



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

December 2018

*"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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#### Worship Services

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

**\*\*Note the new time\*\***

#### Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you noticed it goes in cycles of early, then late. This year it started early. Christmas was being advertised and songs were played way before Thanksgiving. I even remember hearing something at the end of October about a Christmas sale.

Starting early is not bad if.... the message is really about the true meaning of Christmas.

The other night I listened to some beautiful Christmas music. One of the musicians commented:

"We believe the purpose in life is to be happy. And for us in our own lives that happiness has come from following the teachings of Jesus Christ, holding family extra close, and loving others more than ourselves. It's not easy but it is so worth it. And Christmas so beautifully brings all of these three things together. So go out and make someone else's Christmas season extra special by doing something anonymous for someone in need. Do whatever it is that you want to do to share the gift of Christmas."

This comment made me think, "That sounds good, but are those things what Christmas is all about?" I realized the nostalgic sounding words were heartwarming, but they side-stepped the real meaning of Christmas.

I can try to follow Jesus, hold my family close, and love others more than myself, but I know every year I fall short (no matter how early I start).

The musician was correct. Following Jesus "is not easy." Christians acknowledge that we cannot follow Jesus perfectly. That is the reason why He came to save us from our failures called sin. He came to rescue us from our sinful nature and make it possible for us to be perfect in God's eyes. There is **great peace** in knowing we are saved by

God's gift of grace through Jesus, the Christ child.

This is the pure message of Christmas. Read or sing the following verses contained in the hymn "From Heaven above to Earth I Come" (vv.2-4). An angel is speaking:

To you this night is born a child  
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This little child of lowly birth  
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, our God most high,  
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will Himself your Savior be  
From all your sins to set you free.

He will on you the gifts bestow  
Prepared by God for all below,  
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,  
You may with us His glory share.

It is never the wrong time or too early to hear a song that reminds us of the gift we received in the person of Jesus the Christ. As you hear the various songs of the season, enjoy the silly songs, the heartwarming songs, and the songs of good cheer. Above all, I hope you will hear songs that celebrate the true gift of Christmas, so that God can bring you the real comfort and joy of Christmas.

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

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

In January, you are invited to share time with God and the people in your family. The plan is simple. Set aside time each week to read three narratives from the Bible and discuss what you have read. It is that simple. We will provide the reading schedule and questions. Keep an eye out for the materials we will provide.

**The December Messenger is sponsored by Jon & Fran Carnet in  
thanksgiving for many blessings and all the Carnet birthdays in December.**

# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Join us for **Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place** before Bible Study begins.



**The book of James** - led by Pastor Bruner in the Library - The book of James has many practical applications to our life. You will enjoy the simple way this Bible study presents what God desires for each of us.

**Adult Instruction Classes** - led by Pastor Martinal in the Council Room. If you are interested in learning more about what St. Paul believes, or would like to become a member, please call the church office.

### Other Bible Study Opportunities

**The Truth Project** - Thursdays at 6PM in the Gathering Room. We hope you can join us and bring a friend or two! Each week will be a new discussion - so if you can't make it every week, come when you can. Questions, please call Celeste Ketels 810-285-0894, Denise Miller 810-656-2330, or Denis Sherman 989-286-7122.

**Men's Bible Study** - December 8th at 8AM in the Library.

## Scripture Readings

### Dec. 2nd

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thess. 3:9-13

Luke 19:28-40

### Dec. 9th

Malachi 3:1-7b

Phil. 1:2-11

Luke 3:1-20

### Dec. 16th

Zeph. 3:14-20

Phil. 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-35

### Dec. 23rd

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-56

### Dec. 30th

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Col. 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

## Public School Confirmation Classes

Led by Pastor Martinal Sunday evenings from 6-7PM in the Gathering Room.

## Music at St. Paul



### Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

Everybody is welcome to join. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

### Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the band room.

### Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the church.

If you love to sing, play an instrument, or just want to praise the Lord through music, come and check out one of our groups!



## Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Dec. 2nd - "Watching. Waiting. Hoping." - Luke 21:25-26

Dec. 9th - "Prepare the Way" - Luke 3:4b

Dec. 16th - "Are You the One?" - Luke 7:18-28

Dec. 23rd - "God Comes Near!" - Luke 2:9

Dec. 30th - "In the Name of Jesus" - Col. 3:12-17

## Breakfast Club

**Breakfast Club** is a great opportunity for Jr. and 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, Dec. 14th**. If you would like to help make the breakfast for this great group of kids, please call the church office.

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Storyhour** - 9-11AM

**Quilting** - 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

**Painting** - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## Voters' Meeting

Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. Everyone is welcome to join.

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Chapel  
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We are gathering together on the second Thursday of each month to bring our needs and pray together. We will have a short message on the topic of "prayer" each meeting and then spend time praying for one another and the needs that are brought to us. We will also share some written prayers and learn how to pray more effectively. Come join us! All are welcome!

## Scrapbooking

Sat., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. 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@spmiller.org](mailto:school.office@spmiller.org).

## Christmas Caroling

We have two upcoming opportunities for **Christmas Caroling!**



The first will be Sat., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the St. Paul parking lot at 4PM and carol throughout the community for about two hours.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Sun. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the parking lot at 1:30PM and head to some area nursing homes to spread some holiday cheer!

We hope to have a large group of carolers for both events. See you then!

## Christmas Open House

Come join Pastor and Patti for a Christmas Open House!  
Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-10PM

We would love to share the home you have shared with us this Christmas!

The whole family is welcome to stop by for a quick visit or stay awhile.

We will have treats, music, and games.

## Youth News

### Impact & Ignite

(Grades 6-12)



## **Gift Wrapping / Christmas Party / Christmas at Crossroads**

Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM

Bring a \$5 food item gift to exchange. We'll start the day wrapping the Giving Tree gifts, have lunch and a gift exchange, then leave for Crossroads at 3:30PM.

Join us for a busy day of fun – or just a portion of it!

**If you plan on going to Crossroads**, please call the church office or post on the Youth Facebook page by Fri., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> so we can purchase tickets ahead of time. Thank you!

## December Meetings

### **Youth Team**

Tues., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Youth Room

### **Social Concerns**

Tues., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM in the Library

### **Stewardship**

Tues., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Gathering Place

### **Council**

Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Library

### **Voters'**

Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM in the Church

### **Trustees**

Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> following Voters'

### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

### **Board of Education**

Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

### **Prayer Group**

Thurs., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Chapel

### **Elders**

Wed., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

# Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info. / Area News

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

The Calendar Year 2019 budget is complete, has been presented to the Council for approval, and now it goes to the Voter's Assembly on December 9<sup>th</sup>, for approval.

The voters will receive the detailed report, but here's a snapshot at the overall estimated income and expenses for the year:

FY 19 Proposed	Income	Expense
Education	230,364	9,100
Elders	715	16,335
Evangelism	0	0
Fellowship	0	0
Finance	675,796	4,180
Salary & Personnel	1,800	797,452
Social Concern	0	0
Stewardship	0	1,400
Trustees	3,500	83,164
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>912,175</b>	<b>911,631</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>		<b>544</b>

As to be expected, Salary and Personnel has the largest expense with wages and benefits. We just received the Blue Cross increase for CY 2019, so that figure is included. Other significant changes that increased this expense: we added a child care assistant director and are expecting a new child of God in April with one of our employees.

The Boards of Evangelism, Fellowship, and Social Concern are raising their own funds through fundraisers or congregational special gifts.

We are at a surplus, albeit a small one. That means there's not much wiggle room for unanticipated expenses. If the boiler system goes out, we have a leak in the roof, or other such expenses, we'll be asking for help from the congregation to cover the expense. Hopefully we'll have an "uneventful" year.

## Did You Know?

You are helping provide compassion and hope through your offerings. In addition to the ministry provided right here at St. Paul Lutheran, a portion of our offerings goes to the Michigan District of the LC-MS. One of the many mission efforts supported is Elli's House. This special place provides temporary shelter for runaway girls and/or young women caught in human trafficking, in the city of Detroit. Their primary goal is to work toward family reunification, when possible. Along with the tangible support given, workers at Elli's House reach out to these young girls with the Gospel message of Jesus' love and forgiveness for them. God is using your gifts in other places and in important ways.

## **MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS**

In Memory of Gladys Ehrlinger	
General Fund	\$10.00
In Honor of Dick & Lana Gladys on their 50th	
Wedding Anniversary	
General Fund	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$500.00

## **CEF Building Fund Summary**

Mortgage Balance as of 10/31/18:	\$636,873.14
Debt free date if nothing changes:	October 2022
Oct 2018 Mortgage Payment:	\$14,135.00
• Principal \$12,901.38	
• * Interest \$ 1,233.62	
Amount received to pay mortgage:	\$ 9,717.00
Amount used in contingency fund:	\$ 4,418.00
Balance LEFT in contingency fund:	\$11,495.73

## **October 2018 Income & Expense Summary**

October General Fund Income:	\$90,372.78
October General Fund Expenses:	\$(84,765.71)
October Surplus (5 Sundays)	\$ 5,607.07

Cash Accounts Summary	
Designated/Memorial Balance:	\$222,191.87
General Fund Checking Balance:	\$ 40,100.82

## Offering Envelopes

**2019 Church Offering Envelopes** are in the narthex. Please take your box or any others that you could deliver to. Call the church office if you can't find your box. Remember - do not use your new envelopes until January 2019. The numbers are different from this past year. Thank you!

## What is Thrivent Choice?

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding. Choice Dollars® and Thrivent Choice Voting® Events 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 2018, please call Thrivent or go online to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**



## Daily Lectionary / Special Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December</b>						<b>1</b> Is. 7:10-8:8 1 Pt. 3:1-22
<b>2</b> Is. 8:9-9:7 1 Pt. 4:1-19	<b>3</b> Is. 9:8-10:11 1 Pt. 5:1-14	<b>4</b> Is. 10:12-27, 33-34 2 Pt. 1:1-21	<b>5</b> Is. 11:1-12:6 2 Pt. 2:1-22	<b>6</b> Is. 14:1-12 2 Pt. 3:1-18	<b>7</b> Is. 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14	<b>8</b> Is. 24:14-25:12 1 John 2:15-29
<b>9</b> Is. 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24	<b>10</b> Is. 26:20-27:13 1 John 4:1-21	<b>11</b> Is. 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21	<b>12</b> Is. 29:1-14 Jude 1-25	<b>13</b> Is. 29:15-30:14 Rev. 1:1-20	<b>14</b> Is. 30:15-26 Rev. 2:1-29	<b>15</b> Is. 30:27-31:9 Rev. 3:1-22
<b>16</b> Is. 32:1-20 Rev. 4:1-11	<b>17</b> Is. 33:1-24 Rev. 5:1-14	<b>18</b> Is. 34:1-2; 34:8-35:10 Rev. 6:1-17	<b>19</b> Is. 40:1-17 Rev. 7:1-17	<b>20</b> Is. 40:18-41:10 Rev. 8:1-13	<b>21</b> Is. 42:1-25 Rev. 9:1-12	<b>22</b> Is. 43:1-24 Rev. 9:13-10:11
<b>23</b> Is. 43:25-44:20 Rev. 11:1-19	<b>24</b> Is. 44:20-45:13 Rev. 12:1-17	<b>25</b> Is. 49:1-18 Matt. 1:1-17	<b>26</b> Is. 49:22-26, 50:4-51:8, 51:12-16 Matt. 1:18-25	<b>27</b> Is. 51:17-52:12 Matt. 2:1-12	<b>28</b> Is. 52:13-54:10 Matt. 2:13-23	<b>29</b> Is. 55:1-13 Luke 1:1-25
<b>30</b> Is. 58:1-59:3, 14-21 Luke 1:26-38	<b>31</b> Is. 60:1-22 Luke 1:39-56					

### Upcoming Special Services

#### *Christmas Choir Concert:*

*Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4PM*

*Songs of Praise Dinner following the concert.*

#### *Advent Services*

*Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 4PM*

*Dinner from 5-6PM sponsored by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
to support their Washington D.C. trip.*

*Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4PM*

#### *Children's Christmas Services:*

*Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - 6PM*

*Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6PM*

#### *Christmas Weekend Services:*

*Sat., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - No service; Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10AM +Communion*

*Christmas Eve Services: Candlelight - 9PM*

*Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion*

#### *New Year's Weekend Services:*

*Sat., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - 7PM; Sun., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 & 11AM*

## Opportunities / Special Thanks / Misc.

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

#### **Screen Techs**

**Please help!** We have **MANY** openings to run the screen during the church services for 2019. Anyone can do this (adults or children 6th grade and up) and we will train you. Even if you can just help out once in a while, that would be great! Please call the church office to help.

#### **Giving Tree**

There are still a few stars on the Giving Tree. Please bring your UNWRAPPED gift, with the star attached, to the bench outside the pastors' offices. The due date is on the star. If you don't want to shop for a gift, monetary donations are also appreciated. Place in an envelope labeled "Giving Tree" and put in the offering plate or one of the offices.

**Donations of wrapping paper**, boxes, gift bags, and tape are also needed for the Giving Tree and can be placed in the cabinet in the narthex or brought to the church office. We will be wrapping the gifts on Sun., Dec. 16th. Thank you in advance!

#### **Advent Dinner**

If any group, or individual wants to serve a **dinner** after the Advent service on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, please call the church office. The menu choice is yours and this can be used as a fundraiser.

#### **St. Paul Student Aid**

From time to time, situations arise in our lives causing a financial crisis. Loss of job, divorce/marital separation, and medical situations are a few of those times when we may not know how we are going to pay the bills. Some of our school families are dealing with these and similar situations and are in need of Christian compassion, assistances and encouragement. St. Paul Student Aid Fund has been set up to help families meet their financial obligation for tuition/fees. Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated and needed. If God has gifted you to be a blessing to these families, contributions may be brought to the church or school office. Much thanks!

#### **Saginaw Rescue Mission**

Our next Rescue Mission date is Dec. 8th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw. We arrive at the Mission at 10AM and finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. If you wish to help prepare sack lunches, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Dec. 7th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

#### **Coffee Hour**

The Fellowship Board is looking for families, groups, boards and committees to help during coffee hour between services. Coffee, cream, sugar and paper products are provided – you just need to provide the goodies! Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room or call Angie Ayotte.

#### **Health Kits**

The Dorcas ladies made up 23 health kits. Thank you for your donations! The next collection will need 25 hand towels, 10 wash cloths, 30 shampoo.

#### **Tissues**

Cold and flu season is here – time to restock the tissues! If you would like to donate square box tissues for the church pews, please bring to the church office. We appreciate it!

### **Special Thanks!**

Whether you sent a message of encouragement, shared something delicious to eat, gave a gift of some kind, or said some extra prayers, we **thank you** for your thoughtfulness. It is good to be loved and appreciated. Thank you from Pastor Jim, Karen, Lydia and Alexis.

Once again you've been more than generous to Patti and I. All of the cards, pies, gift cards, goodies, etc. are greatly appreciated. Your generosity to us is more than we expected. I've simply run out of words to express my thanks for all you have done and continue to do (I know, shocking from a pastor). So I guess I'll just say this: **THANK YOU!**  
Pastor Tim & Patti Martinal

**Thank You** to everyone who came to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Chili Cook-off! This year's big winner was Betty DeOrnellas! We will be having this again next year! Thanks from the Fellowship Board!

Just a **note of thanks** to all of the veterans that were able to join us on Monday for our Veteran's Day celebration. We are grateful and honored that we could share this special day with all of you!

### **NEEDED: Childcare Aids**

especially in the afternoons. If interested, please call Christina or the School Office at 871-4581 #3.

### **Two Can Tuesdays**

To help with our building fund we started this program to have every student to bring in two returnable cans and put them in the barrel across from the restrooms when you first come in the school doors. If you are in preschool, you can bring them in on a day you attend. We hope to keep this tradition going. Thank you for your support.

### **Birthday for Jesus**

If you would like to honor Jesus' birthday by donating a **Gideons Bible**, "Birthday for Jesus" envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex.

### **Staff Gift**

If you would like to show your appreciation for the St. Paul staff, please place your CASH donation (no checks please) in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and place in the offering plate or bring to the Church Office by Fri., Dec. 14th. Please remember, this is not a tax deductible gift and will not be recorded on your giving statement.

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

December	1/2	8/9	15/16	23	29/30
Acolytes					
7PM	Nic Yorke	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	10AM SERVICE ONLY Paige Ayotte or Peyton Schmandt	Nic Yorke
8:30AM	Danielle Ayotte	Ryan Keinath	Emma Hoard		Ryan Keinath
11AM	Isabel Ketels	Lillia Sherman	Andrew Hoard		Brandon Rude
Screen Tech	Please help! There are still openings to run the screen during the church services. Anyone can do this (adults or children 6th grade and up) and we will train you. Even if you can just help out once in awhile, that would be great! Please call the church office to help.				
7PM					
8:30AM	Danielle Ayotte	Singers	Paige Ayotte	10AM Service Only Nathan Phipps or Brandon Rude	
11AM	Hunter Ayotte		Julie Keinath		Brandon Rude
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	10AM SERVICE ONLY Ed Sergent Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler Keith & Heidi Woolwine	
8:30 AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning		
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Lu-anne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin		

## Ushers

### **8:30AM Service**

Captain – Dwight Keinath  
 Assistant – Michael Albert  
 Ken Auernhammer  
 Colin Meacham  
 Daniel Meacham  
 Lester Miller  
 Jeremy Petzold  
 Luke Platt  
 Matt Singer  
 Eugene Weiss  
 Bud Zeck  
 Mike Ziegler

## Ushers

### **11AM Service**

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

## Ushers

### **7PM Service**

Captain – Jim Jaruzel  
 Sheila Haynes

## Church Sextons














Matt & Angie 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!*



# December 2018

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b>  <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>2</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship +C</b> <i>Men's Choir</i> 9:45AM **See Notes 9:45AM Adult Instruction Class  <b>11AM Worship</b> <i>Men's Choir</i> 4PM Christmas Concert 5-6:30PM Italian Dinner 6-7PM Confirmation Class	<b>3</b>           7PM Handbells	<b>4</b> 7AM Jubilee 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Youth Team 6:15PM Social Concerns 7PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	<b>5</b> <b>4PM Advent Worship</b> <i>Cantate Choir</i> 5-6PM Dinner 6:30PM Council 6:53PM Choir	<b>6</b>           6PM Bible Study 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>7</b>           1:30PM Lunches for Rescue Mission	<b>8</b>           8AM Men's Bible Study 10AM Rescue Mission    <b>7PM Worship+C</b>
<b>9</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Adult Confirmation / Handbells</i> 9:45AM New Member Welcome  <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <i>Handbells</i>  1:30PM Voters' Meeting Trustees following 6-7PM Confirmation Class	<b>10</b>           7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>11</b> 7AM Jubilee 9-11AM Storyhour  1-3PM Quilting 6PM BOE 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>12</b> <b>4PM Advent Worship</b> <i>Free Spirit</i>  6:53PM Choir	<b>13</b>           6PM Bible Study 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Prayer Meeting	<b>14</b> 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS  6PM PTL Christmas Movie Night  <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	<b>15</b>           9AM-7PM Scrapbooking  4PM Caroling in the Village   <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>16</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship +C</b> <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM **See Notes  <b>11AM Worship</b> <b>Contemporary - Cherub Choir</b>  12:30PM Impact / Ignite Gift Wrap/Party/Crossroads 1:30PM Caroling to Homes  6PM Candles & Carols at Church of God 6-7PM Confirmation Class	<b>17</b>           	<b>18</b> 9-11AM Storyhour   1-3PM Quilting   6PM - Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>19</b>           <b>6PM Children's Service</b>	<b>20</b>           6PM Bible Study 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>21</b>           	<b>22</b>           <b>No Worship</b>
<b>23</b> 9AM **See Notes  <b>10AM Worship+C</b> <b>Contemporary</b> 3-10PM Open House at Parsonage	<b>24</b> <b>6PM Children's Service</b>  <b>9PM Candlelight</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day  <b>10AM Worship +C</b> <i>Church Choir/Brass</i>	<b>26</b>           6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	<b>27</b>           6:15PM Praise Team	<b>28</b>           	<b>29</b>            <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>30</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM **See Notes  <b>11AM Worship</b> <b>Contemporary</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>**Notes</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School				



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## December 2018

*St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.*

As we begin December, let us prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of our Lord; not only His first coming as a baby long ago but also for His second coming when He shall reign forever!

### Important December Dates

Dec. 2	St. Paul Christmas Concert	4:00 p.m.
	Scholastic 2 for 1 Book Fair & Songs of Praise dinner after the concert	
Dec. 5	Advent Services & Book Fair after service	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	Spirit Day	
Dec. 12	Advent Services	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	P.T.L. Family Movie Night - <b>The Star</b>	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Children's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Last day of classes	
Dec. 22- Jan. 6	Christmas Vacation	
Dec. 24	Children's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.



Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Was Born

You are **ALL** welcome to join us for our **Wednesday** Chapel services - 9:00 a.m. for the first Wednesday, as our preschoolers join us, and 8:00 a.m. on all other Wednesdays. This month, our Chapel offerings will be going to the **Professional Church Worker Fund** to help defray the college expenses of children of the congregation Bethany Daenzer & Timothy Kern; both are going in to church work.

Practices for the Children's Christmas programs start on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Practice times and dates are available in the school office. If you are able to stay with students not practicing please contact your child's teacher or school office as soon as possible.

As the giving season approaches, we are looking forward to giving monetary gifts to the janitors and cooks. Please consider helping us by placing your donation in an envelope marked **Cooks & Janitors Christmas** then giving it to the school office by **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Christmas candy bags will be given out to all children after the Children's Christmas Services. If you would like to donate money to help defray the costs, please take your donation to the school/church office no later than **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for your help!

If there is a school delay or cancellation, you will see notifications on any of the major television or radio stations and through the School Reach phone system.



### School Musical Opportunities



Dec. 2	Church Christmas Concert: all school choirs, Junior Bells, Band,	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Cantate Choir	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	Cherub Choir	11:00 a.m.



**Spartan Sports** Our basketball season for boys and girls on the B-teams finishes up this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



### December Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball



Dec. 3	with Trinity/Trost	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	at St. Michael, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	with St. Michael, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Trinity/Trost	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	with Christ the King, Sebewaing	4:30 p.m.



**Blessings to you and your family from the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School faculty and staff!**  
*Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31*

## Election Results / Area News / Misc.

### 2018 Election Results

The 2018 elections are over, ballots tallied, and approved by Council. Here are the new board officers for 2019:

*Executive Officer / Vice President:* Tim Keinath

*Board of Elders:* Glenn Brown, Steve Schultz, Keith Woolwine

*Board of Education:* Heather Petzold, Erin Schmändt

*Board of Evangelism:* Wayne Jaruzel, Heidi Woolwine

*Board of Fellowship:* Matt Singer, Katrina Wager

*Board of Finance:* Gloria LaPointe

*Board of Social Concerns:* Carrie Daenzer, April Ehrhardt

*Board of Stewardship:* David Ackerman, Gailan Reinert

*Board of Trustees:* Tim Daenzer, Arnold Petzold, David Waicek

*Salary & Personnel Committee:* Shelley Shollack, Duane Weber, Jim Weber

The entire 2019 Parish Officers list will be published in the next church annual as is also available for review in the church office.

### Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for 2019. The cost is \$75.00 per month. Please call the church office to pick a month.

### Altar Flowers

The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for flowers, please write your name, phone number, and if center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and also for calling the church office for your bulletin article.

### Annual Reports

It's that time again! All boards, committees, groups, etc. need to submit their annual reports by Mon., Jan. 7th. Either email to [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org) or bring to the church office. Examples can be found in previous reports. If questions, please call the church office 871-4581.

### Valley Lutheran Honor Roll

3.7+

Pierce Force  
Sterling Force  
Katherine Weber  
Abigail Brown  
Grace Brown

3.25-3.69

Zachary Maas  
Danielle Ayotte

Good job to all!

### Area News

**Millington Christmas in the Village** Mon., Dec. 3rd from 4-8PM.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Living Nativity "A Journey to Bethlehem"** Fri., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM, Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM, Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Frankentrost. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. This is a free 30 minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school. Volunteers are welcome. If interested, please call 989-754-4285.

**VLHS France Mission Trip Palette Sign Fund-raiser** Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-5PM at Valley in the cafeteria. Enjoy a crafting opportunity while supporting local teens spreading the love of Jesus in France! Eight signs to choose from. See the glass case in the narthex for examples. To sign up, return a form (found in the church office) and payment by Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to: Jennifer Krueger c/o France Mission Trip Team 7159 Roedel Rd., Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

**Candles and Carols** Sun., Dec. 16th at 6PM at the Millington Church of God. This is a community event for everyone. If you want to be a part of this by sharing your special music, please call no later than Dec. 12th. Contact the church office (989) 455-3007 for more information. Thank you.



Look at a Candy Cane,  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are **RED**  
Like the **BLOOD** shed for me!  
**WHITE** for my Savior,  
Who is sinless and pure!  
"J" is for **JESUS**  
My Lord, that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a **STAFF** you will see-  
How my **SHEPHERD**  
Is caring for me!

# Birthday Celebrations

Deborah ILL	12/1	Terry Reinbold	12/11	Chase Guelette	12/20
Kamden Keinath	12/1	Timothy Rueger	12/11	Steven Holmes Sr.	12/20
Riley Pattinson	12/1	Kimberly Sargent	12/11	Alexis Hudie	12/20
Cole Ratza	12/1	Irene Smith	12/11	Holli Johnson	12/20
Judith Snover	12/1	Sandra St. Onge	12/11	Allen Marks	12/20
Andrew Weber	12/1	Jason Stewart	12/11	Chester Petzold	12/20
Taylor Wirsing	12/1	Cameron Loomis	12/12	Seth Sundberg	12/20
Logan Myers	12/2	Bo Schember	12/12	Norma Taylor	12/20
Delores Reinert	12/2	Michelle Stewart	12/12	Richard Coon	12/21
Tyler Rude	12/2	Linda Windt	12/12	Megan Curtis	12/21
Zachary Simon	12/2	Logan Wirsing	12/12	Julie Rude	12/21
Jodi Torrey	12/2	Deborah Bierlein	12/13	Trenton Weber	12/21
Jeremy Corrigan	12/3	Frances Carnet	12/13	Jacquelyn Petzold	12/22
Tonya Daenzer	12/3	Christopher Jensen	12/13	Connor Simon	12/22
Dawn Knoll	12/3	Sayer Puzjak	12/13	Collin Strouth	12/22
Ashley Koch	12/3	Gerry Smith II	12/13	Sarah Brown	12/23
Kara Polk	12/3	Ashtyn Stewart	12/13	Larry Kammer	12/23
Melissa Sandusky	12/3	Lisa Bach	12/14	Marlene Keipinger	12/23
Kara Stevens	12/3	Amy Casto	12/14	Alexander Kern	12/23
Sarah Waterman	12/3	Tyler Lichnovsky	12/14	Rhonda Nielson	12/23
Lori Kowitz	12/4	Michael Lyons	12/14	Sheila Peche	12/23
Holly Leach	12/4	Alison Reinig	12/14	Christine Jaruzel	12/24
Daniel Petzold	12/4	Dennis Schmidt	12/14	Judith Lichnovsky	12/24
Stephen Roggentine	12/4	Donna J. Weber	12/14	Billie Loper	12/24
Brad Sayles	12/4	Ireva Wolverton	12/14	Finnlee Lowrey	12/24
Michael Titsworth	12/4	John Allard	12/15	Arnold Petzold	12/24
Eric Galant	12/5	Robert Baker	12/15	Gary Wagner	12/24
Daniel Karcher	12/5	Karen Bruner	12/15	Kalie Weakley	12/24
Amy Opperman	12/5	Melissa Hager	12/15	Jena Petzold	12/25
William Woodward	12/5	Cherri Herrick	12/15	Linda Schmidt	12/25
Scott Jensen	12/6	Dylan Horning	12/15	Stephen Erickson	12/26
Kari Johnston	12/6	Jonah Horning	12/15	Gerald Higgins	12/26
Nathaniel Wood	12/6	Nicolas Horning	12/15	Lucas Hoard	12/26
Clark Cassidy	12/7	Eden Johnson	12/15	Larry Jensen	12/26
Mae Cassidy	12/7	Doris Meier	12/15	Connor Mason	12/26
Linda Conrad	12/7	Aaron O'Connor	12/15	Kassandra Mills	12/26
Richard Daniel	12/7	Harvey Schiefer	12/15	Anna Reinig	12/26
Connie Keinath	12/7	Cheryl Anderson	12/16	Tamera Dreher	12/27
Faydra Myers	12/7	Reagan Hoard	12/16	Ryan Lichnovsky	12/27
Angelica Powell	12/7	William Kirby	12/16	Melody Payea	12/27
Rylyn Roth	12/7	Denise Miller	12/16	Marie Ross	12/27
Elizabeth Selich	12/7	Andrew Rosebush	12/16	Robert Fall	12/28
Candice Tatro	12/7	Lexie Swink	12/16	Lynnette Keinath	12/28
Molly Wolfington	12/7	Susan Washburn	12/16	Aiden Koch	12/28
Carol Weber	12/8	Monica Lusk	12/17	Niola Leach	12/28
Mary White	12/8	Nancy Meier	12/17	Arlyn Marks	12/28
Grace Adamic	12/9	Jo Anne Noyce	12/17	Mathew Ayotte	12/29
Matthew Allen	12/9	Sarah Pobocik	12/17	Floyd Harsen	12/29
Kaitlyn Burton	12/9	Craig Reinert	12/17	Cameron Henderson	12/29
Danielle DeOrnellas	12/9	Carter Stevens	12/17	James Rude	12/29
David Janowski	12/9	Carol Burchett	12/18	Marvin Schiefer	12/29
Joshua Keinath	12/9	Shelby Jesberg	12/18	Alexis Sutton	12/29
Joshua Petzold	12/9	Annette Marks	12/18	Lideth Brueggemann	12/30
Michelle Sayles	12/9	Susan Morrow	12/18	Ira Ewald	12/30
Lillian Sargent	12/9	Adam Polk	12/18	Shannon Keinath	12/30
Michael Tebedo	12/9	Karri Smith	12/18	Amanda Marks	12/30
Andria Weakley	12/9	Bradlee Snyder	12/18	Jami Petzold	12/30
Marilyn Daenzer	12/10	Brody Willson	12/18	Kristina Soteropoulos	12/30
Elizabeth Goodhue	12/10	Ricks Anderson	12/19	Jeff Staple	12/30
Violet Myers	12/10	Aidan Bach	12/19	Donna Torrey	12/30
Chy Rueckert	12/10	Nicholas Borcharding	12/19	Danny Brandle	12/31
Scott Soderlund	12/10	Sandra Brow	12/19	Brody Germain	12/31
Geraldine Blue	12/11	Dane Coleman	12/19	Dean Mason	12/31
Dana Earl	12/11	Karrie Colman	12/19	John Osborn	12/31
Lorine Edler	12/11	Paul Rogers	12/19	Kenneth Soderlund	12/31
Jeffrey Johnston	12/11	Sandy Shamel	12/19	Teresa Walter	12/31
Janette Keinath	12/11	Marie Trinklein	12/19		
Karl Ramsey	12/11	Taren Webster	12/19		



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# Monthly Messenger

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*Jesus*  
*Emmanuel*  
*King of Kings*  
*Prince of Peace*