



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

March 2017

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

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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

Clichés are often used among Christians. When people are in pain, have a problem or struggling these phrases at times seem to put our foot in our mouths. They can be hurtful. Often it's done with good intentions, but the good doesn't cover up the pain of our words.

We as Christians need to stop saying them because they can, and do more harm than good. This article is meant to help watch our words and offer help of what we can do instead. If we feel we have done these before, please know God does forgive us in Jesus, who took our sins away. Jesus rose and gave us the Holy Spirit to empower us to say healing words of hope in Jesus.

"Pray More"

When people express their problems, grief, or pain some people say, "Pray more." Or "What you need to do when that comes is pray." This seems like good advice but it offers not healing or hope. The same is for the phrase, "Just read the Bible." It puts the problem, grief, or pain back on the person hurting. It is like saying to someone standing with a bad broken leg who can't walk and in pain, "Hold these suitcases too." We are laying more problems on top of them, giving no relief and saying in this quick fix phrase, "Not my problem."

God calls us to bear each other's burden (Col. 3:13). Pray for them and don't forget to do it. Even pray for them right there if needed. Prayer is powerful, but someone who is hurting feels like he has no power. Bring up God's comfort. Tell them of God's grace and presence even if they feel like life is a mess. Give a helpful verse and expand on it. *The LORD is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid?* Psalms 27:1.. Tell them in this verse God is saying, "He is our light and salvation our stronghold in life so we don't need to be afraid. God has you. And what better hands to have

us than the ones that were scarred because of His love for us."

We are even called to do more than just pray. Are they sick? Maybe they need some soup. Just got laid off? Maybe extra cash to pay some bills. A new mom overwhelmed with a baby? Offer to help do their laundry or clean their house.

"Everyone is struggling with that issue too."

We may be familiar with its cousin, "Everyone has that problem too." We may be trying to empathize, but come across as insulting - telling people to toughen up, quick being a wimp, and even minimizing their problem.

I never liked this response since I met a girl who was suicidal. There was another man with me and that person said, "Everyone struggles and has that problem." The issues it creates is that we may not be struggling like her and we don't really know the entire story or what is in her heart. It comes across as condescending, that her problem is nothing important and she is weak. That pushed that suicidal girl to feel weaker. For what she heard was, "If all struggle with this issue and everyone is doing fine, they are stronger than me. I am weak and can't do it." I remember raising my voice telling the person that was not right, and told the girl that God was her strength even if she did not feel it. I then proceeded to gather her allies in the battle against her struggle from counseling, an elder, and even robed up in my Alb to give forgiveness at the altar. We can even pray for them (see Pray More).

"Don't Worry, God Has a Plan"

Avoid like the plague. God does have a plan, but in the midst of the battle of pain this is the last thing people want to hear in a time of crisis. In any tragedy, pain or problem, the magic words, "Don't worry, God has a plan" does not help.

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The March Messenger is sponsored in memory and celebration of Viola Hunt's first Anniversary of her eternal life in Heaven, March 4th, by Lorie, Dwight, & Ryan Keinath.

Spiritual News

(Pastor Abatelli's message continued.)

A pastor did a funeral for a mother who overdosed on drugs. She left behind three children. Telling them God has a plan does not help. It is not a magic word that makes the pain disappear. This phrase comes across as, "You're doing your pain or grief wrong. Don't worry." This is even harder to say that phrase when more than 250 Nigerian girls are abducted from a school in the middle of the night.

They need help and comfort now in the battle of grief and agony. This help or comfort comes alongside mothers and fathers weeping, grieving a loss and seeking justice. God wants us to comfort those in the midst of the tragedies giving hope. The three children who lost their mother were in pain. The pastor stopped the service, got down on his knees in front of these tear filled children and prayed. He gave them a cross made from the LWML group to assure them of their mother's hope in Jesus. He battled for them in their pain.

There are more phrases Christians should avoid. But all in all, listen, listen, listen. Keay Nigel, an ex-Christian, said, "I wish people were more patient and showed more interest in what I was going through, instead of what they thought I was going through. Lend a listening ear. Don't be too quick to judge or give advice. Listen first."

Show Jesus and His love. Reba Riley said, "If you love them, LOVE them. Love them by suspending your judgment and certainties. Love them by talking less and listening more. Love them by offering a hand to hold, a hug, a number to call when they need to talk."

Scripture Readings

March 5th

Genesis 3:1-21

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 12th

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 19th

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-26

March 26th

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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

Adult Instruction Class - Beginning March 19th. Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Multi-purpose Room. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, please call the church office 871-4581.

Other Bible Studies

Daily Lectionary

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

Men's Morning Bible Study

Sat., March 4th, 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., March 14th
at 7:30PM in the Library.



The
LutheranHour

Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

March 5th - "You Rule!" - Romans 5:17

March 12th - "Forward in Faith" - Gen. 12:1-4a; Heb. 11:8

March 19th - "Come Away. . .to the Well" - John 4:13-14

March 26th - "Wash the Mud!" - John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

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

AA Meetings

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

The Gathering

Wed., March 1st & 15th

The Gathering – from 7-8PM in the Chapel. Join together every 1st & 3rd Wednesday as we draw close to God through the Word, Prayer, and Praise. Questions-call Kenny McKee 810-577-2325 or 871-2666.

Scrapbooking & Crafts

Scrapbooking & Crafts Sat., March 11th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour, or the whole day. Please bring a dish to pass if staying all day and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spmill.org.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sun., March 12th. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour!

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, March 17th**.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, March 17th



St. Paul Lutheran School
Presents



2nd Annual Evening of Denim & Diamonds

Sat., March 18, 2017

5-11:30PM

at the Vassar Golf Course & Banquet Center

New this year

Our very own Melissa Hager as our Emcee

*Uniquely made silent auction items.

*Diamond Dig featuring large have to have items!

*Live auction art projects created by students of St. Paul and auctioned off by Kip Keinath.

*Dinner catered by Vassar Golf Course.

*Entertainment provided by The Beets Band.

Come dressed to impress in your most elegant Denim.

No Sneakers!

\$40.00 per person / \$75.00 a couple

\$350.00 Diamond table of 10

Contact Carmin List 989-233-9701 with any questions or to help in any way.

High School Youth Events

March 5th – 6-8PM in the Youth Room

Wii Games

Who will be the Wii Games Champ?
Come and show off your skills with Mario Cart, Wii Sports, and other games!
Bring your favorites!

Watch for more details on the Facebook page.

March 19th

6-8PM in the Youth Room

Jr. Youth Events

6th - 8th Grade

Sun., March 5th from 12:30-2PM in the Youth Room
Lunch provided!

*If anyone wants to stay right after 1st service, feel free. Bring your Nerf guns for another round of Nerf Wars!!

Friday, March 17th
3-5PM in the Youth Room

Financial / CEF / Bookkeeper's Corner / Grant

CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

Mortgage balance as of 1/31/17: \$902,791.77

- Interest Rate = 2.25%
- Next Maturity Date = 01/01/2020 (interest rate change)
- Debt free date if nothing changes = October 2022
- January 2017 Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00
 - Principal = \$12,404.30
 - Interest = \$1,730.70

January 2017 Income & Expense Summary

January General Fund Income: \$106,667.27

January General Fund Expense: (\$112,884.47)

Checkbook balance as of **1/31/17:** \$236,901.76

Designated & Memorial Obligation: (\$248,285.61)

Our Deficit: (\$11,383.85)

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.

Creation Museum Bus Trip

Looking for something to do with your family this summer? St. Paul is planning an overnight bus trip to the **Creation Museum and Ark Encounter** in Kentucky on June 16th-17th. In order to plan, we need a head count by April 3rd, along with a deposit of \$50. We have 56 seats available – first come, first serve. The tentative prices for the bus and museums are: Adults: \$125; Ages 60 + up: \$110; 5-12 yrs.: \$99. The hotel price will be based on number of people per room and will depend on availability – anywhere from \$95-135 per room. Once we have final counts, we can give a set price. To reserve your seats, please return this form to the church office or place in an envelope and put in the offering plate, along with your \$50 deposit. Please make checks payable to St. Paul. Call the church office if questions or to reserve your spot. We look forward to having a great time!

Name _____

Number of Seats _____

Phone Number _____

The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

Finance@spmill.org

I was recently asked a great question: "If we don't contribute enough money each month to meet our building mortgage obligation (\$14,135/month), how is the difference made up so we don't fall into arrears?" The answer goes back to how the loan was originally set up.

On the 1st or 2nd of every month, 100% of your building fund contributions are added up and sent to the Church Extension Fund (CEF). CEF deposits that check into an investment account where it immediately starts earning interest. On the 20th of the month, CEF withdraws the principal and interest from that investment fund and applies against the mortgage.

If our check is over \$14,135, the difference keeps earning interest as it sits in the investment account. If our check is short, CEF pulls the excess money that's sitting in the fund and pays the mortgage. As of this writing, we have \$52,874.53 in our investment account, so we have a cushion when we don't meet our mortgage obligation through offerings.

I mentioned in a previous article that our congregation meets the \$14,135 payment about 60% of the time. If we could meet our obligation 100% of the time, we could afford to make a special principal-only payment which not only reduces the principal, but affects the total amount of interest paid.

Genesis 14 tells a story about Abram's return from defeating the armies of the four kings, rescuing his nephew Lot, and reclaiming his possessions when he's met by an enigmatic priest named Melchizedek. The priest attributes Abram's victory to God—and he blesses Abram. In gratitude to God's authority and blessing, Abram gives Melchizedek a tenth of his possessions. He doesn't do it to *invoke* God's blessing; he does it in **response** to God's blessing. Something to think about!

What is Thrivent Choice? This is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding. 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 2016, please call Thrivent or go online to www.thrivent.com by March 31, 2017.

Lent Services / Holy Week / Meetings

This year's Lenten theme is:
"Compassion in the Passion"

This year, our special Lenten theme will look at the "Compassion" God has for all of us. His tremendous love is what motivated Him to endure the suffering or "Passion."

Each week a harmony reading of the Gospels will show us the ways Jesus suffered for us yet how He showed compassion, then and now.

When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane, He suffered greatly. Some of His disciples slept even though He asked for prayer. Judas betrayed Him. A crowd came to arrest Him with clubs and swords.

Nevertheless Jesus showed compassion to His clueless disciples, the Betrayer, and a servant whose ear was cut off.

His compassion is best seen as He interacts with those who put Him on the cross and we whose sins are the reason He suffered. These are only a few of the examples of our Lord's "Compassion in the Passion." Put Lenten worship services in your schedule and receive blessings from God's "Compassion in the Passion."

Worship Services
March 1st through April 5th
Wednesdays at 4PM

****Note:** We will not be having a 7PM service.

Join us for dinner from 5-6:30PM on the following dates:
Freewill Donation

March 1st
Soup & Salad Dinner

Sponsored by the St. Paul Faculty
Proceeds go to the Student Assistance/Christian Care.

March 8th
Pancake Dinner

Sponsored by the 7th graders
Proceeds go to their Washington D.C. trip.

March 15th
Chicken Dinner

Sponsored by the grandparents & friends of St. Paul
Please call the school office if you can help prepare and serve the meal. Proceeds go to school assemblies.

March 22nd
Italian Dinner

Sponsored by the St. Paul Valley Lutheran Students
Proceeds go to their tuition.

March 29th
Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by the Church Choir
Proceeds go toward new Red Record of Fellowship pads.

April 5th – Taco Bar
Sponsored by the Board of Social Concerns
Proceeds go toward Counseling Fees.

2017 Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday – April 13th
7PM - Worship with Communion

Good Friday – April 14th
1:30PM – Worship
7PM Tenebrae

Easter Celebrations – April 16th
6:30AM – Sunrise
8:30AM – Worship with Communion
11AM – Blended Worship with Communion

Easter Breakfast 7:30-9:30AM
Free Will Donation
Proceeds go to the Church Worker Fund

March Meetings

Social Concerns

Wed., March 1st at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., March 1st at 7:30PM

Evangelism

Thurs., March 2nd at 7:15PM

Youth Team

Tues., March 7th at 6PM

Stewardship

Tues., March 7th at 7PM

Trustees

Sun., March 12th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., March 13th & 27th at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., March 14th at 6PM

PTL

Thurs., March 16th at 6PM

Dorcas

Tues., March 21st at 6PM

Elders

Wed., March 22nd at 7:30PM

Memorials / Serve & Volunteer / School

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Barbara Mohr	
Handbell Fund	\$625.00
General Fund	\$385.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
In Honor of Roger & Lola Wendt's 50th Wedding Anniversary	
General Fund	\$ 50.00
In Honor of Lela Higgins' 90th Birthday	
General Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
In Memory of Gerald Snyder	
General Fund	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Gwenlyn Maxson	
General Fund	\$ 30.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 50.00
In Honor of Linda Rohde's 90th Birthday	
Building Fund	\$ 10.00

School Registration

As we make preparations for the 2017-2018 school year we have the awesome opportunity to welcome children age three through 8th grade to our school family. If your child is or has been enrolled at St. Paul, I encourage you to tell others about us. We are told in 2Cor. 5:20 "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." Let's be the hands, feet and voice of our God. For those of you who may have children attending our daycare or latch-key programs but are not students at St. Paul, we invite you to check us out. I would be happy to send you information about our school, arrange for a tour or sit down and answer any questions you may have. Please call the school (871-4581 ext. 4) to set up an appointment or with any questions.

Important dates:

Kindergarten Round-up

March 14th - 8:30AM-6PM

Pre-school Round-up

March 21st - 12PM-6PM

School Registration

June 20th and 22nd - 10AM-7PM

In His service,
Paul Schoenknecht

Thank You!

A big **thank you** from the St. Paul students for the great carnation sales! We shared a lot of love selling 785 carnations! Your support is appreciated!

A **big heart felt thank you** to Bob and Joyce Wager for all of their efforts to help St. Paul Lutheran School host a carnation sale. Thank you for your time you spent coordinating every aspect of this sale. The children will reap the benefits of your efforts. Thank you and God Bless you both. -Paul Schoenknecht

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

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 March 11th. 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., March 10th 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.

Water for the Weary

Are you friendly and like to talk to people? If so, you would be perfect helping in the Water for the Weary booth during the Millington Summer Festival August 10th-12th. This is a simple way to help out. Call the church office if you can give a couple hours of your time.

Trust & Investment

Applications for **Trust & Investment** funds will be taken until April 1st. Forms are in the church office and can be placed in the Trust & Investment mailbox in the council room. If questions, call Dick Gladly 871-2815.

Valley Lutheran Honor Roll



Tyler Bentley
Pierce Force
Sterling Force
Katherine Weber
Abigail Brown



Daily Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary cph, March 2017 LSB - p. 299-304	Notes from: <u>Lutheran Bible Companion</u> , Vol 1, 2014, pp. 1-2, 9					
<u>5</u> Gn 4:1-26 Mk 2:18-28 Ps 79:5-9	<u>6</u> Gn 6:1 -- 7:5 Mk 3:1-19 Ps 2	<u>7</u> Gn 7:11 -- 8:12 Mk 3:20-25 Ps 104:1-9	<u>8</u> Gn 8:13 -- 9:17 Mk 4:1-20 Ps 74:10-17	<u>9</u> Gn 11:27 -- 12:20 Mk 4:21-41 Ps 107:23-32	<u>10</u> Gn 13:1-18 Mk 5:1-20 Ps 73:25-28	<u>11</u> Gn 15:1-21 Mk 5:21-43 Ps 32:1-5
<u>12</u> Gn 16:1-9, 15 -- 17:22 Mk 6:1-13 Ps 139:7-10	<u>13</u> Gn 18:1-15 Mk 6:14-34 Ps 91:9-16	<u>14</u> Gn 21:1-21 Mk 6:35-56 Ps 126	<u>15</u> Gn 22:1-19 Mk 7:1-23 Ps 66:8-15	<u>16</u> Gn 24:1-31 Mk 7:24-37 Ps 28:6-9	<u>17</u> Gn 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk 8:1-21 Ps 118:19-24	<u>18</u> Gn 27:1-29 Mk 8:22-38 Ps 2:7-9
<u>19</u> Gn 27:30-45; 28:10-22 Mk 9:1-13 Ps 129	<u>20</u> Gn 29:1-30 Mk 9:14-32 Ps 38:13-15, 21-22	<u>21</u> Gn 35:1-29 Mk 9:33-50 Ps 105:5-11	<u>22</u> Gn 37:1-36 Mk 10:1-12 Ps 31:1-5	<u>23</u> Gn 39:1-23 Mk 10:13-31 Ps 106:44-48	<u>24</u> Gn 40:1-23 Mk 10:32-52 Ps 49:1-3, 7-10	<u>25</u> Gn 41:1-27 Mk 11:1-19 Ps 11
<u>26</u> Gn 41:28-57 Mk 11:20-33 Ps 60:1, 9-12	<u>27</u> Gn 42:1-34, 38 Mk 12:1-12 Ps 3	<u>28</u> Gn 43:1-28 Mk 12:13-27 Ps 37:16-20	<u>29</u> Gn 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk 12:28-44 Ps 26:1-7	<u>30</u> Gn 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk 13:1-23 Ps 82	<u>31</u> Gn 47:1-31 Mk 13:24-37 Ps 77:11-15	

THE OLD TESTAMENT – THE VALUE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT – The OT has basic relevance in the life of every Christian because through it comes not only the revelation of the origin of the world in which we live but also the origin of sin, how it brought down God's curse, and how God gave his loving promise to free mankind from the dreadful results of the curse of sin. No one can properly appreciate the OT who does not discover the golden thread of prophecy that assures mankind of the coming of the Messiah, identified in the NT as Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Luther wrote: Christ says in John 5:39, "Search the Scriptures, for it is they that bear witness to me." ...The ground and proof of the NT is surely not to be despised, and therefore the OT is to be highly regarded. And what is the NT but a public preaching and proclamation of Christ, set forth through the sayings of the OT and fulfilled through Christ? (AE 35:235-36)

...**Interpretation and Application** – When Jesus Christ, having risen from the dead on Easter morning, walked with two men on the first Easter afternoon on their way to Emmaus and found them confused about His death and reports of His resurrection, Luke tells us that He opened unto them the Scriptures: "Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Lk 24:27). Later when Paul had been brought as a prisoner to Rome, he called the leaders of the Jews in Rome together and "From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets" (Ac 28:23).

...We believe this is key to a proper understanding and application of God's OT revelation, namely, the faith that these writings were inspired by God "to make [us] wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2Tm 3:15). Reading from this perspective, every book of the OT carries a meaningful and faith-strengthening message for the reader and reduces the inclination to get lost in mere questions and problems of language and culture and authorship and chronology.

Title of the Books – The Hebrew name for the Books of Moses is "Torah." (The Greek title is "Pentateuch"). The conventional translation of "Torah" with "Law" is most lamentable. If it were possible to turn back the clock and expunge misleading renditions from our Bibles, this would surely be the place to start. It indisputably is one of the major culprits in reinforcing the stubborn prejudice that somehow the Old Testament is more legalistic. ...The word means something much more than Law; it means "instruction." It relates both the impossible demand of God upon fallen man as well as the good news of God's own meeting of His demand in the covenant—and in the promises attached to it. "Word of God" is often a superb equivalent of Torah as parallel examples in Hebrew poetry show (Is 2:3 and Mi 4:2 and examples in Ps 119 and Dt.).

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

March	4th/5th	11th/12th	18th/19th	25th/26th
Acolytes				
7:30PM	Zac & Nic Yorke		Kailee & Chad Fackler	Alden & Jay Rodammer
8:30AM	Hoards	Kristen Skouson	Dani & Matt Ayotte	Paige & Matt Ayotte
11AM	Andrew & Mike Hoard	Grace & Tim Brown	Levi & Heath Keinath	Peyton & Hans Schmandt
Screen Tech				
7:30PM	Logan Curtis	Christie Stevens	Caden Wilson	Meagan Tolbert
8:30AM	Landon Kern	Singers	Paige Ayotte	Ill's
11AM	Brandon Rude	Brandon Rude	Julie Keinath	Hunter Ayotte
Greeters				
7:30PM	Shellie Lugg	Betty Bleuer	Laura Sherman	
8:30AM	Shirely Petzold	Ken & Kathy Ill		
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Keith & Heidi Woolwine	Jason & Heather Jones
Subs	Sherry Sebert			

Ushers

8:30AM Service
 Captain – Dwight Keinath
 Assistant – Michael Albert
 Ken Auernhammer
 Mitchel Ill
 Colin Meacham
 Daniel Meacham
 Jeremy Petzold
 Luke Platt
 Matt Singer
 Eugene Weiss
 Bud Zeck
 Mike Ziegler

11AM Service
 Captain – Richard Harpst
 Assistant – Jay Rodammer
 Mike Hoard
 Heath Keinath
 John Petzold
 Michael Rader
 Mark Rude
 Hans Schmandt

Ushers

7:30PM Service
 Captain – Jim Jaruzel
 Don Bierlein

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 Sergent
 8:30AM - Vicki Albert
 11AM - Pam Hanlin



*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

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

Happy
Birthday!

March 2017

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Ash Wednesday 9AM Bible Study 4PM Worship <i>Free Spirit</i> 5PM Soup & Salad Dinner 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7PM The Gathering 7:30PM Council	2 6:15PM Praise Team 7:15PM Evangelism	3 2-7PM Blood Drive 7PM St. Paul's Got Talent	4 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship
5 Lutheran Schools' Week  8:30AM Worship+C <i>K-8</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship <i>K-8</i> 12:30-2PM Jr. Youth 6-8PM HS Youth	6 7PM Handbells	7 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6PM Youth Team 7PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	8 9AM Bible Study 4PM Worship <i>Women's Choir</i> 5PM Pancake Dinner 6:53PM Choir	9 6:15PM Praise Team	10 1:30PM Pack Sack Lunches	11 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking/Crafts 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission  7:30PM Worship+C
12  8:30AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 6PM Trustees	13 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	14 Kindergarten Roundup 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:30PM Board of Ed. 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM AA/Heroes	15 9AM Bible Study 4PM Worship <i>Cherub Choir</i> 5PM Chicken Dinner 6:53PM Choir 7PM The Gathering	16 6PM PTL Meeting 6:15PM Praise Team	17 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS 3-5PM Jr. Youth	18 5PM Denim & Diamonds at Vassar Country Club  7:30PM Worship
19  8:30AM Worship+C 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship Contemporary 6-8PM HS Youth	20 7PM Handbells	21 Preschool Round up 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Dorcas 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA	22 9AM Bible Study 4PM Worship <i>Cantate Choir</i> 5PM Italian Dinner 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	23 6:15PM Praise Team	24	25  7:30PM Worship+C
26  8:30AM Worship <i>Handbells</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C Contemporary	27 Spring Break 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	28 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA	29 9AM Bible Study 4PM Worship 5PM Spaghetti Dinner 6:53PM Choir	30 6:15PM Praise Team		



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!



This is also a great way to remember how our church and school's mission continues to grow and flourish as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, March 4-12. We focus on being Built on the Rock. This year we will start our celebration with an all-congregation Bible Study. We invite you and your family, to join us in the Parish Hall, between services on March 5 & 12.

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

Sunday:	All children sing - choice of services; All Congregation Bible Study
Monday:	Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday:	Treat Tuesday & Read Around /Storybook Character & Super Hero Day
Wednesday:	Chapel/Dress Your Best/Book Fair/ Assembly Day-Built on the Rock Presentation
Thursday:	Wacky Olympics & Class Color Day
Friday:	Movie Day & Favorite Team Day
Sunday:	All Congregation Bible Study

School Musical Opportunities

Mar. 1	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	ALL students K-8	choice of service
Mar. 15	Cherub Choir	4:00 p.m..
Mar. 22	Cantate Choir	4:00 p.m.

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

March 1	Ash Wednesday Service at 4:00 p.m.
March 3	Shirt day & St. Paul's Got Talent at 7:00 p.m.
March 5-12	Lutheran Schools Week & Scholastic Book Fair
March 8	Lenten Service at 4 p.m.
March 14	Kindergarten Round-up 8 a.m.-6 p.m. NO Kindergarten class
March 15	Lenten Service at 4 p.m.
March 16	P.T.L. Meeting at 6 p.m.
March 18	Denim & Diamonds 5-11:30 p.m.
March 21	His Little Lambs Preschool Registration 1-6 p.m.
March 22	Lenten Service at 4 p.m.
March 24	$\frac{1}{2}$ day of class - end of quarter
March 25	Spring Vacation - March 25- April 2

March Sports: Our C-teams play through this month. Come and support these boys and girls as they use their God-given talents. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for all of the great seasons.



Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball



Mar. 4	at Bethlehem, Saginaw	girls 11 a.m.	
	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	boys 11 a.m..	
Mar. 11	with St. Michaels, Richville	girls 10 a.m.	boys 11 a.m..
Mar. 18	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	girls 10 a.m.	boys 11 a.m..



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