



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### May 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 Last Message from Pastor Abatelli

As many of you know I took a call to be a pastor in Tennessee. My family and I are excited to see what Jesus has in store for us and how He wants us to serve Him. We also come with sadness at the same time. The stories we shared, the jokes we laughed at, and the encouraging words with many of you will be missed. However, we have hope in Jesus that we will see each other again, whether in this world and the next or in the world only in the one to come.

What do I write about for my last messenger article? How about if share a secret with you? Many have said I have an excited and energetic personality, filled with joy and laughter. Many joke and say that it comes from the coffee, but it does not (even though I do like the taste). Others say it comes from chocolate cookies I have stashed in my office. If I did, my confirmation, Jacob, and Maddie would have found them and eaten all of them. Then what is the secret? It must be genetic, right? It has to be biological? Nope again.

The secret to my excitement and laughter is best sung by the Christians artist named Plumb.

*Does the world seem gray with empty long-  
ing*

*Wearing every shade of cynical  
And do you ever feel that  
There is something missing?*

*There's a God-shaped hole in all of us  
And the restless soul is searching  
There's a God-shaped hole in all of us  
And it's a void only he can fill*

God! Jesus! Really that's it. It was who I was

longing for when I was an unbeliever.

I know it seems too easy to be true, but it is. This joy of Jesus and what He has done (His death and resurrection) overflows in us. That joy fills us like it did for the first women who witnessed the resurrection and the twelve disciples.

This joy in Jesus is why we don't have to fear when we slip up, for Jesus forgives us. This joy is why we have strength for each day regardless of what the day brings. It encourages us to share Jesus, saying "He is risen." It is why we can laugh in the midst of pain and problems, for we know there is more to this life than what we are facing.

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

I love this song by Keith and Kristyn Getty, because it reminds that in Jesus all our hope, joy, and laughter is found in Him.

There may be a lot of concerns circling your minds with what will happen in the vacancy. What will happen with confirmation class? What will the future of St. Paul will look like? *Fix our eyes on Jesus* Heb. 12:2. Let us fix our eyes on Him who died to forgiveness for all our sins. Fix our eyes on Him who rose to give a new life in Him. Fix our eyes on the author of joy and laughter.



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# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

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

**Adult Instruction Class** – 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

May 13th 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., May 9th at 7:30PM  
in the Library.

## Pastoral Vacancy Information

Pastor Abatelli has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran in Oak Ridge, TN. His tentative plans are to serve St. Paul Lutheran until the end of May and preach his last sermon here on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have contacted our Circuit Visitor and District Mission and Ministry Facilitator (CMMF) for help during this time of transition. We have requested resources and tools that will help us perform a self-study of our entire ministry. We want to determine what areas of ministry God has equipped us to accomplish, what areas need more attention from members, and what areas need pastoral ministry. Once we have a picture of where we need to direct our attention, then we can request a call list for a pastor that will fit our needs.

In the meantime, the most visible change during the vacancy will be guest preachers on occasion. Pastor Bruner is still here to serve your spiritual needs. We can view this vacancy as an opportunity God is giving us to have more members engaged in the ministry areas that do not require a pastor and for Pastor Bruner to focus on those areas that he has been called to fulfill. Continue to pray that God would strengthen our faith in His promise to guide us and provide for us.



## 8th Grade Confirmation

Sun., May 7th in the 11AM service

## 1st Communion

Sun., May 14th in the 11AM service



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

May 7th - "The Lord is My Shepherd" - Psalm 23

May 14th - "Our Father's House" - John 14:1-6

May 21st - "Love and Obey" - John 14:15

May 28th - "A Little While" - 1 Peter 5:10

## Scripture Readings

### May 7th

Acts 2:42-47

1Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

### May 14th

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

1Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

### May 21st

Acts 17:16-31

1Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

### May 28th

Acts 1:12-26

1Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

## Music

### 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.

## High School Youth

**May 7th** from 6-8PM  
Fun Games

### **May 21st**

Escape Room in Davison

Time to be decided once we know how many are going. In order to reserve the room on time, permission slips and money are due by Mon., May 7th. Slips can be found on the youth board in the church hallway, the church office, or on the Facebook page.

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### Jr. Youth

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders invited!

**May 12th** from 3-5PM

\*\*Note the date change\*\*  
Nerf Wars

## Scrapbooking & Crafts

**Scrapbooking & Crafts** Sat., May 13th 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](mailto:school.office@spmill.org).



*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*Sunday, May 14th*

## **Messenger/Calendar Deadline** **Friday, May 19th**

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Dorcas Bus Trip

**Meadowbrook Mansion & Theatre** on June 14<sup>th</sup>  
\$75 per person includes deluxe motor coach, guided tour of mansion, lunch at Meadowbrook Hall, and tickets to the Meadowbrook Theatre "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?". Call Connie Keinath 871-4125 or Eileen Zieger 871-2329 for tickets by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Arts & Crafts Day Camp

Cookie Schmitzer will once again be offering a **Kid's Arts & Crafts Summer Day Camp** here at St. Paul. Camp is for ages 6 and over and will be held July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2:30PM. Fee: \$100 for the entire camp with a family discount for families with 3 or more attending. For those wishing to only attend 1 or 2 days, the fee will be \$30 per day. All supplies are included in the fee. Children should bring a sack lunch – desert and drinks provided. If interested, registration forms can be found in the church or school office. Forms and payment can be returned to the school office before the end of the year, or mail to Cookie Schmitzer, 2707 Rossman Rd., Caro, MI 48723 by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Harriet Schmitzer. Please call Cookie at 989-672-1007 with any questions.

### **Seats are available**

for this year's **Washington D.C. Trip!**

September 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Cost: Approximately \$650-700

If you've been wanting to tour DC, now's your chance! Call Paul Mueller 618-314-3572 by May 1<sup>st</sup> if interested (even if just slightly intrigued) or with any questions.

## 500th Anniversary



### **Reformation Worship Service**

at the Breslin Center at Michigan State University on October 15, 2017. The event is free, but you will need a ticket. Sign-up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex. If you have any questions call Tim Sergent at 810 223-1604.

# Financial / CEF / Bookkeeper's Corner

## CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

**Mortgage balance as of 03/31/17:** \$877,914.20

- Interest Rate = 2.25%
- Next Maturity Date = 01/01/2020 (interest rate change)
- Debt free date if nothing changes = October 2022
- March 2017 Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00
  - Principal = \$12,450.03
  - Interest = \$1,684.97
  - Amount received to pay mortgage: \$10,732.00 (short)
  - Amount used in contingency fund: \$ 3,403.00

### March 2017 Income & Expense Summary

**March** General Fund Income: **\$77,073.73**

**March** General Fund Expense: **(\$84,656.80)**

**March** Deficit: **(\$7,583.07)**

Checkbook balance as of **03/31/17:** **\$189,756.80**

Designated & Memorial Obligation: **(\$225,544.70)**

Our total Deficit: **(\$ 35,687.90)**

## 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.

## 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.

## Hungry Howie Coupon Cards

The 7th grade students are selling Hungry Howie's coupon cards. The cost is \$10 per card and you get a coupon for a **free pizza**, plus several other coupons that are buy one get one. If interested, see a 7th grade student or stop by the school office.

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

[Finance@spmill.org](mailto:Finance@spmill.org)

The most asked question during the month of March and into April: "What were the attendance numbers for Wednesday night Lent services (especially going to just one service) and how did we do at the dinners?" Wonder no more – here are the statistics.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Attendance in church: 95

- Soup & Salad dinner hosted by the St Paul Faculty. We fed 85 souls and grossed \$480.00.
- Proceeds for School Assistance fund

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Attendance in church: 70

- Pancake Dinner hosted by 7<sup>th</sup> Graders. We fed several souls and grossed \$312.43.
- Proceeds for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2017 DC trip

*Note: this was the night of the high winds and power outages!*

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Attendance in church: 129

- Chicken dinner hosted by Grandparents and friends of St Paul. We fed 70 souls and grossed \$615.25.
- Proceeds for school assemblies

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Attendance in church: 128

- Italian dinner hosted by VLHS students. We fed 70 souls and grossed \$530.00.
- Proceeds for VLHS student tuition

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Attendance in church: 68

- Spaghetti dinner hosted by the Church Choir. We fed 53 souls and grossed \$480.00
- Proceeds for new Record of Fellowship pads

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attendance in church: 67

- Taco bar hosted by the Board of Social Concerns. We fed 58 souls and grossed \$427.42.
- Proceeds go toward Counseling fund

Lots of hands were needed from cooking hamburger to mopping floors to Wayne and his donation can with peppermint patties. **"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."** 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

## Meetings / Area News / CEF

### May Meetings

#### **Youth Team**

Tues., May 2nd at 6PM

#### **Memorials**

Tues., May 2nd at 7PM

#### **Stewardship**

Tues., May 2nd at 7:30PM

#### **Social Concerns**

Wed., May 3rd at 6:30PM

#### **Council**

Wed., May 3rd at 7:30PM

#### **Evangelism**

Thurs., May 4th at 7:15PM

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., May 8th & 22nd at 7PM

#### **Board of Education**

Tues., May 9th at 6:30PM

#### **Trustees**

Sun., May 14th at 6PM

#### **Dorcas**

Tues., May 16th at 6PM

#### **Elders**

Wed., May 24th at 7:30PM

### Area News

We join in praising and thanking God for the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School Athletic Director and Dean of Students, Kurt Hofmeister, who announced his retirement after 39 years of ministry in Lutheran schools including 17 at Valley Lutheran.

Consequently, Valley Lutheran is seeking to fill the position of Athletic Director/Dean of Students effective August 1. This is a full-time position. The ideal candidate will be committed to Lutheran secondary education; possess at least 5 years of successful high school coaching experience or the equivalent; possess an earned bachelors degree in secondary education and a masters degree in athletic or educational administration; will hold a Lutheran Teaching Diploma or its equivalent; and be a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Other applicants may be considered. Contact Heidi Behnke ([hbehnke@vlhs.com](mailto:hbehnke@vlhs.com)) for a complete job description. Applicants may send a resume' with references and a cover letter to Dr. John Brandt, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603 or by e-mail at [jbrandt@vlhs.com](mailto:jbrandt@vlhs.com). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information call Dr. Brandt at 790-1676.

### CEF

What Happens to my Kids? You can't possibly imagine! Life is great. Your spouse loves you; the children bring energy to the family just like you always dreamed. Work is going well and the bills are being paid. Your family and home are the start of the life you both planned.

Take a peek at the family just like yours, when suddenly their world is turned upside down. The kids are with your parents and you are on your way home from that special night that's been planned for weeks, when tragedy strikes. You never saw the truck until the impact. Neither of you survive but in those final moments the kids are who you think about. What happens to them?

They were baptized with close friends serving as God Parents. But you never took the time to complete the paperwork to appoint Guardians for the kids. The Will was never written that could also have specified who would take care of the children if you were gone.

Now the Probate Court has to decide what is "best" for your children. They will consider who is most suited to provide housing, food, education and healthcare needs until they reach age 18. Your brother is well respected in the community and doing well financially. The Court appoints him as Legal Guardian for your children. Are you OK with that?

His lifestyle isn't the same as yours. You know his child rearing ideas are much different from yours. He doesn't go to church or practice his faith. But he should be able to take care of the physical needs of your children.

You could have made your preferences known. Prepare a list of possible Guardians. Prayerfully consider the things important to you. Do they share your faith? Will they help your children grow spiritually? Do they share similar styles of raising children? How do your kids feel about them? Prioritize your criteria and select the person you feel is the best option.

Meet with the people you are considering to determine their willingness and their viewpoints on issues that are critical to you as parents. Then make your voice heard. Complete your Will, nominating the Guardian you feel most comfortable taking care of your children. Do it now so your wishes can be followed!

Bill Burmeister Church Extension Fund – Michigan District 800-242-3944 t [bill.burmeister@mi-cef.org](mailto:bill.burmeister@mi-cef.org) This document is provided to assist you in your estate planning process and is not meant to offer financial or legal advice. Please contact your Attorney or Financial Advisor to obtain appropriate professional advice relevant to your particular circumstances.

### **Earn Money for Our School Just by Ordering Checks!**

St. Paul, in partnership with Frankenmuth Credit Union, has special personalized checks designed to show off your school spirit. Every time you order a box of these specially designed checks, \$2 per box is donated to our school. We earned \$54.00 from last year's orders. Thank you to all who have participated and remember to ask for School Spirit checks next time you place an order.

# Memorials / Serve & Volunteer

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Wilfred Schultz	
Deep Fryer Fund	\$955.00
General Fund	\$ 80.00
Kitchen Fund-Hot Lunch	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Wayne Cooper	
General Fund	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Barbara Mohr	
Seminary Fund-Tim Kern	\$10.00
In Memory of Laurence Titsworth	
General Fund	\$ 75.00
In Memory of Rudy Saeger	
General Fund	\$ 95.00
Kitchen Fund-Hot Lunch	\$ 20.00
Designated by Family	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Olivia Rose Reinert	
School-Grantparent Fund	\$ 50.00
In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Fred & Marie Trinklein	
General Fund	\$500.00
In Memory of Donald Pashby	
General Fund	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Dorothy Bradley	
General Fund	\$ 20.00

## Thank You!

A **huge thank you** to everyone who supported our Easter breakfast. We were able to raise \$639.00 for our Church Worker Fund. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up at the breakfast. A special thank you to Mary Kern, Stacey Force, and Karen & Lydia Bruner for all your prep work on Saturday. It was greatly appreciated!

The Trustees would like to **thank** Tom Howay for working on the push mower and Kirby Co. for the new vacuum for the school office.

## Valley Lutheran 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

3.7+  
Tyler Bentley  
Pierce Force  
Sterling Force  
Katherine Weber  
Abigail Brown

3.25-3.69  
Justin Allen

## Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

**Do you like to play in the dirt or mow the lawn?** If so, we could use your help! We are always looking for more people to help with the upkeep of the St. Paul grounds. If you find joy in serving in this area, please call the church office.

**Ushers needed** for the Saturday evening service for the months of March, June, September, and December. Please call Jim Jaruzel at 871-3845 to serve in this way.

**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 beads, and any pompons.

The second Saturday of every month **six volunteers are needed** to be the hands and feet of Jesus by preparing and serving meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw. **Our next date is May 13th.** Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and we finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., May 12th at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the sack lunches. Thank you!

## **OPERATION HOPE AND CARE**

As a service project for the months of April and May, we will be partnering with City Rescue Mission of Saginaw to provide Hope & Care bags designed to meet the basic needs of homeless individuals who seek emergency shelter. In April, we will supply hygiene products for women and children to be delivered before Mother's Day. The following products may be placed in a plastic shopping bag and brought to the school office. They will be used for a single woman or a woman with children.

- \*Body Wash (1), Deodorant (1), Toothbrush (1)
- \*Comb (1), Brush (1), Shampoo (1)
- \*Conditioner (1), Razors (2)
- \*Lotion (1), Clippers (1), Lip Balm (1)
- \*Travel Tissue (2), Shave cream (1)

The need is great. Last year almost 1100 people received shelter at the Mission. Your participation sends a message to the homeless that people in the community are indeed the hands and feet of Christ. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Schoenknecht or the school office. Drop off boxes marked (Operation Hope and Care) will be in the school office and in the wooden cabinet in the church narthex.



# Daily Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary May 2017 LSB – pp 299-304	<u>1</u> Ex 33:1-23 Lk 7:1-17 Ps 80:1-7	<u>2</u> Ex 34:1-28 Lk 7:18-35 Ps 86:11-17	<u>3</u> Ex 34:29 – 35:21 Lk 7:36-50 Ps 84:1-4	<u>4</u> Ex 38:21–39:8, 22-23, 27-31 Lk 8:1-21 Ps 119:145-152	<u>5</u> Ex 39:32 – 40:16 Lk 8:22-39 Ps 107:23-32	<u>6</u> Ex 40:17-38 Lk 8:40-56 Ps 41:1-3, 11-13
<u>7</u> Lv 8:1-13, 30-36 Lk 9:1-17 [Easter 4] Ps 45:4-8a	<u>8</u> Lv 9:1-24 Lk 9:18-36 Ps 119:129-138	<u>9</u> Lv 10:1-20 Lk 9:37-62 Ps 25:1-10	<u>10</u> Lv 16:1-24 Lk 10:1-22 Ps 19:7-14	<u>11</u> Lv 17:1-16 Lk 10:23-42 Ps 17:7-15	<u>12</u> Lv 18:1-7, 20 -- 19:8 Lk 11:1-13 Ps 119:1-8	<u>13</u> Lv 19:9-18, 26-37 Lk 11:14-36 Ps 36:7-12
<u>14</u> Lv 20:1-16, 22-27 Lk 11:37-54 Ps 37:1-9	<u>15</u> Lv 21:1-24 Lk 12:1-12 Ps 31:1-5	<u>16</u> Lv 23:1-22 Lk 12:13-34 Ps 127	<u>17</u> Lv 23:23-44 Lk 12:35-53 Ps 116:12-19	<u>18</u> Lv 24:1-23 Lk 12:54 -- 13:17 Ps 52	<u>19</u> Lv 26:1-20 Lk 13:18-35 Ps 119:33-40	<u>20</u> Lv 26:21-33, 39-44 Lk 14:1-24 Ps 63:1-5, 8-11
<u>21</u> Nu 3:1-16, 39-48 Lk 14:25 -- 15:10 Ps 135:13-21	<u>22</u> Nu 8:5-26 Lk 15:11-32 Ps 103:6-14	<u>23</u> Nu 9:1-23 Lk 16:1-18 Ps 85:1-7	<u>24</u> Nu 10:11-36 Lk 16:19-31 Ps 62:5-10	<u>25</u> Nu 11:1-23, 31-35 Lk 17:1-19 [Ascension] Ps 130	<u>26</u> Nu 11:24-29; 12:1-16 Lk 17:20-37 Ps 77:11-15	<u>27</u> Nu 13:1-3, 17-33 Lk 18:1-17 Ps 119:97-104
<u>28</u> Nu 14:1-25 [Easter 7] Lk 18:18-34 Ps 81:10-16	<u>29</u> Nu 14:26-45 Lk 18:35 -- 19:10 Ps 146:5-9	<u>30</u> Nu 16:1-22 Lk 19:11-28 Ps 111	<u>31</u> Nu 16:23-40 Lk 19:29-48 Ps 118:19-25	Notes from: Lutheran Bible Companion, Vol 1: Introduction and OT, cph 2014 <b>Numbers</b> – pp. 127 – 153.		

**SPECIFIC DOCTRINES IN NUMBERS** – The new covenant reader finds embedded in this book a special blessing that his or her own appointed “Aaron” (that is, the pastor) pronounces in worship: the Aaronic blessing (6:24-26): “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Here, if nowhere else in the Book of Numbers, the old and new covenants meet. Old Testament Israel and its spiritual descendants have the same history of salvation and the same giver of blessing, grace, and peace. All are numbered in God’s heavenly “Book of Numbers” because the Mediator between God and humanity “was numbered with the transgressors” (Is 53:12; Mk 15:28) — transgressors of both covenants. No one is a mere number, a statistical digit to be added into a total. Each is a “you” (singular), who is blessed and kept in peace.

In Nu 14:18 Moses quotes back to the Lord His earlier self-confession (cf Ex 34:6-7), which is the most referenced statement of the OT. Since sinners perpetually give birth to more sinners, all stand in need of a gracious God who abounds in steadfast love toward sinners.

**APPLICATION** – Chs 1-4: The strength of God’s people does not depend on size and military strength but on His Word and grace. ...Christ dwells in our midst and incorporates us into His holy tabernacle, the Church. Pray for the leaders of your congregation and community, that they may walk in the ways of the Lord. He will hear your prayer for Jesus’ sake and lead you into a blessed future. Just as the Lord consecrated the Levites to care for the tabernacle and to support the services of the sanctuary, He likewise calls and consecrates His people today to support the ministry of the Word. God entrusts us with His Gospel message of reconciliation through His Son, Jesus Christ. That message must be kept undefiled (Gal 1:8) by proper training for ordained ministers of the Gospel (2 Tm 2:2) and for all believers. Those whom the Lord calls, He also equips by grace.

**Chs 7-8** The offerings of Israel commemorate God’s favor, which we still enjoy due to the sacrifice of Christ’s blood at Calvary (cf 1 Co 5:7). We light candles to symbolize the Lord’s presence among us through His Word and Sacraments. God’s light is Jesus Christ (Jn 1:4), who conquers death and grants eternal life (Rm 6:23b). Israel’s sin is transferred to the Levites, who transfer this sin to sacrificial animals. Only by the blood of sacrificial animals are the Levites cleansed of their sin and allowed to serve the priests of the Most High God. “It is the blood that makes atonement by the life” (Lv 17:11). At Calvary, Jesus redeemed all humans from sin (Heb 9:15) as foreshadowed in the OT sacrifices. We receive these blessings now through the New Testament ministry.

**9:1 – 10:10** Just as the Lord continually sought the good and unity of Israel, He seeks our good and unity in the services of His precious Word, which describes our creation, redemption, and sanctification as His people through faith in Christ, our Passover Lamb. He sustains us on the journey of faith through His Means of Grace. Scripture teaches that a trumpet blast will also signal our call to heaven on the Last Day (1 Th 4:16).

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

May	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28
<b>Acolytes</b>				
7:30PM	Zac & Nic Yorke		Alden & Jay Rodammer	Zac & Nic Yorke
8:30AM	Dani & Matt Ayotte	Paige & Matt Ayotte	Kirsten Skouson & Ed White	Dani & Matt Ayotte
11AM	Peyton & Hans Schmandt	Isabel Ketels	Madelyn Gray	Levi & Heath Keinath
<b>Screen Tech</b>				
7:30PM	Logan Curtis		Caden Wilson	Meagan Tolbert
8:30AM	Paige Ayotte	Singers	Landon Kern	Ill's
11AM	Brandon Rude	Brandon Rude	Julie Keinath	Hunter Ayotte
<b>Greeters</b>				
7:30PM	Shelli 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 – Phil Gordon  
 Assistant Ron Johnson  
 Wanda Johnson  
 James Kribs  
 James Petzold  
 Larry Petzold  
 Peter Shollack  
 Andrew Weber

### **11AM Service**

Captain – Dick Gross  
 Assistant – Arnold Petzold  
 Kenton Gleason  
 Tom Keinath  
 Phil Petzold

### **Saturday 7:30 PM Service**

Captain– Brian Gladly  
 Mason Lugg  
 Dale Peché

## Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Amy Yorke  
 8:30AM - Mary White  
 11AM - Kristin Hoard/Julie Rude

## Church Sextons

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



*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

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

# May 2017

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 12-3PM Quilting  6PM Painting 6PM Youth Team Meeting  7PM Memorials 7:30PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	<b>3</b> 9AM Bible Study  6:30PM Social Concerns  6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council	<b>4</b>  6:15PM Praise Team  7:15PM Evangelism	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>       <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>7</b> <b>8:30AM Worship +C</b> Church choir 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> <i>8th Grade Confirmation</i> Church choir 6-8PM HS Youth	<b>8</b>     7PM Stephen Ministry	<b>9</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 12-3PM Quilting  6PM Painting 6:30PM BOE  7PM Stewardship 7:30PM -AA -Heroes	<b>10</b> 9AM Bible Study  6PM Athletic Banquet 6:53PM Choir	<b>11</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>12</b> 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS 1:30PM Pack Lunches 3-5PM Jr. Youth 6PM Family Literacy Night	<b>13</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking / Crafts 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission <b>7:30PM Worship +C</b>
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> K-8 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School <b>11AM Worship +C</b> K-8 <i>8th grade 1st Communion</i> 6PM Trustees	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 12-3PM Quilting  6PM -Painting -Dorcas 7:30PM AA	<b>17</b> 9AM Bible Study  6:53PM Choir	<b>18</b> 6PM PTL Meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> grade parent farewell 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>19</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i>  6-9PM 6-8 <sup>th</sup> grade dance	<b>20</b>       <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>21</b> <b>8:30AM Worship +C</b> Free Spirit 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School <b>11AM Worship Contemporary</b> Pre School Choir HS Youth-Escape Room	<b>22</b>    7PM Stephen Ministry	<b>23</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 12-3PM Quilting  6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>24</b> 9AM Bible Study  6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	<b>25</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>26</b>  ½ Day of School	<b>27</b>       <b>7:30PM Worship +C</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School <b>11AM Worship +C Contemporary</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>No School</b>  Offices Closed	<b>30</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 12-3PM Quilting  6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>31</b> 9AM Bible Study  6PM Academic Banquet 6:53PM Choir			



# St. Paul Lutheran School

May 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*

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

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

- May 5 [Theme Shirt Day](#)
- May 7 [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation](#) 11:00 a.m. service
- May 10 [Athletic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. We will acknowledge the God-given athletic talents of the boys and girls that participated in school athletics. Awards will be given to the athletes for their participation as well as a special award- *The Reflection of Christ*- to the eighth grade boy and girl that most show Christ in everything they do, both on the field of competition and off.
- May 12 [P.T.L. Family Literacy Night](#) 6-8 p.m.
- May 14 [8<sup>th</sup> grade First Communion](#) 11:00 a.m. service
- May 17 [1<sup>st</sup> Grade Flag Presentation by the Millington Lions](#)
- May 18 [3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee at 1:00 p.m](#)
- May 19 [6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance](#) 6-9 p.m.
- May 25 [P.T.L. Meeting](#) at 6 p.m. 8th grade parent recognition
- May 26 [Preschool Graduation & Picnic](#) 11:30 a.m.
- May 29 [NO SCHOOL](#) ~ Memorial Day Both the school and church offices will be closed as well.
- May 31 [Academic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades that will be recognized during a dinner in their honor for using their God-given academic talents throughout the school year.

\*\*\* NWEA testing will be happening throughout the month for all classes Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup> grade. \*\*\*



## May Sports



May 6	Track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 13	Pre-Regional meet at VLHS	TBA
May 20	Regional Meet at VLHS	TBA
May 30	Meet of Champions at Lapeer HS	TBA



## School Music Opportunities



May 7	All Students K-4	choice of service
May 14	All Students K-8	choice of service
May 21	Free Spirit Choir	8:30 a.m.
	Preschool Choir	11:00 a.m.
May 28	Music Festival Specials	TBA

We would like to say thank you to the coaches, players and fans for your help and support during the Boy's Volleyball, Girl's Soccer and track team seasons. We look forward to doing this again next year.

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



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# Monthly Messenger

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*The earth*  
**laughs in**  
**FLOWERS.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson