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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

April 2012

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli

A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:20-21).

Death is not a comfortable subject.

Even for those who believe in the message of Easter, death can make us hesitate over what to say. It is not a conversation topic commonly discussed over a cup of your favorite beverage (coffee for most, pop, iced tea or a juice for a cooler preference). See, even clarifying what type of beverage will leave an open window for a discussion on anything other than "death."

Recently, I was thinking of the way God has blessed me with so many special people who loved their Lord Jesus. This is only a **brief list** of those I have in my heart because they are now with their Lord in heaven.

I am thankful for how God touched my life with Jim and Myrtle Gray, Ken Schneider, Robert Schoenherr, Herb Dostal, Marilyn Dewald, Carl Keinath, Florence Evans, Herb Ill, Bob Meinecke, Doris Bickel, Arline Keinath, Arnold Higgins, Patsy Petzold, Lynda Rohn, Robert Aeder, Erwin Reinert, Leon Keinath, Gary Horning, Don Peche, Ken Hagan, Mary Snover, Don Haines, Paul Peche, Jack Shreve, Marty Damm, Marian Keinath, Marion Schiefer, James Gross, Elsie Diamond, Ernie Smith, Walter Mohr, and Mike Petzold.

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in honor of Gavin Blue's 1st
birthday from Mom & Dad
and in memory of Mike Petzold's
55th birthday from his family.*

I can talk about the death of these brothers and sisters in Christ, because they trusted Jesus as their Savior from sin and its eternal consequences. I miss the way they showed Christ to me and His unconditional love. I also miss their way of sharing Jesus with others by how they lived. Their lives were not perfect nor were they free from trouble, but they were journeys of faith in God and His promises.

I can talk about their death, because I know that "Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" I know that these brothers and sisters in Christ are now with our Lord in Paradise (Luke 23:43, Rev. 2:7).

You are also on the list in my heart. I want you to know that I celebrate your **life**. I thank God that your future death is nothing to avoid talking about, because our Savior has it all under control. Christians may be separated for a time, but they are never separated forever. We can talk about death, because we will eventually be together forever. That is what the Easter message is about. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:5b-6a). Death is not the end. "We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" (1 Thessalonians 4:14). God bless you with joy and peace this Easter.

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

Pastor Bruner
1 John 4:10-11

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April 2012

Palm Sunday—April 1st

8:30 AM & 11:00AM

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday—April 5th

7PM Worship with Communion

Good Friday—April 6th

1:30PM—Worship

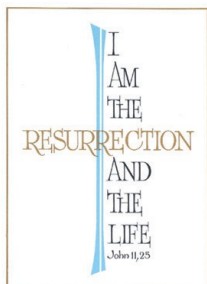
7PM—Tenebrae

Easter—April 8th

6:30AM—Sunrise Service

8:30 AM & 11:00AM Worship with Communion

7:30-10:30AM—Easter Breakfast



Calendar of Events

Zumba

Tuesdays at 6:15PM in the Activity Center.

Crafts

Dorcas crafts Wednesdays at 9:30AM at Anna Tuttle's home. Join the fun!

AA Meetings

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

Heroes

Tues., April 3rd & 17th at 7:30PM

If you are a man who wants to make a positive impact at St. Paul Lutheran, we would love to have you join our **HEROES Men's Ministry**. We meet on the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:30PM. If interested, please call Eddie Meeks 989-233-7959, David Kaiser 823-3111, or Pastor Abatelli 871-5015.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sun., April 8th from 7:30-10AM



Menu Includes:

Pancakes

Eggs

Sausage

Hash Browns

Doughnuts

Milk, Juice & Coffee



Sponsored & served by the youth group to help defray the cost of their National Youth Gathering trip to San Antonio Texas next Summer!

Thank you!



Courageous

The **Heroes** Men's Ministry will be showing the movie "**Courageous**" on Fri., April 13th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Popcorn, soda, and candy will be available. Movie starts at 7PM sharp. Babysitting provided.

A SCRAPBOOK EVENT

April 14th

TIME: 9AM-7PM (doors open to set up at 8:30 am)

WHERE: St. Paul Parish Hall

COST: Pre register \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 at the door.

PRIZES: Great Food! Great Fun! Make New Friends!....and Prizes too!

BRING: Your own stamping &/or scrapbook supplies, pictures, etc., dish to pass and beverages if you want other than coffee or H2O.

A Representative from Stampin' Up and Creative Memories will be set up with supplies, lessons, "how-to's" and ideas. Items can be purchased.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. - in the school office - or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or e-mail: jenco33@yahoo.com

SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT

**LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES
MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Sunday, April 15th

Identity Theft Seminar

Our Dorcas LWIM is hosting an **IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR** on Tues., April 17th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. The seminar is being sponsored by the Tuscola County Thrivent Chapter. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the dangers of identity theft and what to do if it should happen to you. A law enforcement officer will also be available to answer questions. This is a free dinner and seminar event, but **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED** to attend. A shredding service will also be on hand to safely shred personal documents. You can register by contacting Terri Jo Keinath 871-4581 ext. 4 or Sherry Sebert 871-3084. Deadline for registration is April 10th.

Family Karaoke Night

Friday, April 20th @ 7pm
in the Activity Center



You may LOVE karaoke,
maybe BREATHE it,
or it just simply ENTERTAINS you.
From Journey and the
New Kids on the Block
to tobyMac and Taylor Swift ;

join us for a great night filled with food,
Fun, and of course, singing!

Spiritual News

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

Background of the Bible

Led by Pastor Bruner in the Choir Warm Up Room.

Adult Instruction Class

Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Projects Room.

Lutheranism 101

Led by Ed White in the Library.

High School Bible Study

"Beyond Acceptance"

Led by Laura Gleim in the Youth Room.

Musical Opportunities

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM
Anyone is welcome to join at any time.

Jr. Jammers

Junior Jammers is for any child who likes to sing. They sing with the Praise Team the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month in the 11AM service. We practice during Sunday School time from 10-10:45AM. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Brown 871-9224.

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The Saturday morning **Men's Bible Study** will be held on April 7th, even though I know it is the Saturday before Easter. Again, it will be at 7:30AM. Coffee, milk, orange juice, and doughnuts will be provided. Please remember to read the book of Jeremiah. Thanks, David Kaiser

Meetings

Council Wed., April 11th at 8PM

Stephen Ministry Mon., Apr. 9th & 23rd at 7PM

Dorcas Tues., Apr. 17th at 6:30PM

Elders Wed., Apr. 25th at 7:30PM

April Scripture Readings

April 1st

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:12-43

April 8th

Isaiah 25:6-9

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

April 15th

Acts 4:32-35

I John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-28

April 22nd

Acts 3:11-21

I John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

April 29th

Acts 4:1-12

I John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Sunday School

Sunday School is for children of all ages. We have fun each week from 9:45-10:45AM. Everyone is invited classes are offered to explore God's Word. This is not just another day of school. . .we make learning fun. We are approaching the Easter season and the very important story of Jesus' death and resurrection. We will join together for an Easter celebration on Sun., April 1st (no foolin'). Please plan to join us during this special season. We will conclude the year with a special gathering on Sun., May 20th. Watch the bulletin for details. As the school year concludes, we look forward to next year. Help is needed. Please consider teaching any age, for a quarter—3 months, or the entire year.

Thank you to everyone who takes time to bring their children each week. We enjoy getting to know each other. If you have questions or concerns, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

Serving / Memorials

Serve the Lord by Serving Others

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 18th-22nd from 9AM-12PM. We have a new, easy to use format, and helpers (high school youth are welcome) are needed for snacks, crafts, games, music, story tellers, puppeteers, and assistants. Please call the church office and let us know where you would like to help.

Laura Schwab Meal Plan

A meal plan calendar has been set up for **Laura Schwab**. If you would like to prepare a meal, please go to www.caringmeals.com/plan/LauraSchwab. If you have questions, please contact Katie Abatelli at keb17@aol.com "Attn: Laura S. meal".

Opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. . .

FORMER STEPHEN MINISTERS: Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team needs you! We currently have a waiting list of potential Care-Recipients; hurting people waiting for the Christ-centered care that only you can offer them. Serve Him? We GET to!!! Are you **ready** to return? Are you **willing**? You ARE able! Please call Laurel Woodward 989-871-4969 at your earliest convenience.

Notes of Encouragement

A revised list of our shut-in members is available to **Christian Care Committee** members who send **notes of encouragement**. There are also cards made by our local Brownie Troop. The cards and list may be found on the cabinet outside the church office.

Easter Flowers

A sign up sheet to order **Easter Altar Flowers** is on the glass case in the narthex. Please sign your name, in memory or honor of, phone number, and choice of Lily or Spring Flower by Sun., April 1st. Flowers are \$15.00 each. Thank you.

Trust & Investment Applications

Trust and Investment is accepting applications for funds. Applications are available in the church office and need to be returned by April 15th. If any board has a question, call Dick Gladly at 871-2815.



APRIL 2012 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Vera Witt General Fund	\$130.00
IN HONOR OF Tillie Ill's 93 rd birthday General Fund	\$113.00
IN HONOR OF Jim Bickel's birthday	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Richard Sturm General Fund	\$10.00
IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF Don Haines Don Haines Scholarship Fund	\$330.00
IN HONOR OF Paul Schoenknecht Stephens Ministry	\$35.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE DEDICATION AND YEARS OF SERVICE OF Elaine Bickel, Paul Schoenknecht and Carol Weber St. Paul School	\$30.00
To be designated by honorees	\$75.00
General Fund	\$25.00

Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbela Township, bestowed a positive influence on his family to pursue their dreams by committing to and reinforcing the importance of a college education. Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family for future St. Paul graduates who pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary. Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the church office and are due by May 1, 2012.

Room Usage

Please remember – if you need to book the Parish Hall or Activity Center for an event, practice, or meeting, you need to check with the church office to be sure it is available. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!

Thrivent Choice

Thrivent members: The **Thrivent Choice** program is being revised for 2012. Members will have the opportunity to renew their recurring direction for 2012; however, it will not be an option in 2013. Please remember to designate where you would like your Choice dollars to go and continue to participate each year.



April Schedule



Acolytes

1 st Palm Sunday	8:30AM	Tim Singer & Kent or Aaron
1 st	11AM	Emily Petzold & Phil
5 th Maundy Thurs.	7PM	Garrison Hecht & Gary
6 th Good Friday	1:30PM	
6 th Tenebrae	7PM	Eddie Meeks & Eddie
8 th Easter Sunrise	6:30AM	
8 th Easter	8:30AM	Aaron Singer & Kent or Tim
8 th Easter	11AM	Bethany Daenzer & Tim
14 th	7:30PM	Ericka White & Brian
15 th	8:30AM	Justin Allen
15 th	11AM	Aaron Knoll
21 st	7:30PM	Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
22 nd	8:30AM	
22 nd	11AM	Danielle DeOrnellas
28 th	7:30PM	Mason Lugg
29 th	8:30AM	
29 th	11AM	Justin Allen

Greeters

First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy Ill
	11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims
Second Sunday	8:30AM	Russell & Sherry Ill & Rachel Ill
	11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Dianne Scarborough, Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
	11:00AM	Evelyn Gregory, Anna Tuttle, Cheri Sutherland
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
	11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

Ushers

Team C

7:30PM	Jeffrey Yorke - Captain Michael Hoard, Michael Schiefer
8:30AM	Captain - Glenn Brown; Assistant - Vic Reinert John Hergenreder, Alex Kern, Mike Kern, Nate Kern, Tim Kern, Brian Meier, Jeff Platt, Ron Schiefer, Bob Wager, Bill Weber, Duane Weber, Ed White
11:00AM	Captain – Mark Rude; Assistant - Tim Brown Mike Daenzer, Tim Daenzer, Larry Henderson, Roger Keinath, Michael Lynn, Arlyn Marks, Eddie Meeks, Jim Rude, Rod Wilson

Church Sextons

Rodger & Judy Grulke	Elmer Snover
Ron & Ruth Mieske	Ted & Katrina Wager
Ed & Marcia Keinath	Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild

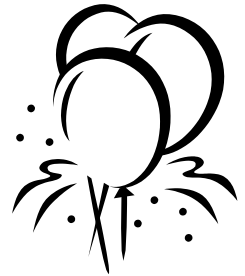
7:30PM	Amy Yorke
8:30AM	Sonja Russell
11AM	Deb Hazel



April Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Jeffrey Kennard	4/1	Angela Ayotte	4/9	Howard Wells	4/20	Mason Ley	4/30
Colleen Loomis	4/1	Dylan Herrick	4/9	Angela Burton	4/21	Beverly Montle	4/30
Hailey McPherson	4/1	Bradley Lich	4/9	Hillary Esterline	4/21	Hudson Ruppel	4/30
Sean O'Connor	4/1	Clinton Schwab	4/9	Bryan Horning	4/21		
David Reinert	4/1	Jenna Albrecht	4/10	Kourtnei Petzold	4/21		
Karl Titsworth	4/1	Dakota Bouck	4/10	Ian Stiff	4/21		
Amelia Wagner	4/1	Rebekah Jones	4/10	Sasha Arnett	4/22		
Keagan Butterfield	4/2	Brody Norman	4/10	Bryan Bonadurer	4/22		
Kierrah Butterfield	4/2	Kathy Rasmussen	4/10	Patrick Duve	4/22		
Bonnie Draper	4/2	Cadence Ratza	4/10	Matthew Greenan	4/22		
Roy Petzold	4/2	Rudy Stock	4/10	Timothy Jolly	4/22		
Margie Scannell	4/2	Dakota Davies	4/11	Shelley Shollack	4/22		
Erin Schwab	4/2	Jonathan Matzke	4/11	James Weber	4/22		
Mollie Torres	4/2	Shirley Petzold	4/11	Nancy Bastian	4/23		
Robert Wager	4/2	Jilanna Shufelt	4/11	Kim Brown	4/23		
Angel Gorsuch	4/3	Brandon Skank	4/11	James Bruner	4/23		
Brendan Johnson	4/3	Anika Sykes	4/11	Brookelyn Finatri	4/23		
Jack Reinert	4/3	Lucas White	4/11	Alyssa Frahm	4/23		
Rebecca Schuler	4/3	Marla Coggins	4/12	Ruth Ann Petzold	4/23		
Ann Sergent	4/3	Robert Figgins	4/12	Michelle Rohraff	4/23		
Donna Ames	4/4	Sheila Haynes	4/12	Cameron Wilson	4/23		
Pamela Engelhart	4/4	Nathan Meier	4/12	Nathan Bierlein	4/24		
Seth Mittler	4/4	John Osborn	4/12	Bette Chambal	4/24		
Janet Reinert	4/4	Tyler Sutton	4/12	Noah Reinbold	4/24		
Ethan Hoard	4/5	Kathryn Brown	4/13	Bernice Schiefer	4/24		
Steven Holmes Jr.	4/5	Eric Hoard	4/13	Joshua Torrey	4/24		
Ryan Hunt	4/5	Arthur Weber	4/14	April Yatsevich	4/24		
Mark Husted	4/5	Zachery White	4/14	Debbie Galant	4/25		
Martin Kidd	4/5	Tiffany Erickson	4/15	Joseph Johnson	4/25		
Kelsi McAlister	4/5	Jay Mitchell	4/15	Nicholas Pennington	4/25		
David Rogers	4/5	Melanie Reinert	4/15	Morgaine Anderson	4/26		
Laura Schwab	4/5	Tamara Schultz	4/15	Zachary Cunningham	4/26		
Crystal Snyder	4/5	Faith Stratton	4/15	Delores Damm	4/26		
Anna Tuttle	4/5	Leah Denome	4/16	Michelle Dice	4/26		
Zachary Wolfer	4/5	Rachel DuRussel	4/16	Amanda Hergenreder	4/26		
Joshua Wooldridge	4/5	Ryan Goodhue	4/16	Owen Reinig	4/26		
Carlee Allard	4/6	Sidney Werner	4/16	Brian Rondo	4/27		
Doris DeOrnellas	4/6	Carol Saeger	4/17	Joshua Roth	4/27		
James Dues	4/6	Gavin Blue	4/18	William Badgley	4/28		
Anthony Marks	4/6	Hunter Figgins	4/18	Bethany Erdman	4/28		
Jacob Myers	4/6	Sawyer Keinath	4/18	Madison ILL	4/28		
Earl Sergent	4/6	Tamera Smith	4/18	Richard Latham	4/28		
Beth Todd	4/6	David Balcom	4/19	John Petzold	4/28		
Lisa Bentley	4/7	Bridgett Greenan	4/19	Bradley Bonadurer	4/29		
Bradley Isetts	4/7	Lanette Hoard	4/19	Samuel Evans	4/29		
Sharon Jensen	4/7	Virginia Reinert	4/19	Jon Fritz	4/29		
Taylor Rueger	4/7	Brittany Sayyae	4/19	Lori Holtsberry	4/29		
Luella Saeger	4/7	Cameron Bierlein	4/20	James Koch	4/29		
Haley Wood	4/7	Philip Erlenbeck	4/20	Edwyn Maschke	4/29		
Leah Dale	4/8	Mary Michael	4/20	Nicholas Yorke	4/29		
Christina Detgen	4/8	Martin Powell	4/20	Diana Allard	4/30		
Matthew Johnston	4/8	Leonard Ross	4/20	Reese Ehrhardt	4/30		
Matthew Lynn	4/8	Nicole Stiff	4/20	Marc Finatri	4/30		
Trevor Smith	4/8	Katrina Wager	4/20	Terence Frixen	4/30		



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Miscellaneous / Thank You / Area News

Quilting

Every Tuesday from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall.

Quilting at St. Paul is a heartwarming and worthwhile project. Many people are involved, donating time and talents. Please remember this project and donate your used or new items to our group.

Last fall we were able to donate over 250 quilts. About 20 ladies helped to make almost 200 World Relief quilts, 15 new quilts for the Giving Tree, 25 quilts for the Dorcas Bazaar, and some for needy families through the year.

All of this is only possible with the generous donations of so many people. We continue to collect: new material of any size, thread—any color, new or old sheets & pillow cases, table cloths, mattress pads, light-weight blankets, or other large items that could be used. We also need jeans for our famous jean quilts. Donations can be brought to the school office or placed in our closet in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

Anyone is welcome in this group. No experience is needed!! Each week (Sept.—May) a small group of about 5-10 ladies join in the Parish Hall. We cut material into squares, "Put together" quilts for World Relief, or "tie quilts off" on the racks. Some ladies cut or sew at home and donate their quilt tops or entire quilts. Help is needed at school or at home. Please call or just come in on Tuesday. Most of our quilt tops are made of material cut into squares. World Relief quilts are mostly used materials, while needy and Bazaar quilts are made with new material and sheets. We also take orders for private sales throughout the year.

God has truly blessed us through this project. We are thankful to be able to help those in need. I have personally grown very close with my quilting friends. I have taken my limited knowledge of sewing and learned so much from these kind ladies. I am blessed to call them friends. I hope you consider joining us . . . allow God to use you even in a small way!! Thank you to all who help us help others.

Please remember us as you clean your closets this spring. Pass the word to family and friends about our needed items. Feel free to call with any questions 989-205-9873.

Messenger Sponsors

Sponsors needed for May, June, September, October, and November. Mailings cost \$120.00 a month. Call the church office to reserve a month.



A heartfelt **THANK-YOU** is extended to all who made the celebration of my 35 years in the teaching ministry so memorable. How blessed I am to be able to work in His kingdom with you at St. Paul. I pray that God will continue to bless all of you as together we serve the King of kings. In His service, Paul Schoenknecht

The words **thank you** do not seem to be enough to say for all of the encouragement, support and love I was given last Sunday and throughout the years here at St. Paul. I have truly been blessed and pray that God grants me more time to serve Him and St. Paul. Carol Weber

Thank you for doing what God's people do best. You have encouraged me in my ministry with you. You have shown me God's love and forgiveness for many years. I look forward to continuing to do the Lord's work with and among you. May our God bless you as you have been a blessing to me. Elaine Bickel

Area News

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., April 13th from 11AM-2PM & 4-7PM at St. Martin, Birch Run.

Living Passion Drama "Gethsemane to Golgotha" Fri. & Sat., April 6th & 7th from 6-9PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church Park & School. For more information go to www.stmichaelsrichville.org.

St. Michael's Ladies Aid invites everyone to hear guest speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Zehnder share her life experiences and working at the Bavarian Inn, April 19th at 1:15PM at St. Michael's, Richville. Refreshments served. Questions, please call Marlene Rodammer 823-2712.

Tom Coverly the Illusionist will be at the Millington Church of God on April 27th at 7PM. Free.

Camp Corcordia information can be found at www.campconcordia.org.

Creation Museum Bus Trip—Walk through history—experience the Bible and history in a unique way, learn how it all began and learn about dinosaurs. Leave June 19th at 1PM from St. Michael's Church parking lot and return late June 20th. Enjoy a deluxe motorcoach ride to Perrysburg, KY, stay overnight at a first class motel, and spend a day at the museum for \$150.00 per person. RSVP by May 1st to Nancy Schluckbier 989-868-4491 or at gschluckbier@speednetllc.com. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Miscellaneous / Mission News

Leadership Roles

Yes, it is early for this. However, it is never too early to decide how to be more engaged at St. Paul Lutheran. There are many opportunities to serve and volunteer within our congregation. If you wish to help in any way, please contact the church office.

Specifically, it may be time to consider taking a leadership role within the congregation. We currently have vacancies on the Board of Stewardship and Board of Evangelism. As well, in the fall we will be gathering names to ask people to consider running for election to a board within the congregation. In addition, the office of President will also be open.

If you are interested in considering any position within the congregation, please contact a pastor or Jeff Yorke. Any of these people can speak to you regarding the roles of leadership you may be able to provide.

How Are Missions Gifts Divided?

Last year, the Voters' Assembly decided to change the look of our envelopes to include only three lines. What this did was create a single line for Missions, which includes contributions to District, TIM, Valley Lutheran and Special ministries. This change did not come without long thought and discussion.

With this change, a decision had to be made on how to divide the missions line in a way that reflects the giving of our church. Members of the Board of Stewardship presented to Church Council a proposal to do this, which the Church Council approved. It takes an approximate percentage average of how gifts were given over the past three years to each of these areas. This was the percentage presented to Church Council that was approved.

When a person contributes to the mission line, 55% of all contributions will go to District, 35% of contributions will go to TIM, and 10% will go to Valley Lutheran. Again, this reflects the percentages that had been given the previous three years before the envelope change.

We ask that givers do not write an individual line for "Valley Lutheran" or "TIM", for example. It is thought that your cheerful giving to those areas will be reflected as gifts are divided as above. If someone wishes to make absolutely sure their gifts are given to an area of missions, and they write a specific area on the envelope, we will make sure that the gift will be given as a part of that percentage.

A Letter From One of Our Missionaries

Dear Ones,

May God bless America! Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord has blessed our ministry richly in Taiwan on December 6, 2011. There were three people who received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Among the new believers is a retired teacher, a taxi driver, and the owner of the restaurants. He and his family had accumulated so much money over the years, but the sharp change in the economic climate which had taken place over the few months had destroyed his family. They lost their restaurants and all the money. Now his wife and father are both very sick. He is so glad that he has found the way of eternal life. He told me that I was the first person who told him the Good News of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

Yes, it is true, when government changes or circumstances change, money and possessions mean nothing. Even life has very little value. Today we live in a very unstable world.

Our co-worker, Lisa, and her friends have come back from mainland China last week. The people walked many miles to come to hear about Jesus Christ. There were six people who received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Among the new believers, one is a high school student, one is a medical doctor, two are house wives and two are farmers. Praise the Lord! Please pray that our Lord will supply the fund continually for this important ministry.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding when personal letters do not reach you frequently. You still pray and support us. We are going to write to acknowledge your gifts, cards, letters and contributions soon. May our Lord bless you and yours richly for you so love Him and are faithful to His work! Yes, it is true, only the work for the Lord can be counted for eternity (Rev. 22:12). Please pray that the Lord will give us the wisdom and protection continually.

With love and prayers,
Children of Promise International

April 2012

St. Paul Lutheran Church Activities

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Palm Sunday 8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir / Brass</i> *9:45AM See Notes 11AM Worship <i>Church Choir / Brass</i>	2 <i>Easter Break</i> <i>No School</i> 7:30PM Salary & Personnel	3 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA Meeting 7:30PM Heroes	4 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's 6:53PM Choir	5 Maundy Thursday 7PM Worship +C <i>Church Choir</i>	6 Good Friday 1:30PM Worship 7PM Tenebrae	7 7:30AM Men's Bible Study
8 Easter 6:30AM Sunrise 7:30-10AM Breakfast 8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir/Brass/Bells</i> 11AM Worship +C <i>Church Choir/Brass/Bells</i>	9 <i>No School</i> 6PM Board of Education 7PM Handbells 7PM Stephen Ministry	10 School Resumes 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA Meeting	11 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's 6:53PM Choir 7PM PTL 7:30PM Council	12 6:15PM Praise Team	13 6:30PM Heroes Movie Night "Courageous"	14 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 7:30PM Worship
15 Messenger Deadline 8:30AM Worship+C <i>Cantate Choir</i> *9:45AM See Notes 11AM Worship Contemporary 1:30PM Voters' Assembly 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth 7PM Trustees	16 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation	17 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Dorcas 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA Meeting 7:30PM Heroes	18 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's 6:53PM Choir	19 6:15PM Praise Team	20 St. Paul hosts Breakfast Club at MHS 2-6PM Preschool Registration 7PM Family Karaoke Night	21 7:30PM Worship +C
22 8:30AM Worship <i>Cherub Choir</i> *9:45AM See Notes 11AM Worship +C Contemporary 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	23 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation 7PM Stephen Ministry	24 9-11AM Storyhour 5-7:30PM Art Fair 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA Meeting	25 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	26 6:15PM Praise Team	27	28 Youth Service 12PM Secret Angel Luncheon Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30PM Worship
29 Youth Service 8:30AM Worship <i>Handbells</i> *9:45AM See Notes 11AM Worship <i>Handbells</i> 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	30 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation			**Notes** 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School Adult Instruction Class		



St. Paul Lutheran School

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"Finally, brothers and sisters, **whatever** is **true**, **whatever** is **noble**, **whatever** is **right**, **whatever** is **pure**, **whatever** is **lovely**, **whatever** is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**—
think about such things."

Philippians 4:8

Jesus Christ is risen ! He is risen INDEED!

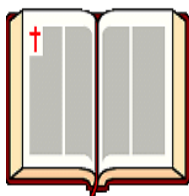
Our celebration of Easter early this month reminds us of our victory over sin, death and the devil through the death and glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Remember to live as HIS Easter people!

Thank you to EVERYONE that helped in any way to make our celebration of **Lutheran Schools Week** such a success. Your help was great! The children were able to celebrate by learning about the some church symbols, eating a teacher prepared pancake breakfast, appearing "wild & crazy" on several days and ending the week by watching the movie of their choice at our own St. Paul Cinemas.

Our offerings for Chapel this month are going toward helping project **SMILE TRAIN**.

Bible verses for the month are:

4/10-21 Psalm 78:4b
4/22-28 Psalm 92:1
4/29-5/5 I Peter 2:9



April Sports

Track, boy's volleyball & girl's soccer

April 21 Girl's Soccer Tournament TBA
VLHS

April 21 Boy's Volleyball Tournament TBA
VLHS

April 28 Track Meet at St. Paul, Lapeer &
St. Michael's Invitational Track
@ Reese



School Music Opportunities



April 22

Cherub Choir

8:30 a.m.

April 15

Cantate Choir

8:30 a.m.

The special events for St. Paul Lutheran School
in the month of April are:

Mar. 31-

April 9 No School Easter Vacation

April 8 Easter Sunday

April 10 School Resumes; wear your
WHATEVER theme shirt

April 20 Preschool Registration

April 24 Art & Music Fair 5-8 p.m.
Theme: Hollywood

April 25 Parent Pick-up at 2:40 p.m., **NO BUS**

April 28 Confirmation Luncheon at noon

We also participate in a program with Kroger receiving 5% of your purchase with a Kroger card. Scrip is available in the school office for many local and Flint/ Saginaw stores like Shop-Rite and Marathon Gas stations (Bo's). See the school office for all of the special programs that we participate in.



Youth News



412 Youth Ministry April Events

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1st Timothy 4:12

S.T.A.T.I.C. High School Ministry

Sunday, April 15th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Kony and the Devil

The story of Joseph Kony and what he is doing is a vivid reminder of the destruction satan brings to our world. We can't be neutral in this battle, so we must get the Gospel out to our friends and family and others throughout the world.

Sunday, April 22nd 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Where Your Greatest Passion and the World's Greatest Need Can Meet

How strong is your commitment to the Great Commission?

Sunday, April 29th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: What Homer Simpson Taught Me about Evangelism

How can we continue to spread Christ's message among ourselves and the rest of the world?

NERF WARS!

Sunday, April 29th

6:30-8:30pm

ALL YOUTH (6th-12th Grade) ARE WELCOME!!