/14 | Detgen, Ryan | 3/22 | Sherman, Karlie | 3/30 |
| Aulbert, Zachary | 3/6 | Simmons, Dorothy | 3/14 | Metro, Leigha | 3/22 | Swink, Nicole | 3/30 |
| Bishop, Yvonne | 3/6 | Babcock, Alexander | 3/15 | Sebert, David | 3/22 | Zeck, Olivia | 3/30 |
| Snyder, Jan | 3/6 | Babcock, Lucas | 3/15 | Ball, John | 3/23 | Bonadurer, Shannon | 3/31 |
| Stewart, Eric | 3/6 | Bailey, Olivia | 3/15 | Derscha, Lindsey | 3/23 | Brown, Nicole | 3/31 |
| Albert, Emily | 3/7 | Hecht, Garrison | 3/15 | Petzold, Jacquelyn | 3/23 | Haines, Mary | 3/31 |
| Foley, Diane | 3/7 | Hecht, Malachi | 3/15 | Ames, Timm | 3/24 | Huber, Cynthia | 3/31 |
| Petzold, Ryan | 3/7 | Hecht, ReAnna | 3/15 | Coleman, Christian | 3/24 | Pobocik, Daniel | 3/31 |
| Roth, Rhonda | 3/7 | Skank, Bradley | 3/15 | Guelette, Shannon | 3/24 | | |
| Stevens, Kelly | 3/7 | Skank, Danielle | 3/15 | Petzold, Lorine | 3/24 | | |
| Hoard, Andrew | 3/8 | Smith, Kim | 3/15 | Petzold, Vicki | 3/24 | | |
| Petzold, Teri | 3/8 | Whittaker, Aimee | 3/15 | Schiefer, Thomas | 3/24 | | |
| Roth, Ryan | 3/8 | Brady, Katelynn | 3/16 | Wagner, Lyla | 3/24 | | |
| Sherman, Anthony | 3/8 | Ide, Alicia | 3/16 | Balcer, Alexis | 3/25 | | |
| Smith, Samantha | 3/8 | Osborn, Robert | 3/16 | Bouck, David | 3/25 | | |
| Wates, Woodrow | 3/8 | Pease, Shane | 3/16 | Dues, Cameron | 3/25 | | |
| Jensen, Ashley | 3/9 | Stewart, Garen | 3/16 | Glady, Brian | 3/25 | | |
| Keinath, Joel | 3/9 | Burrows, Brynn | 3/17 | Graham, Randy | 3/25 | | |
| Sasser, Katelyn | 3/9 | Burrows, Claire | 3/17 | O'Brien, Deborah | 3/25 | | |
| Albert, Vickie | 3/10 | Hohman, Arlene | 3/17 | Opperman, Travis | 3/25 | | |
| Cunningham, Jessica | 3/10 | Rodammer, Gloria | 3/17 | Sergeant, Barbara | 3/25 | | |
| Hoard, Michael | 3/10 | Thayer, Evan | 3/17 | Hoard, Connie | 3/26 | | |
| Keinath, Todd | 3/10 | Walz, Lloyd | 3/17 | Kinney, Murray | 3/26 | | |
| O'Dell, Patricia | 3/10 | Woelzlein, Gauge | 3/17 | Petzold, Jeanette | 3/26 | | |
| Petzold, Serena | 3/10 | Aulbert, Robert | 3/18 | Petzold, Rudolf | 3/26 | | |
| Rader, Benjamin | 3/10 | Bretzloff, Faylene | 3/18 | Raymond, Jeffrey | 3/26 | | |
| Sherman, Kristy | 3/10 | Henderson Jr., James | 3/18 | Schiefer, Daryl | 3/26 | | |
| Titworth, Jason | 3/10 | Platt, Dorothy | 3/18 | Todd, Anessa | 3/26 | | |

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**March
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This year's Lenten theme is: "Not Giving Up Lent for Lent"

Worship Services Wednesdays at 4 & 7PM

Soup Suppers from 5-6:30PM - Free Will Donation

Weekly Topics:

March 4th - "Too Good for That"

March 11th - "It's Not My Fault"

March 18th - "What's Next?"

March 25th - "The Solution that Works"

2015 Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd

7PM - Worship with Communion

Good Friday – April 3rd

1:30PM – Worship

7PM Tenebrae

Easter Celebrations – April 5th

6:30AM – Sunrise

8:30 & 11AM – Worship with Communion

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



Financial Report

Mission News. . . .

In just a few short months (June 19-27), I will be leaving on a mission trip to Sebaco, Nicaragua, through MOST Ministries and joining the team from Immanuel Lutheran, Frankentrost. While there, we will be providing families and communities with a sustainable water purification system, information and reasons for its use, an in-home skylight, and a Gospel presentation. The team will also provide health and Hygiene lessons for the children which will incorporate Bible stories in a fun, VBS-style format. This is a great long-term project that has the possibility of changing entire communities through the provision of clean water, good health habits and proper sanitation. Please stay tuned for further mission trip updates. In Christ's service, Janette Keinath

What is Thrivent Choice?

The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funding to causes important to them. The program has two components – Choice Dollars® and Thrivent Choice Voting® Events – which result in the distribution of several million dollars of grant funds to causes that members like you care about most.

If you qualify, your Choice Dollars can be directed every quarter, or once a year. If you haven't directed your dollars for 2014, please call Thrivent or go online to www.thrivent.com by March 31, 2015.

Special Thanks!!

Dear St. Paul Family –

My family and I would like to **thank** those of you that sent cards, thoughts of condolence, and most importantly, prayers at the home-going of my father. -Carol Weber

A special **"Thank You"** to both Pastor Bruner and Pastor Abatelli for their hospital visits, prayers, and phone calls during my recent illness. Also, a special "thank you" to my family, friends, St. Paul Tellers and Bookkeepers for their prayers, phone calls, cards, care packages, and for filling in with my teller responsibilities during my absence. I am so blessed to have all of you in my life! With love and appreciation. . . thank you so much. -Larna Dee Peterson

The youth would like to **thank** everyone in the congregation that donated items and attended the first soup supper. It was a huge success and we look forward to next week.

Monthly Financial Report for Congregation General Church Account

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| Carryover Deficit as of 12/31/14 | (\$127,016.09) |
| January General Fund Income | \$73,535.08 |
| January General Fund Expenses | (\$106,938.58) |
| + / - for Month of January | (\$33,403.50) |
| Ongoing Deficit to Date | (\$160,419.59) |
| + / - For Current Fiscal Year 2014/2015 through 1/31/15 | (\$86,736.77) |
| January Monthly Giveings: | |
| Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.) | \$12,892.95 |
| Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials) | \$ 1,245.00 |
| T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %) | \$ 771.91 |
| VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %) | \$ 220.55 |

CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

Building Mortgage Principal Balance as of **1/31/15**: \$1,194,265.85

Givings for the month of: **February 2015**

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| Monthly Mortgage payment to CEF: | \$14,135.00 |
| Less Building Givings Month to Date: | \$ 8,008.50 |
| Balance Needed for Monthly Payment: | \$ 6,126.50 |

Monthly Surplus to CEF Building Account: \$ 0.00

CEF Building Fund Account Balance as of **2/9/15**: \$40,762.48

(Note: Building Mortgage payment of \$14,135.00 is deducted from the account on the 20th of each month)



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

March 1st

"When We Are Weak"
Romans 5:1-11

March 8th

"Not Folly; God's Power!"
1 Corinthians 1:18

March 15th

"All You Ever Need"
John 3:16 & Ephesians 2:8-10

March 22nd

"He Came to Serve"
Mark 10:45

March 29th

"I'm Torn"
Mark 11:1-10



March Schedule



Acolytes

| | | | |
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| 1 | 8:30AM | | Joshua Allen & Justin |
| 1 | 11AM | | Abby Brown & Tim |
| 4 | 4PM | Lent | Dustin & Sydney Bishop |
| 7 | 7:30PM | | Corey Daenzer & Timmy David |
| 8 | 8:30AM | | Asher Petzold & Jeremy |
| 8 | 11AM | | Pierce & Sterling Force |
| 11 | 4PM | Lent | Katherine Weber & Duane |
| 14 | 7:30PM | | Zac Yorke & Jeff |
| 15 | 8:30AM | | Kirsten Skousen |
| 15 | 11AM | | Kaitlyn Ill & Jeff |
| 18 | 4PM | Lent | Josh Blue & Corey Daenzer |
| 21 | 7:30PM | | Christian Kennedy & Eric |
| 22 | 8:30AM | | Katherine Weber & Duane |
| 22 | 11AM | | Zac Maas & Duane |
| 25 | 4PM | Lent | Keagan Butterfield |
| 28 | 7:30PM | Palm Sun | Mason Lugg (+ Crucifer) |
| 29 | 8:30AM | Palm Sun | Dustin & Sydney Bishop (+ Crucifer) |
| 29 | 11AM | Palm Sun | Pierce & Sterling Force (+ Crucifer) |

Greeters

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| 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 | Jason & Heather Jones |
| Fifth Sunday | 8:30AM | Donna Torrey |
| | 11:00AM | Steve & Nila Schmandt |
| Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084) | | |

Ushers

8:30AM

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| Captain | Dwight Keinath Michael Albert Ken Auernhammer Corey Harry Mitchel Ill Colin Meacham Daniel Meacham | Jeremy Petzold Luke Platt Dennis Rodammer Eugene Weiss Bud Zeck Mike Ziegler |
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11:00AM

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| Captain | Richard Harpst | Hans Schmandt |
| Assistant | Jay Rodammer Mike Hoard Heath Keinath John Petzold Michael Rader | Michael Sherman Rick Sherman Randy Wolverton Bryan Wilson Jr. |

7:30PM

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| Captain | Larry Beagle Don Bierlein | Jim Jaruzel Ed Keinath | Brian White |
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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 Sergeant
8:30AM - Susan Klauer
11AM - Lisa Rodammer & Heather Petzold



St. Paul Lutheran School

March 2015



Welcome to March! Everyone sees green and clovers this month.

What a wonderful way to explain our triune God...3 in 1. Like the clover, our God is filled with love shown by each of the three heart shaped lobes of the clover. Also, the clover is always green representing the everlasting life that we receive through Christ Jesus life, death and resurrection! Let's remember these things as we travel through Lent

leading to the CELEBRATION of Easter.

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

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| March 1-6 | Lutheran Schools Week |
| March 4 | Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m., Scholastic Book Fair |
| March 8 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| March 11 | Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m. |
| March 13 | St. Paul's Got Talent 6-8 p.m. |
| March 17 | Kindergarten Round-up 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. |
| March 18 | Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m. |
| March 25 | Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m. |
| March 27 | $\frac{1}{2}$ day of classes, dismissal at 11:10 a.m., end of quarter |
| March 28 | Family Fun Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. |



School Musical Opportunities



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| Mar. 1 | ALL students K-8 | either service |
| Mar. 4 | Free Spirit Choir | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 18 | Cherub Choir | 4:00 p.m.. |
| Mar. 22 | 5 th Grade Choir | 8:30 a.m. |
| Mar. 25 | Cantate Choir | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 29 | ALL students K-8 | either service |

Here is a list of the special activities for LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:

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| Sunday: | All children sing during either church service |
| Monday: | Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day |
| Tuesday: | Joint Lutheran Schools Gathering at SVSU/ School Spirit Day |
| Wednesday: | Chapel Day/ Dress Your Best Day, Scholastic Book Fair |
| Thursday: | Service Project Day/ Camo Day |
| Friday: | Movie Day/ Disney Day |

March Sports: Our basketball seasons finish up this month. We wish to thank all the fans, parents and coaches for a great season. We ask that you continue to keep the A-teams in prayer as they await acceptance to participate in the State Tournaments at Concordia University as well as at Valporasio University later this month. Our C-teams play through this month. Come and support these boys and girls as they use some of their God-given talents.

















Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball



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| Mar. 7 | at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth | girls 9 a.m. | boys 10 a.m.. |
| Mar. 14 | at Bethlehem, Saginaw | girls 9 a.m. | boys 10 a.m.. |

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

March 2015

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Lutheran Schools Week  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Grades 1-8</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship <i>Grades 1-8</i> 4-6 Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth | 2 7PM Handbells Stephen Ministry Co-ed Volleyball | 3 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Evangelism Meeting at Elaine Bickel's home 7:30PM AA | 4 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study + 4PM Worship <i>Free Spirit</i> 5-6:30PM Soup Supper 6PM Choir 6:30PM Social Concerns +7PM Worship 8PM Council | 5 ♪ ♪ 6:15PM Praise Team | 6 3-7PM Fish Fry | 7 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship+C |
| 8 Daylight Savings Time  8:30AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 4-6 Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth | 9 7PM Handbells Stephen Ministry Co-ed Volleyball | 10 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM AA Heroes | 11 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study + 4PM Worship 5-6:30PM Soup Supper 6PM Choir +7PM Worship | 12 ♪ ♪ 6:15PM Praise Team | 13 <i>Messenger Deadline</i> Confirmation Pictures 3-7 Fish Fry 6-8PM St. Paul's Got Talent | 14 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking Crafts  7:30PM Worship |
| 15  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Handbells</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship Contemporary 4-6 Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth | 16 7PM Handbells Stephen Ministry Co-ed Volleyball | 17 Kindergarten Round Up 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Dorcas 7:30PM AA | 18 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study + 4PM Worship <i>Cherub Choir</i> 5-6:30PM Soup Supper 6PM Choir +7PM Worship | 19 ♪ ♪ 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Essential Oils | 20 3-7PM Fish Fry | 21  7:30PM Worship+C |
| 22  8:30AM Worship <i>5th Grade Free Spirit</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C Contemporary 4-6 Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth | 23 7PM Handbells Stephen Ministry Co-ed Volleyball | 24 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 7:30PM AA | 25 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study + 4PM Worship <i>Cantate Choir</i> 5-6:30PM Soup Supper 6PM Choir +7PM Worship 8PM Elders | 26 ♪ ♪ 6:15PM Praise Team | 27 ½ Day School 3-7PM Fish Fry | 28 <i>Youth Service</i> 5:30-7:30PM PTL Family Fun Night  7:30PM Worship |
| 29 Palm Sunday - Youth  8:30AM Worship <i>Church Choir, K-8, Brass</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship-Cont. <i>Church Choir, K-8, Brass</i> 4-6 Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth | 30 7PM Handbells Stephen Ministry Co-ed Volleyball | 31 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 7:30PM AA | | | | |