



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

January 2017

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. James Bruner
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Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Saturday 7:30 P.M.

Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.

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A Message from Pastor Abatelli

Can we imagine what the New Year will bring?
Can we imagine what God will do in 2017?
Can we imagine what He is going to do through us?

There are so many possibilities that God could do to use us in this New Year. Look at what He already did at Christmas giving us the Christ child. He came to "forgive us, renew us and lead us so we can delight in his will and walk in His ways," empowered by His Spirit to go and extend His Kingdom.

In the Lord's Prayer we say, "Thy Kingdom come." We know God's Kingdom does come without our prayers, but we pray that God uses us to extend His kingdom of grace, a.k.a the Gospel, to the world. Extending in our words and actions - can you imagine the possibilities? There are so many thoughts, ideas, and dreams of what and how God will use us to spread this Gospel in 2017. What will He do? These possibilities are endless because "with God all things are possible."

What has God placed upon your heart for this New Year? Keep in mind not every dream we have is from God. We have to search the Scriptures and see if what is there is from God. That was John's charge in his first letter, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world 4:1." What has God placed on your heart?

At times when we have good intentions and dreams about what we will do in the New Year, it stays there. In other words, we could get stuck in this dreaming or idea "world" that we don't act upon it and let God use us. Eccle-

siastes 5:7 says that "Much dreaming and many words are meaningless." Many words and thoughts can develop, but they are meaningless if not put into actions. It ends up being lip-service and does no one any good.

More than one has shared, can you imagine or envision what could happen if we could pay off the mortgage? What could that money do? Pay a tuition for a student who wants to go to school at Saint Paul? Assist people to go to Christian counseling? Aid those who need food and clothing? Help those with medical bills? Wow. The possibilities! But why wait to act? With God's Spirit, we can act on what God has placed in your heart, or achieve steps to reach that kingdom extending goal.

Jesus has done so much for us in His coming as a babe in Bethlehem, living a perfect life to die a perfect sacrifice, then to rise and give us a new life. Wow, look at what God gave to forgive us for staying in the dream or imagine world instead of acting. But that is not all; God gave us His Spirit to use what godly things he has placed upon our hearts to do and not stay stuck in inaction.

That Spirit gave us the ability to act and use the gifts and talents to extend His kingdom now. Maybe it is to share with a friend about Christ, make cookies for someone you know who needs them, visit someone in the hospital, write a card to someone to show you're thinking and praying for them, maybe it is to make a pledge to help the faith for the journey, or volunteer in the school. The possibilities of what God can do to extend His kingdom are huge. What will God do for and in us in 2017?

The January Messenger is sponsored by Margie Scannell.

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

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

Psalms – Led by Pastor Bruner in the library. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." Eph. 5:19a We all face a variety of situations in life. This Bible Study will look at the book of ***Psalms*** and how they speak to us and others. Learn what ***Psalms*** can be helpful in talking to someone else as they face good and bad situations. Discover how God wants to speak to us and bring us hope in Jesus, so we can "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." Eph. 5:19b

Bible Study - Joshua had some big shoes to fill. Moses had led the Jews out of Egypt and through the wilderness. Joshua proved to be more than capable. He was fearless. He didn't follow in Moses' footsteps. He followed God. What was his secret? How did Joshua live so fearlessly? Come and grow with us as we are taught and led by the same God who led Joshua. Fearlessly find us in the **Projects Room**. Bring a Bible and a friend or find Godly friends and a supplied Bible. This Bible study is for **all** of God's children—of every age—children and adults, families, singles—any and all!

Other Bible Studies

Daily Lectionary

Led by Pastor Bruner Wednesdays at 9AM in the Council Room.

Men's Morning Bible Study

Sat., January 7th, at 7:30AM in the Library.
Join us the first Saturday of each month.
Coffee & goodies provided!

Heroes Men's Bible Study

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

January Meetings

Dorcas Planning

Wed., January 4th at 2:30PM

Social Concerns

Wed., January 4th at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., January 4th at 7:30PM

Evangelism

Thurs., January 5th at 7:15PM

Special Voters' Meeting

Sun., January 8th at 1:30PM

Trustees

Sun., January 8th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., January 9th & 23rd at 7PM

Board of Education

Thurs., January 12th at 6:30PM

Elders

Wed., January 25th at 7:30PM

Scripture Readings

January 1st

Isaiah 63: 7-14

Galatians 4: 4-7

Matthew 2: 13-23

January 8th

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Romans 6: 1-11

Matthew 3: 13-17

January 15th

Isaiah 49: 1-7

I Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42a

January 22nd

Isaiah 9: 1-4

I Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-25

January 29th

Micah 6: 1-8

I Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

Adult Instruction Classes

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, please call the church office by January 10th at 989-871-4581 ext. 3. Once we know who wants to attend, we'll let you know the date classes will begin.

Music



Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM
in the school music room.

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM
Singers and instrumentalists welcome
to join any time!

Happenings at St. Paul

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Storyhour

Storyhour for preschoolers Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the nursery. Everyone welcome – no need to register.

Quilting

Everyone is welcome to join the quilting ladies and help tie off quilts and cut material squares every Tuesday from 12-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience needed!

Painting Class

Tuesdays from 6-8PM in the Projects Room

Get Fit

Tuesdays at 6:15PM in the Library

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30PM in the Council Room.

The Gathering

Wed., Jan. 4th & 18th

Drawing close to God through the Word, Prayer, and Praise. This will be an opportunity to join as God's people in corporate prayer for any needs, praise, or thanksgiving and to share any scripture that is near and dear to you. We also may join in songs of praise to our Lord. This is a lay lead bi-monthly gathering on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm in the chapel. We will meet on December and . You are welcome to share in any time you have. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Any questions or comments contact Kenny McKee 810-577-2325 or 871-2666.

CPR

Sat., Jan. 7th at 11AM in the Library

CPR Classes are being offered by Kassie Ducharme once a month at St. Paul. Go to milifesavers.enrollware.com/enroll?id=1377634 to sign up.

Adult Confirmation

Sun., Jan. 8th during the 8:30AM service. Please welcome our newest members between services in the Parish Hall for the **New Member Welcome**.

Special Voters' Meeting

Sun., Jan. 8th at 1:30PM.

The agenda will include calling a Principal and dispersing the Ferber gift. Everyone is encouraged to attend – only voting members are able to vote.

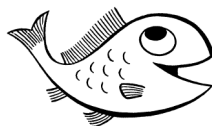
Trustees Meeting

Sun., Jan. 8th at 6PM.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline **Friday, January 13th**

Scrapbooking

Sat., January 14th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or at school.office@spsmill.org. *SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME...JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!*



Fish Fry

Friday, January 27th
in the Parish Hall

11AM-7PM

Take Out - \$8.00

4-7PM

All You Can Eat Sit Down - \$10.00

Menu: Cod, French Fries, Baked Potatoes,
Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert

Desserts are needed! If you can make something, please drop off before Friday at 11AM.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is a great opportunity for high school students to hear a devotion and get free breakfast every Friday at 7AM at the Millington High School. St. Paul is on a rotating host schedule with five other groups and we are hosting **Friday, Feb. 3rd**. To help offset the cost, we could use donations of **soft flour taco shells, ground sausage, eggs, orange juice, and chocolate milk**. Any amount will be helpful – or monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Another easy way to volunteer is by preparing the breakfast. We will have the food items, you just need to cook it, have it ready and to the high school by 7AM. If you can spare an hour or so, please call the church office. Thank you!



Save the Date!

Denim & Diamonds

Sat., March 18th

5-11:30PM

More details to come!



Financial / CEF / Board Info / Grant

CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

New mortgage balance as of 12/31/16: \$915,196.07

-- Interest Rate = 2.25%

-- Next Maturity Date = 01/01/2020

-- Debt free date if nothing changes = Oct. 2022

-- Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00

Principal - \$12,357.98

Interest - \$1,777.02

What could we do with an extra \$14,000 each month?

Imagine how that amount could be used each month to provide ministry through SPL.

Let's look at possible options to pay off the mortgage early!

Jul – Nov General Fund Income:	\$ 442,828.88
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Jul – Nov General Fund Expenses:	(\$ 390,166.34)
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FY Year-to-date surplus:	\$ 52,662.54
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Checkbook balance as of 11/30/16:	\$ 246,467.96
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Designated & Memorial Obligation:	(\$ 266,066.27)
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Our Deficit:	(\$ 19,598.31)
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Did You Know?

You can have your church offerings electronically withdrawn from your checking or savings account in intervals of your choosing? "Excel in Giving" information is available in the narthex and church office. The enrollment form is located in the wall organizer outside the bookkeeper's office.

Offering Envelopes

2017 Offering Envelopes are in hallway by the church mailboxes. If you haven't already, please pick them up - or if you see someone's that you know, please take them to them. Thank you!

Aesthetic Grant Program

We received a flyer from the Church Extension Fund (CEF) advising us they have funds available to beautify the church and school!

The funds are in the form of a reimbursement grant up to \$2,000 per congregation, *plus* an additional 10% of the amount expended over the initial grant of \$2,000. Maximum grant per congregation is \$20,000.

What does that mean in English? If approved, CEF will reimburse the church at 100% for expenditures up to \$2,000. Anything over \$2,000 they'll throw in an additional 10%. Say we have a project that costs \$5,000: CEF will reimburse the initial \$2,000 plus another \$300 for a total of \$2,300.

The grant program is designed for cosmetic facility improvements – not maintenance.

This grant program expires 12/31/17 so we have some time. Please let a Trustee know what type of enhancement you'd like to see in the church and/or school so we can bring ideas to the Voter's Meetings.

2017 Church Election Results

President:

Edward Sergent

Board of Elders:

Tim Brown, Kenny McKee, Tim Sergent

Board of Education:

Jay Rodammer, Kent Singer

Budget Director:

Brian Rondy

Board of Social Concerns:

Barb Bassett, LuAnn Jaruzel, Shelli Lugg

Board of Stewardship:

Heather Jones, Luke Platt, Kristy Sherman

Board of Trustees:

Mike Blue, Dan Brandle, Jon Keinath

Salary & Personnel:

Valerie Dennis, Duane Weber, Becky Wolfington

Memorials Treasurer:

Lillian Sergent

Reminder to All Boards

With the new year here, we have new board members too. Please remember to fill out a **Board Information Sheet** and return to the church office. You will find a **Board Tool Box Booklet** in your mailbox in the Council Room to assist you throughout the year. 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; Messenger deadline is the 15th of every month. Items can be brought to the church office or emailed to church.office@spsmill.org. Thank you and if you have any questions, feel free to call the church office!

Master Calendar Scheduling

If you need to book the Parish Hall, Activity Center, or room for an event, practice, or meeting, check with the church office to be sure it is available. Also remember to turn off all lights and electronics before leaving the building. Thank you!

2016 Annual Report

The 2016 Annual Report deadline will be Mon., Jan. 30th in order to have a finished product by Feb. 28th. Thank you for your help.

Anniversaries

Carol Weber ***30 Years in the Ministry***

If you have had the pleasure of picking up a child from St. Paul Lutheran School at the end of the school day, you most certainly have observed the warm smile of Mrs. Carol Weber.

Mrs. Carol Weber was born to Walter Kamasis Sr. and Roberta Kamasis and she was confirmed at Redford Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. She attended Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan and received her first Call to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Millington. She married Mr. Bill Weber on September 2, 1989 and they were blessed with the birth of two sons, Benjamin in 1990 and Andrew in 1992. She enjoys gardening, camping, and crafts.

For many years, Mrs. Weber has attended sporting events, commonly serving as the announcer for the games and as the bookkeeper. She has high expectations of her students as she helps them grow in their faith in their Lord Jesus Christ. She is a free giver of hugs to anyone in need.

Mrs. Weber's favorite Bible verse is John 15:5 (KJV), "I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

We are thankful for the 30 years that Mrs. Carol Weber has served as a faithful Lutheran school teacher.



Paul Schoenknecht ***40 Years in the Ministry***

Mr. Paul Schoenknecht has touched the lives of hundreds of students, parents, and congregation members over the 40 years that he has served his Lord.

Mr. Schoenknecht was born to Erma and Norbert Schoenknecht and he attended Immanuel Lutheran School, Frankentrost (the first five years in a one-room school house with no indoor plumbing). He graduated from Frankenmuth High School and then attended Concordia, Ann Arbor graduating with an AA. He continued his education at Concordia, River Forest, Illinois, graduating with a BA. He completed his formal education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor receiving a Master's Degree in Education. His first Call was to Christ the King, Southgate Michigan. In 1979, he received a Call to St. Paul Millington.

Besides teaching at St. Paul, he has also served as Youth Director, Adult Education Director, and he currently serves as Director of Mercy Ministries (Christian Care Committee and Stephens Ministry-Stephen Leader). He married Penny in 1987 and they have been blessed with five children and seven grandchildren. Karl and his wife Renee who live in Chicago, Illinois with four of their grandkids: Kylie, Ella, Gavin and Lucas; Terry, who lives in Grand Rapids, MI; Jillian and grandson Lonnie from Millington; Christina and husband Jake and grandsons Max and Jack also from Millington; and Jake who lives in Detroit, MI.

Mr. Schoenknecht enjoys gardening, jogging, and reading. Mr. Schoenknecht's favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 2:8-10 (KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We are thankful for the 40 years that Mr. Paul Schoenknecht has modeled God's grace.

Philippians 1:3-6

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Bookkeeper's Corner / Special Services

The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

Finance@spmill.org

What could we do with an extra \$14,000 each month? Imagine not having to pay our monthly mortgage payment of \$14,135. Let's look at options for paying off this debt sooner.

- a) **Current Situation.** Based on our current terms of 2.25% interest, current principal loan balance of \$927,576 and paying **\$14,135** a month, we have about 71 months left to pay (thru October 2022) on our debt. On 01/31/20 (the balloon maturity date), if we have not paid the loan in full, the interest rate is subject to go up, then we would need to recalculate for the remaining two years. In the end, we end up paying \$63,154 in interest plus any rate raise we incur after 01/31/20.
- b) **Paying off in 5 Years.** Using the same interest rate and current loan balance, we would have 60 months left to pay (thru November 2021) on the debt. Once again, on 01/31/20 (the balloon maturity date), if we have not paid the loan in full, the interest rate is subject to change and we would need to recalculate for the remaining year. Going this route, we would have a monthly mortgage payment of **\$16,360** and would pay \$54,022 in interest plus any rate raise we incur after 01/31/20.
- c) **Paying off in 38 Months.** Using the same interest rate and current loan balance, we would pay off the debt by the balloon maturity date of 01/31/20. We're done. This option would cost us a monthly mortgage payment of **\$25,313**, but we'd only be paying a total of \$34,305 in interest.

As Luther would say, "What does this mean"?

- a) Keep going like we are and be debt free in 2022.
- b) Increase our givings by \$2,225/month and pay off in 5 years and be debt free by 2021
- c) Increase our givings by \$11,178/month and be debt free in 38 months.

How realistic is increasing the monthly mortgage based on our givings? Here are the monthly giving numbers for 2016:

Jan 2016	\$ 15,102.33
Feb 2016	\$ 15,030.50
Mar 2016	\$ 11,914.50
Apr 2016	\$ 12,373.48
May 2016	\$ 15,300.00
May 2016	\$ 7,792.65 (Fish Fry Gift)
Jun 2016	\$ 16,538.00
Jul 2016	\$ 17,052.60
Aug 2016	\$ 9,607.50
Sep 2016	\$ 16,984.70
Oct 2016	\$ 11,642.62
Nov 2016	\$ 18,419.00
Dec 2016	\$ 13,224.93

Note: The mortgage payment funds are gathered in the previous month contributions. Remember that any special payment against principal (like the Fish Fry) will reduce our overall interest payable as well as reduce the mortgage balance.

We met our obligation 60% of the time.

These facts and figures are here for you to prayerfully reflect upon and determine just how much we're going to trust in Him to provide without question.

Malachi 3:10 brings things into perspective: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need".

It's interesting that this is the **only** place in scripture that God gives humans permission to test him. Shall we?

Youth News /Area News

High School Youth Events

New Year's Day Party

Sunday, January 1st

High School Youth – 6-9PM

Come and celebrate the New Year with a balloon drop and plenty of your favorite snacky foods! Please bring your favorite food or snack to share.



January Youth Events

Sunday Nights 6-8PM

January 8th

Make Your Own Pizza and Nerf Wars

January 15th

Movie Night

January 22nd

Olympics

January 29th

Board/Card Game Night

February 5th

Superbowl Party

Watch the Facebook page for details on all the upcoming events!

Jr. Youth Events

6th - 8th Grade

New Year's Day Party

Sunday, January 1st

Jr. Youth – 4-6PM



Come and celebrate the New Year with a balloon drop and plenty of your favorite snacky foods! Bring your favorite food to share.

All Jr. Youth!

Join us Friday, January 20th after school from 3-5PM in the Youth Room for food and fun!

Area News

Andersen Martial Arts invites you to try Tang Soo Do Tuesday nights at Kirk Elementary Cafeteria, Millington from 6-8PM or Saturday mornings at St. Paul, Mayville from 10AM-12PM. \$40 for 8 weeks. Call 989-843-6233 for more info.

Chicken Dinner Sun., Jan. 8th from 11am-1:30pm. \$11 for 1/2 chicken, \$8 for 1/4 chicken. Sponsored by the VLHS Booster club and the chicken is grilled by the St. John Athletic Club. Proceeds are used to fund Valley's extra-curricular activities.

Valley Lutheran Choral Christmas Concert has been rescheduled for January 8 at Trinity, Monitor on Salzburg Rd, Bay City starting at 4:00pm. Enjoy lunch and a concert!

VLHS Auction Approaching! Back to the 80's theme for the 14th Annual **VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction**, Sat., Feb. 25th at Apple Mountain Conference Center. The past thirteen auctions have netted over half a million dollars which has been applied to various school improvements. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.) There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Click on our auction link www.vlhsauction.com for more information and check out our often-updated list of items. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 kaulfarm@airadv.net, or Karrie Gatza 989-415-6776 Karriekookies@aol.com.

Would you consider opening your hearts...

to families who want their children to receive a St. Paul Christian education but perhaps cannot afford the rising costs? The **"Grantparent" Program** is designed to ease the financial burden for struggling parents, but it is in need of ongoing funds. If you are able to help financially to continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please prayerfully follow God's "nudging" by contacting the school office. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

St. Paul Happenings!

Check out all the activities going on in our school and church. Lots of pictures are on the bulletin board outside the Council Room. They can also be found on our St. Paul Facebook page.

Memorials / Thank You / Serve & Volunteer

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

GIFT TO Seminarian Fund Designated Tim Kern	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Duane Russell General Fund	\$10.00
IN MEMORY OF Clyde Sargent General Fund	\$125.00
IN MEMORY OF Margaret Miller General Fund	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Luella Saeger General Fund	\$370.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
St. Paul School Library	\$ 10.00
St. Paul Sunday School	\$ 10.00
St. Paul Hot Lunch	\$ 20.00
Seminarian Fund Designated Tim Kern	\$ 10.00
Missions	\$ 20.00
St. Paul Christian Care Committee	\$ 25.00
To Be Designated by Family	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Barbara Mohr To Be Designated by Family	\$ 25.00
IN MEMORY OF John Maurer General Fund	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Dear St. Paul Lutheran family,

Our family is grateful for the outpouring of love we received throughout the holidays. A sincere "Thank you!", from our hearts to you. We are blessed by all the gifts and especially the continued support and encouragement through words and various acts of love. We hope that your Christmas season and the New Year in 2017 will continue to be centered in Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He is the original gift giver and gives the peace no one else can give (John 14:27).

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to us, Pastor Bruner, Karen, Lydia and Alexis

The Board of Social Concerns would like to **thank** everyone who supported our Giving Tree program again this year. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our St. Paul family. You ensure that those in our community who need a little help at Christmas time receive it.

Valley Lutheran Thanks You! Thank you to all churches and people associated in any way with our fruit sale fundraiser. Our appreciation to all buyers, sellers, distributors and helpers for your cooperation & support. Money raised will help support music, drama, athletics & many other activities at Valley Lutheran High School. Through your support & the student body, we are fortunate & thankful to meet our goal. Total boxes sold for 2016 were 537 = 16000 pounds of fruit! Wow!!!

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

Tissue Boxes

It's that time of year again – The church is running low on the **square cube tissue boxes** to fit in the tissue holders in the pews. Watch for sales and bring boxes to the church office.

Craft Supplies

Dorcas Ladies are still crafting! If you have any of the listed items, please bring to the school office or the box in the narthex. Zippers, Icebreaker mint containers, large artificial flowers, key ring circles, ribbon, yarn, lace, plain glass or plastic round ornament bulbs, any type of beads, and any size or color pompons.

Rescue Mission

The second Saturday of every month **we have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus** by preparing and serving meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw-must be 14 or older. Our next date is January 14th. Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and we finish by 2PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for sack lunches. Anyone wishing to help pack lunches may come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Jan. 13th at 1:30PM. If you are willing to help, please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280. Thank you.

Free Trip

The **LWML MI District** is looking for a woman 22-35 years old who would be interested in being nominated to go to the **National LWML Convention** in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 22-25, 2017. All expenses would be paid by the MI District. If interested, call Jan McKee at 989-475-2091.

Books for Sale

The Altar Guild has copies of **Rudy Petzold's book "Reflections of a Country Publisher"** for sale in the glass case. If you would like a copy, they can be purchased after services, or call the church office.

Happy Winter!



Daily Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Is 61:1-11 Lk 1:57-80 Ps 113:1-9	<u>2</u> Is 62:1-12 Lk 2:1-20 Ps 62:5-8, 11-12	<u>3</u> Is 63:1-14 Lk 2:21-40 Ps 108:1-6, 12-13	<u>4</u> Is 63:15 -- 65:2 Lk 2:41-52 Ps 40:6-10	<u>5</u> Is 65:8-25 Lk 3:1-20 Ps 37:4-40	<u>6</u> Is 66:1-20 Lk 3:21-38 Ps 45:1-7	<u>7</u> Ezk 1:1-14, 22-28 Rm 1:1-17 Ps 46:1-6, 8-11
<u>8</u> Ezk 2:1 -- 3:11 Rm 1:18-32 Ps 19:1-6, 9-11, 14	<u>9</u> Ezk 3:12-27 Rm 2:1-16 Ps 62:5-12	<u>10</u> Ezk 18:1-4, 19-32 Rm 2:17-29 Ps 85:1-4, 7-8, 10-13	<u>11</u> Ezk 33:1-20 Rm 3:1-18 Ps 7:1-5, 8-11	<u>12</u> Ezk 34:1-24 Rm 3:19-31 Ps 63:3-11	<u>13</u> Ezk 36:13-28 Rm 4:1-25 Ps 32:1-7	<u>14</u> Ezk 36:33 -- 37:14 Rm 5:1-21 Ps 104:27-30
<u>15</u> Ezk 37:15-28 Rm 6:1-23 Ps 29:1-4a, 8-11	<u>16</u> Ezk 38:1-23 Rm 7:1-20 Ps 36:1-6, 10	<u>17</u> Ezk 39:1-10, 17-29 Rm 7:21 -- 8:17 Ps 76:1-3, 6-9, 11-12	<u>18</u> Ezk 40:1-4, 43:1-12 Rm 8:18-39 Ps 44:1-3, 9-10, 20-23a, 26	<u>19</u> Ezk 44:1-16, 23-29 Rm 9:1-18 Ps 15:1-5	<u>20</u> Ezk 47:1-14, 21-23 Rm 9:19-33 Ps 117:1-2	<u>21</u> Joel 1:1-20 Rm 10:1-21 Ps 20:1-9
<u>22</u> Joel 2:1-17 Rm 11:1-24 Ps 69:19-23, 32-33	<u>23</u> Joel 2:18-32 Rm 11:25 -- 12:13 Ps 139:1-6, 12-14	<u>24</u> Joel 3:1-21 Rm 12:14 -- 13:14 Ps 131:1-3	<u>25</u> Zec 1:1-21 Rm 14:1-23 Ps 6:4-10	<u>26</u> Zec 2:1 -- 3:10 Rm 15:1-13 Ps 18:46-50	<u>27</u> Zec 4:1 -- 5:1 Rm 15:14-33 Ps 1:1-6	<u>28</u> Zec 6:1 -- 7:14 Rm 16:17-27 Ps 12
<u>29</u> Zec 8:1-23 2 Tm 1:1-18 Ps 107:1-9	<u>30</u> Zec 9:1-17 2 Tm 2:1-26 Ps 33:18-22	<u>31</u> Zec 10:1 -- 11:3 2 Tm 3:1-17 Ps 135:1-7, 13-14	Daily Lectionary January 2017 LSB pp. 299-304	Notes from: Concordia Commentary – Ezekiel 1-20, Horace D. Hummel, qph 2005.		

(p. 49-50) – Commentary: The opening chapter affords Ezekiel, the prophet-priest, a vision into the opened heavens of the enthroned Glory of God. Thus the book of Ezekiel grants a prophetic view in the heaven of what the apostles would see on earth: “The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14). The incarnate Glory of God would atone for the sins of the world by his death on the cross and rise again from the dead. He then would ascend and, as our High Priest, be “seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens” (Heb 8:1). In Revelation the apostle John sees through the opened heavens the enthroned Christ and the divine liturgy of the heavenly host. In particular, Revelation 4 recalls Ezekiel 1, down to the details of the mysterious creatures who support the divine throne in heaven.

As we ponder this most mysterious prophetic book, then, we bear in mind that the realities we strive to understand through Ezekiel’s eyes find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The vision of divine Glory in chapter 1, though it transcends human comprehension, reveals the divine Glory to be manifested in the God-man, Christ our Lord. Likewise, when Yahweh speaks throughout the rest of the book (beginning in Ch 2), the words can rightly be regarded as those of Christ, the Word made flesh.

(p. 112-113) – Commentary on Ezekiel 3:1: The main point of the scene ... is that Yahweh will protect his prophet from the fierce opposition to God’s Word that he will have to face. The scroll is God’s Word in an external, physical (“sacramental”) form that the prophet must ingest if he is to carry out the formidable task ahead of him. This is similar to the traditional phrasing of the *Collect for the Word* in TLH: *Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them...* The part of the collect about inwardly digesting the Scriptures is based on this episode in Ezekiel. We might compare Ezekiel’s ingestion and digestion of the Word in scroll form to the way in which in the Lord’s Supper the Word made flesh is received by mouth and ingested to permeate the body of the communicant, who is a member of Christ’s one body (1 Cor 10:16-27).

In LW (p 156) and LSB (p 265), “inwardly digest them” was altered to “take them to heart.” The change removes us one step from the language of Scripture. The increasing biblical illiteracy of modern worshippers may render the origin of the phrase less obvious. But, if so, it provides a standing opportunity for the pastor to instruct the congregation about the origin of the liturgy in the Bible itself.

Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Sextons

Jan.	31st/1st	7th/8th	14th/15th	21st/22nd	28th/29th
Acolytes					
7:30PM		Zac & Nic Yorke		Kailee & Chad Fackler	Alden & Jay Rodammer
8:30AM		Hoards	Kirsten Skouson	Dani & Matt Ayotte	Paige & Matt Ayotte
11AM		Brandon & Mark Rude	Andrew & Mike Hoard	Grace & Tim Brown	Levi & Heath Keinath
Screen Tech					
7:30PM		Logan Curtis	Caden Wilson	Christie Stevens	Meagan Tolbert
8:30AM		Singers	Ill's	Paige Ayotte	Landon Kern
11AM		Brandon Rude	Julie Keinath	Hunter Ayotte	Hunter Ayotte
Greeters					
7:30PM	Shelli Lugg	Betty Bleuer	Laura Sherman		
8:30AM	Shirley Petzold	Ken & Kathy Ill	Natalie Smith		
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Keith & Heidi Woolwine	Jason & Heather Jones	
Subs	Denise Miller	Sherry Sebert			

Ushers

8:30AM Service

Captain Glenn Brown
Alex Kern
Nate Kern
Ron Schiefer
Bob Wager
Duane Weber
Ed White

Ricks Anderson
Mike Kern
Tim Kern
Matt Singer
Bill Weber
Katherine Weber

11AM Service

Captain Tim Daenzer
Matt Ayotte
Corey Daenzer
Jason Ketels
Eddie Meeks

Assistant Tim Brown
Tedd Burton
Larry Henderson
Arlyn Marks
Rod Wilson

7:30PM Service

Captain Jeffrey Yorke
Chad Fackler
Mark Keinath

Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte
Armand & Faye Carmona
Ed & Marcia Keinath
Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Lillian Sargent
8:30AM - Lisa Rodammer
11AM - Sheila Peche

Thank you to our many volunteers who give their time to help with the worship services. May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul. You are appreciated!

Birthday Celebrations

David Daniel	1/1	Lana Schultz	1/12	Luke Petzold	1/22
Charles Haley	1/1	Russell Sherman	1/12	Keith Brown II	1/23
Mark Reinertson	1/1	Brandon Stevens	1/12	Nicholas Corrigan	1/23
Marie Saeger	1/1	Shannon Wyman	1/12	Michael Derscha	1/23
Kirsten Skouson	1/1	Timothy Daenzer	1/13	Kenneth Gorsuch	1/23
Sonny Bishop	1/2	Todd List	1/13	Cory Hunt	1/23
Tyler Hibbard	1/2	Toni Morel	1/13	Kyle Koch	1/23
Mark Raymond	1/2	Jillian Muehlenbeck	1/14	Leah Rader	1/23
Kaiden Rueckert	1/2	Jacob Orwick	1/14	Jodie Reed	1/23
Dawn Rueger	1/2	Kevin Whaley	1/14	Aaron Schiefer	1/23
Joshua Schuler	1/2	Joshua Blue	1/15	Patrick Hayden	1/24
Nicholas Tolbert	1/2	Gerald Keinath	1/15	RaeAnn Henderson	1/24
Cathy Beagle	1/3	Steven Kennard	1/15	Boyden McClenathen	1/24
Tyler Bentley	1/3	Gabrielle Sargent	1/15	Kandace Milostan	1/24
Cathleen Bloor	1/3	Grace Brown	1/16	Adam Schmidt	1/24
Carol Kammer	1/3	Logan Curtis	1/16	Aaron Staple	1/24
Gailan Kester	1/3	Alan Draper	1/16	Amanda Stevens	1/24
Debra Nitz	1/3	David Engelhart	1/16	Courtney Derscha	1/25
Marlene Stratton	1/3	Nicole Jaruzel	1/16	Amber Inman	1/25
Shelly Cobb	1/4	Robert McClenathen	1/16	Loraine H. Petzold	1/25
Lela Higgins	1/4	Kenneth Reinert	1/16	Ron Petzold	1/25
Alexander Keinath	1/4	LeeAnn Wagner	1/16	Donna Stange	1/25
Janice Schiefer	1/4	Dustin Bishop	1/17	Fred Trinklein	1/25
James Wood	1/4	Samantha Bishop	1/17	George Whittaker	1/25
Keith Frasier	1/5	Sydney Bishop	1/17	Ashley Wisenbach	1/25
Dwayne Rose	1/5	Nicholas Cassidy	1/17	James Brueggemann Sr.	1/26
Carol Schwab	1/5	Bill Garrett	1/17	Airiel Esparza	1/26
Andrew Selich	1/5	Seth Keinath	1/17	Wilfred Schultz	1/26
Elizabeth Coleman	1/6	Constance Daenzer	1/18	Joshua White	1/26
Sheri Erlenbeck	1/6	Evan Damm	1/18	David Kern	1/27
Cody Mason	1/6	Jason Damm	1/18	Paul Petzold	1/27
Willard Petzold	1/6	Terri Keinath	1/18	Brynnlee Watts	1/27
Linda Rohde	1/6	Mitch Loomis	1/18	Lon Coleman	1/28
Michael Sherman	1/6	Andrew Maschke	1/18	Karen Dumler	1/28
Eugene Ziegler	1/6	Nancy Petzold	1/18	Dorothy Schreiber	1/28
Kenneth Cunningham	1/7	Michael Schiefer	1/18	Martin Snover	1/28
Jamie Curtis	1/7	Jeanette Smith	1/18	Dustin Griesing	1/29
William Earl	1/7	Don Stange	1/18	Brittany Hunt	1/29
Kathleen Hergenreder	1/7	Richard Harpst	1/19	Joel Petzold	1/29
Chase Wiacek	1/7	Addyson Licavoli	1/19	Stacie Ramsey	1/29
Blake Erlenbeck	1/8	Susan Lyons	1/19	Kyrian Thomason	1/29
Lonnie Kester	1/8	Ciara Mason	1/19	Michael White	1/29
Tina White	1/8	Gailan Reinert	1/19	Lynn Borcherding	1/30
Lisa Aulbert	1/9	Theodore Wager	1/19	Ricky Horning	1/30
Phillip Gordon	1/9	Jordan Watchpocket	1/19	Ellen Reinertson	1/30
Brenda Keinath	1/9	Ronald White	1/19	Chelsea Torrey	1/30
John Kowitz	1/9	Gary Woelzlein	1/19	Judith Warner	1/30
Bethany Reinert	1/9	Montgomery Carlyon	1/20	Julie Weiss	1/30
Penny Schoenknacht	1/9	Joy Cassidy	1/20	Michael Ziegler	1/30
Mark Wyman	1/9	Richard Gladys	1/20	Gary Balcom	1/31
Jerrit Baker	1/10	Shayla Heike	1/20	Emily Petzold	1/31
Sarah Burns	1/10	Thomas Meeks	1/20	Sheryl Schiefer	1/31
Donna Mulka	1/10	Heather O'Hearn	1/20	Keven Washburn	1/31
William Rosebush	1/10	Zoey Paquette	1/20		
Lukas Selich	1/10	Dana Schember	1/20		
Kody Steepe	1/10	Kylie Snyder	1/20		
Marcus H. Jensen Jr.	1/11	Anthony Wagner	1/20		
Cheyenne St. Onge	1/11	Heidi Woolwine	1/20		
Benjamin Wittum	1/11	William Ackerman	1/21		
Shelley Coon	1/12	Abigail Brown	1/21		
Philip Erickson	1/12	Daniel DeOrnellas	1/21		
Richard Gross	1/12	Shannon Huber	1/21		
Shelly Holmes	1/12	Diane Maxson	1/21		
Roger Keinath	1/12	Christopher Smith	1/21		
Zachary Mills	1/12	Christopher Washburn	1/21		
Wyatt Reinert	1/12	Nicholas Gunter	1/22		
Morgan Rosebush	1/12	Philip Morrow	1/22		

Happy
Birthday!



St. Paul Lutheran School

January 2017

"Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

Welcome to the year 2017! What a better way to start the brand new year than with our Lord and Savior! We begin our journey with hearts that are open and ready for God to lovingly lead us on His path through this year no matter what it holds for each of us, remembering to "Fear Not" because He is always with us!

The school, faculty and staff would like to thank everyone that showed us such love through the CHRISTmas season, as well as anyone that was able to assist us with this year's Children's Christmas services. You, your help and your prayers were definitely gifts to all of us.

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

Jan. 3	school resumes
Jan. 6	Epiphany, wear your school theme shirt
Jan. 13	$\frac{1}{2}$ day of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.
Jan. 16	No School ~ Great Lakes Bay Teacher Conference
Jan. 19	P.T.L. Meeting 6 p.m.
Jan. 26	$\frac{1}{2}$ day of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.
Jan. 27	$\frac{1}{2}$ day of classes ~ end of the quarter, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.

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



School Musical Opportunities



Jan. 15

Girls Choir

both services

Spartan Sports Our basketball season for B-teams boys and girls finished last month. Congratulations to all the B-teams on seasons well played. Thank you to the coaches, fans and parents for all they did for these children. A-Team basketball starts this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



January

Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball



Jan. 6	with St. Michael's, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Christ the King, Sebawaing	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	with Trinity-Trost, Reese/Frankentrost	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 21-22	Girl's Valley Lutheran Tournament	TBA
Jan. 27	with St. Paul, Flint	6:00 p.m.















*** READING BUDDY/8th Grade Parent Night ***

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

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

January 2017

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1  8:30AM Worship+C 9:45AM Bible Study  11AM Worship New Year's Party 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6-9PM HS Youth	2 No School	3 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	4 9AM Bible Study 2:30PM Dorcas Planning Meeting 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7-8PM The Gathering 7:30PM Council	5 6:15PM Praise Team 7:15PM Evangelism	6	7 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 11AM CPR  7:30PM Worship+C
8  8:30AM Worship Adult Confirmation Church Choir 9:45AM New Member Welcome / Sunday School  11AM Worship+C Church Choir 1:30PM Voters' Mtg. 6PM Trustees 6-8PM High School Youth	9 7PM -Stephen Ministry -Handbells	10 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM -AA -Heroes	11 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir	12 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Board of Ed.	13 Messenger Deadline 1:30PM Pack Lunches for Rescue Mission	14 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission  7:30PM Worship
15  8:30AM Worship+C 9:45AM **See Notes** Dorcas Tea  11AM Worship Contemporary 6-8PM High School Youth	16 No School 7PM Handbells	17 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM -AA	18 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir 7-8PM The Gathering	19 6PM PTL Meeting 6:15PM Praise Team	20 3-5PM Jr. Youth	21  7:30PM Worship+C
22  8:30AM Worship 9:45AM **See Notes**  11AM Worship+C Contemporary 6-8PM High School Youth	23 7PM -Stephen Ministry -Handbells	24 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM -AA	25 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	26 ½ Day School 6:15PM Praise Team	27 ½ Day School Fish Fry	28  7:30PM Worship
29  8:30AM Worship 9:45AM **See Notes**  11AM Worship 6-8PM High School Youth	30 7PM Handbells	31 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM -AA	**Notes** 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School			



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Return Service Requested



Monthly Messenger

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*God's blessings to you
as we begin the year 2017!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!*

Happy New Year!