

# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### April 2019

*"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 A.M.  
Saturday 7 P.M.

#### Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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#### A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ – the Risen One,

Most of us like a comeback story. We love it when our favorite team is able to overcome a deficit to win in the end. People cheer for the Cinderella teams during March Madness. There is something about a victory when the odds are against us. Comeback stories are also motivational when it is not a game. People who overcome great challenges inspire us.

On a much larger scale, that is what Easter is about. Our Champion was apparently unable to comeback, but He did. When Jesus died on the cross, it appeared that He had lost. This was not a game. This was about sin and death. Jesus overcame these real enemies through grace and new life. What Jesus did is not only an inspirational story, it is a life-changing event. Jesus did this for each of us. He alone earned the victory, but He shares the benefits with us. We can have grace for our sin. We can have life even though we will die. His comeback story becomes our comeback story!

Jesus predicted that this would all happen. He told his disciples he would "spot" the opposition an insurmountable lead, but He would still overcome the impossible odds.

*"Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.' The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about" Luke 18:31-34.*

This was the preview of the greatest comeback ever. Easter is how Jesus changed the outcome for us.

After his resurrection, "....he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem....' Luke 24:45-47.

In life, our sin "spotted" the competition too great a lead. It was, and still is, impossible to win on our own. That is why Jesus came to be our Champion. The Law says we deserve to die for our sin, but Jesus has given us the victory over sin and death by fulfilling the punishment of the Law in our place. "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:56-57. What this means is that our comeback story is real, because our Savior's victory is real.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

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

Pastor Bruner

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" 1 John 4:10-11.*



The April Messenger is sponsored in memory of Erwin & Erna Reinert's 75th wedding anniversary, which would be April 30th. -From Erna Reinert

# Spiritual News

## **9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies**

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

**Sunday School** - Every Sunday. Invite a friend!



### **I Am a Church Member**

Saturdays at 6PM, Sundays between services, and Wednesdays at 6PM.

We may not see the results yet, but what a great start for a healthier and stronger St. Paul Lutheran Church. We have had 105 members participating in the "I am a Church Member" Bible study. These small groups have been studying God's Word and what the Bible says about being a member of the body of Christ. Attitudes are being shaped to be more like that of Jesus. We can be sure that God will be doing even more great things, as a result of these members understanding what it is to be a Biblical church member. Ask someone who has been in this study about how it is changing their life as a follower of Jesus. You will want what this person has received.

### **Other Bible Study Opportunities**

**Men's Bible Study** – Sat., April 6th at 8AM in the Library.

#### **New!**

**Bible Study for Couples** - Led by Pastor & Patti Martinal.  
Fri., April 12th from 7-9PM in the Gathering Room.

**Bible Study for Women** - Led by Patti Martinal.  
Sat., April 20th from 2-4PM in the Gathering Room.  
Watch for details in the bulletin.

## **Music at St. Paul**

### **Handbells**

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

We could really use some extra help! Anyone is welcome to join. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

### **Church Choir**

Wednesdays at 6:30PM 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!

## **Scripture Readings**

### **April 7th**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Phil. 3:4b-14

Luke 20:9-20

### **April 14th**

Deut. 32:36-39

Phil. 2:5-11

John 12:20-43

### **April 21st**

Isaiah 65:17-25

1 Cor. 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

### **April 28th**

Acts 5:12-32

Rev. 1:4-18

John 20:19-31



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

April 7th—"Cornerstone of Salvation" - Luke 20:17b

April 14th—"A Troubled Soul" - John 12:20-43

April 21st—"Where Are You Searching?" - Luke 24:1-12

April 28th—"Vindication!" - John 20:24-31

## **8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal**

Wed., April 24th at 4PM in the Church

## **Secret Angel Dinner**

Wed., April 24th at 5PM in the Parish Hall

## **Public School Confirmation Classes**

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

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Storyhour** - 9-11AM

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

Looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoons? Come and join our **Quilting** ladies from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall beginning . No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit! Call Lori if questions at 989-205-9873.

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

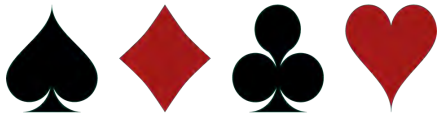
**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## **Scrapbooking**

Sat., March 6th 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@spmill.org](mailto:school.office@spmill.org).

## **Prayer Meeting**

Thursday, April 11th 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!



## **Euchre**

April 13th from 4-6:30PM in the Projects Room  
Everyone (men and women) 16 and older are invited.  
Snacks provided. Come and join us for some fun!

## **Voters' Assembly Meeting**

Sun., April 14th at 1:30PM  
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## **Dorcas LWIM Bus Trip**

"Wild Women of Detroit"

June 13th – 9AM pick up at St. Paul  
Trip includes: Tour of Belle Isle, Hamtramck,  
Lunch at the Two Way Inn, Eastern Market Murals  
in the Market, Abicks Bar  
Depart at 3PM and return to Millington at 4:30PM.  
Cost: \$75.00 – Contact Connie Keinath 871-4125  
or Eileen Zieger 871-2329 to book your seat.

## **Area News**

**Handbell Concert** Sun., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at Valley Lutheran High School. Five handbell choirs will be performing, including Valley's Glorify (which five of our St. Paul students are members.)

**"The Joyful Sounds Quartet" Concert** Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Millington Baptist Church. Light refreshments following.

**Classic Legacy Band of Saginaw Spring Concert** Sun., April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM at the SVSU Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

**Baked Potato and Salad Bar** on Sunday, April 18 from 11:45AM-2:00PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in our Fellowship Hall (church basement). Cost is \$5 per person. What a great way to have a simple lunch, fellowship and raise money for our youth attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

**19th Annual Living Passion Drama** Fri., April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9PM and Sat., April 2<sup>th</sup> from 4-9PM at St. Michael's Park, Richville. Walk a paved path through our park and view eight scenes of the Lord's Passion. You'll Fellowship and refreshments follow the presentation in our school. Parking is available at our church. For more information, you can call the church office at 989-868-4791, or visit our website at [stmichaelsrichville.com](http://stmichaelsrichville.com).

## **April Meetings**

### **Social Concerns**

Tues., April 2nd at 5:30PM  
in the Council Room

### **Youth Team**

Tues., April 2nd at 6PM in the Youth Room

### **Stewardship**

Tues., April 2nd at 6:30PM  
in the Gathering Room

### **Council**

Wed., April 3rd at 6:30PM in the Library

### **Stephen Ministry**

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

### **Prayer Committee**

Thurs., April 11th at 6:30PM

### **Dorcas Meeting**

Tues., April 16th at 6PM

### **Elders**

Wed., April 24th at 7:30PM

# Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info.

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills (Board of Finance)

It's that time of year again when soup suppers are served! These Wednesday night fellowship events allow members all across the congregation to serve each other as Christ commands. The meal itself is meant to join one another in fellowship; the free-will donation allows each soup supper sponsor to continue in an outreach ministry of their choice.

**March 6** – Ash Wednesday. We were served a dinner like no other: Thai. Janette Keinath hosted this dinner to raise funds for a mission trip to Thailand where she'll teach children hymns from the LSB. A total of \$671.00 was raised toward this trip.

**March 13th** - Social Concerns hosted a Taco Bar to help families with such things as heat/electrical bills and even put food on the table. We deposited \$330.00 into this account.

**March 20th** - Pastor Tim and Patti Martinal planned a 'Walking Taco Bar' to support the church youth group and their numerous activities. Did you know they support a Compassion Child? They were able to raise \$317.00 for future events and service activities.

**March 27th** - Les fonds amassés lors de ce dîner de lasagnes serviront à financer le voyage missionnaire de Connie et Bethany Daenzer en France, qui dirigent VBS, travaillent dans la cuisine du camp et partagent la Parole de Christ en anglais! (They're going to France to teach and to share Christ!). A total of \$584.00 will help offset some of their expenses.

**April 3rd** - The Praise Team is sponsoring a Winter Picnic to help defray costs of music and equipment used in contemporary worship. Come and enjoy bratwurst, hot dogs, potato salad and more!

**April 10th** - All you can eat baked spaghetti is on hand provided by the church choir. This year the choir has selected the Grantparent Fund to receive any free-will offering.

What many people may not know is not one of these groups receive money from the church general fund for their expenses. They raise money themselves to support the many outreach efforts. Your support goes a long way.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45



## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Royce Shamel	
General Fund	\$85.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00

In Memory of Eunice Childers	
General Fund	\$10.00

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 02/28/19: \$585,028.79  
Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022  
February 2019 Mortgage Payment: \$ 14,135.00  
\* Principal \$ 12,996.68  
\* Interest \$ 1,138.32

Amount received to pay mortgage: \$ 17,571.46  
Amount added to contingency fund: \$ 3,436.46  
Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$ 18,577.66

## February 2019 Income & Expense Summary

February General Fund Income: \$66,132.23  
February General Fund Expenses: \$(87,577.05)  
February Deficit \$(21,444.82)  
Year to date: Deficit \$(31,810.56)  
Overall: Surplus \$ 21,653.45

## Cash Accounts Summary

All Designated Accounts balance: \$191,729.88  
All Memorials balance: \$ 24,043.36  
General Fund Checking Balance: \$ 21,653.45

## 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. While Don did not pursue this himself, he and his wife, Barbara, raised their children to believe that with a college education they would be able to do whatever they wanted to do in life. Through the positive reinforcement received and the financial support of Don and Barbara, all four of their children, who attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, pursued and received their college degrees.

Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family, for future St. Paul graduates who go on to a Lutheran high school or pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary.

**New this year: A scholarship will be awarded to one high school and one college applicant.** Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the Church Office and need to be returned by Wed., May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Opportunities / Misc. / Thank You

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

**Our next Rescue Mission date is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.**

Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw from 10AM-2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. To **help prepare sack lunches**, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., **April 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

**Thank you** for all the **Health Kit** donations. We sent 20 kits for Valentine's Day. Items needed for our next collection: 8 toothbrushes, 11 toothpaste, 14 shampoo, 9 deodorant.

We will once again be having an **Easter Breakfast** with the proceeds going to the **Valley Lutheran Student Fund**. Any donations or help (preparing, serving, clean up) would be appreciated! Items Needed: Eggs, Shredded Hash Browns, Fresh Fruit (Pineapples, Blueberries, Cantaloupe, Grapes, Blackberries, Strawberries, Watermelon), Pancake Mix, Chocolate Milk, White Milk, Orange Juice, Muffins, Cream Puffs, Eclairs, Ham, Maple Syrup. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please call Matt or Angie Ayotte (989) 882-9376 or the church office if you can help in any way!

**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.

### Did you know?

Despite making up the snow days, the school year will be over before we know it. Did you know that our church has been helping reach students on various university campuses in our state. Your continued gifts of love to Jesus are sharing His love to students attending: Concordia University - Ann Arbor, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Michigan State University, Oakland University, and the University of Michigan. In these days of spiritual war for the hearts of our young people, it is so important that we have these and even more ministries reaching out to those attending institutions of higher learning. We pray they will always know the highest level of learning is found in God's Word. The Greatest Teacher will help them learn the most important lessons about life.

### Thank You!

A hearty **thank you** to all who helped in any way with the Thai dinner. Thank you to those who joined us in fellowship and eating and to those who helped with the preparation, serving, and cleanup. A special thank you to the individuals who brought delicious desserts, to Thrivent in helping with supplies, and for all the encouraging words of support. In Christ's service, Janette Keinath

**Thank You** to the Dorcas Society for the Christmas gift & cards, and the birthday & get-well cards. The thoughtfulness brought the joy of the Lord to my soul. -Karen Henderson

### Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for May, September, and December 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.

### Easter Flowers

Orders for **Easter Flowers** for the altar are being taken. \$15.00. Checks are to be made to Pam Hanlin. A sign-up sheet and box for the money will be on the glass case in the narthex.

### LEAP News Nugget

From the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan Alliance of 23 area Lutheran churches/schools

As we members of the **LEAP Alliance** (representatives from area Lutheran churches and schools) collaborate together, we wish to make known some of our goals, plans, and projects. A way in which such "making known" can happen is through trips made to the **LEAP** web site at [LEAP-alliance.com](http://LEAP-alliance.com). Another means for becoming more in the know with **LEAP** is through Facebook at [LEAP-Lutheran Education Advancement Plan](http://LEAP-Lutheran Education Advancement Plan). Touch base with **LEAP**, just a click away.

### Hospitalizations

In an effort to better serve your spiritual needs, if you are **entering the hospital** and want a visit from the pastor or a prayer in church, please call the church office with your information. When returning home, please call and update us also. We don't always get a phone call from the hospital and we don't use media postings for our information. Thanks for understanding.

# Lent & Holy Week Services / Mission Trip / Daily Lectionary

***Come worship with us for...***

## **2019 Lenten Services**

**Wednesdays at 4PM**

April 3rd, 10th

**Dinners at 5PM**

April 3rd - Winter Picnic

Sponsored by the Praise Team

April 10th - Baked Spaghetti

Sponsored by the Church Choir

## **Holy Week Services**

**Maundy Thursday** – April 18th

7:00PM – Worship with Communion

**Good Friday** – April 19th

1:30PM – Worship

7:00PM – Tenebrae

**Easter Celebrations** –

April 21st

6:30AM – Sunrise

Easter Breakfast

8:30AM – Worship with Communion

11:00AM – Contemporary Worship with Comm.



*Christ  
Risen!*

## **Mission Trip to Thailand (Part 3)**

**A little about Chiang Mai...**



**CHIANG MAI**

**Chiang Mai's** rich history stretches back 700 years to the time when several small tribes, banded together and formed a new nation called Anachak Lanna Thai. Chiang Rai, was their first capital, but after three decades it was moved and eventually this region developed independently of southern Thailand. An 800 year old moat surrounds the Old City. Much of the wall that once encircled the city has been restored, and the most important of its five original gates, called Thapae, fronts a broad square where markets and festivals are constantly in full swing. Due to shortage of available land, modern Chiang Mai is expanding on all sides of the Old City and developing into a gateway to Myanmar, Laos, and western China. There are plans to build a high-speed rail link with Bangkok to reduce the long journey between the two cities. The Ban Hmong Youth Center is where I will be teaching located outside the old city.

A hearty **thank you** to all who helped in any way with the Thai dinner. Thank you to those who joined us in fellowship and eating and to those who helped with the preparation, serving, and cleanup. A special thank you to the individuals who brought delicious desserts, to Thrivent in helping with supplies, and for all the encouraging words of support.

Prayers are always welcomed. Janette Keinath

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Daily Lectionary April 2019	<b>1</b> Gen. 42:1-34, 38 Mk. 12:1-12	<b>2</b> Gen. 43:1-28 Mk. 12:13-27	<b>3</b> Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk. 12:28-44	<b>4</b> Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk. 13:1-23	<b>5</b> Gen. 47:1-31 Mk. 13:24-37	<b>6</b> Gen. 49:29-50:7; Gen. 49:14-26 Mk. 14:1-11
<b>7</b> Ex. 1:1-22 Mk. 14:12-31	<b>8</b> Ex. 2:1-22 Mk. 14:32-52	<b>9</b> Ex. 2:23-3:22 Mk. 14:53-72	<b>10</b> Ex. 4:1-18 Mk. 15:1-15	<b>11</b> Ex. 4:19-31 Mk. 15:16-32	<b>12</b> Ex. 5:1-6:1 Mk. 15:33-47	<b>13</b> Ex. 7:1-25 Mk. 16:1-20
<b>14</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Ex. 8:1-32 Heb. 1:1-14	<b>15</b> Ex. 9:1-28 Heb. 2:1-18	<b>16</b> Ex. 9:29-10:20 Heb. 3:1-19	<b>17</b> Ex. 10:21-11:10 Heb. 4:1-16	<b>18</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Ex. 12:1-28 Heb. 5:1-14	<b>19</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16 Heb. 6:1-20	<b>20</b> Ex. 13:17-14:9 Heb. 7:1-22
<b>21</b> <b>Easter</b> Ex. 14:10-31 Heb. 7:23-8:13	<b>22</b> Ex. 15:1-18 Heb. 9:1-28	<b>23</b> Ex. 15:19-16:12 Heb. 10:1-18	<b>24</b> Ex. 16:13-35 Heb. 10:19-39	<b>25</b> Isaiah 52:7-10 Eph. 4:7-16	<b>26</b> Ex. 18:5-27 Heb. 12:1-24	<b>27</b> Ex. 19:1-25 Heb. 13:1-21
<b>28</b> Ex. 20:1-24 Lk. 4:1-15	<b>29</b> Ex. 22:20-23:13 Lk. 4:16-30	<b>30</b> Ex. 23:14-33 Lk. 4:31-44				





# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 13-14 | READINGS 37-42

March 31-April 13

## 37. DEBORAH—Judges 4

WEEK 13 | March 31-April 6

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Once again, we see God's people doing evil. Why do you think God offered them help against their enemy?
- ◆ How does God promise to help us even when we do evil by sinning?

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for freeing Your people from their enemies by two women no one ever would have expected. Thank You for saving us through something we would never have expected—Jesus' suffering and death on a horrible cross. Amen.*

## 38. GIDEON—Judges 6-7

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Gideon felt like God wasn't with him like He was in the past. Have you ever felt like this? How?
- ◆ What do you think God was trying to show Gideon and Israel by using only 300 men to defeat such a large Midian army?

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your power, faithfulness, and love for us is even more than we could ever imagine. Thank You for showing us that You are our strong defender and helper. Thank You for sticking with us even when we are weak. Amen.*

## 39. SAMSON—Judges 13:1-5; Judges 16

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What would you do if you were the strongest person in the world?
- ◆ Samson was captured by his enemies and carried away into prison. In spite of this, how did God use him?

*Prayer: Lord God, when I am weak, You are strong. You brought Samson back to You even though he was horribly selfish and often wasted the great power You gave him. Teach me not to be selfish with the gifts You've given me, but to use Your gifts to show other people Your great love. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 40. RUTH—Ruth 4

WEEK 14 | April 7-13

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Boaz redeemed Ruth. He paid money to buy back or redeem the land for Naomi, Ruth's mom. At that time in Israel, women and children couldn't own land. But the closest male relative could buy it back for them. Boaz did this. How do you think Ruth felt?
- ◆ In Ruth 4:18-22, we find out Ruth's great grandson is King David. Jesus is from David's line. How is Jesus our Redeemer?

*Prayer: Jesus, You are our Redeemer. You protect our inheritance of eternal life by paying for our sins. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

## 41. THE BIRTH OF SAMUEL—1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ 1 Samuel 1:15 says that Hannah poured out her soul before the Lord in prayer. Why do you think it's good to "pour our souls" out to God in prayer?
- ◆ What does Hannah's prayer, in 1 Samuel 2:1-10, teach us about God?

*Prayer: Lord, help me to trust in Your timing. Help me put my trust in You no matter what. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 42. GOD CALLS SAMUEL—1 Samuel 3

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why did Samuel not realize it was the Lord who was calling him?
- ◆ Why do you think it's good for us to listen to God as He speaks to us through His Word?

*Prayer: Lord God, thank You speaking to Samuel so He could serve You. Thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Help us to love listening to Your Word so we can serve You and all people in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 15-16 | READINGS 43-48

April 14-27

## 43. SAUL BECOMES KING—1 Samuel 8:1-9; 1 Samuel 10:17-27

WEEK 15 | April 14-20

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ After many years of following the Lord, why do the people of Israel ask for a king?
- ◆ Israel rejected God as their king. Has there been a time in your life when you rejected God as your king?

*Prayer: Lord God, in the midst of our sinfulness, we turn away from You and Your goodness. Forgive us. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our king by dying on the cross and rising to life again. Thank You for never rejected us. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 44. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID—1 Samuel 16

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ God rejects Saul as king (1 Samuel 15). Over time, Saul became proud, forgot Israel belonged to God, and wasn't careful to do everything God told him to do. Think about a time you became proud, forgot you belonged to God, or didn't listen Him.
- ◆ The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem where he found David and anointed him king. Who else came from Bethlehem to be king?

*Prayer: God, thank You for using the "least likely to succeed" as Your instruments. Make me strong in faith that I may serve You. Amen.*

## 45. DAVID AND GOLIATH—1 Samuel 17

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ No one likes a bully. How was Goliath a bully? How might we sometimes be bullies like Goliath?
- ◆ David trusts the Lord will deliver Goliath into his hand. In what areas of your life can your trust in the Lord grow?

*Prayer: Lord God, give me the same faith and courage You gave David, that I may not fear anything or anyone, but know that You are always with me. Help me trust You with the big and little matters in my life, knowing You will guide me through them. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 46. DAVID & JONATHAN—1 Samuel 18:1-5; 1 Samuel 20

WEEK 16 | April 21-27

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ King Saul was jealous of David and wanted to hurt him. How does jealousy hurt relationships? How can God help us overcome it?
- ◆ David and Jonathan were such good friends, they were like brothers. Do you have a friend like that? Reflect on that relationship.

*Prayer: Lord God, help me never to be jealous and angry like King Saul, but to love and trust You like David and Jonathan did. Thank You for the friends You have given me. Help me to be as good a friend to them as Jonathan and David were to each other. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 47. GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID—2 Samuel 7

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ If you were to build a new church building, what would you want it to look like?
- ◆ God told David He would make his name great, and He did. Who, in the New Testament, was called "The son of David"? (Hint, He died and rose again....)

*Prayer: Lord, You dwell in our hearts by faith. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and King. Amen.*

## 48. KING SOLOMON PRAYS FOR WISDOM—1 Kings 3

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ If you could ask God for anything in the whole world, what would you ask for?
- ◆ Why do you think God was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom?

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for giving Solomon the gift of understanding so that he could help others and make wise decisions. Please give me wisdom, too, so I know how to live my life and help the people around me. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 6p Bible Study of Esther 7p Handbells	1 7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 5:30p Social Concerns 6p Painting 6p Youth Team Meeting 6:30p Stewardship	2 4p Lenten V Service - Cantat, 5p Lenten V Dinner - Winter 6p I Am A Church Member S1 6:30p Church Council 6:30p Choir Practice	3 6:15p Praise Team	4	5	6 8a Men's Bible Study 9a Scrap booking 6p I Am A Church Member S1 7p Worship -Jubilee Handb
7 8:30a Worship + C- Men's Cl 9:45a I Am A Church Membe 9:45a Sunday School 10a Parish Hall Rental 11a Worship - Free Spirit 6p Public School Confirmatic	8 6p Bible Study of Esther 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry	9 7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7:30p AA	10 4p Lenten VI Service 5p Lenten VI Soup Supper - 6p I Am A Church Member S1 6:30p Choir Practice	11 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Committee	12 7a Breakfast Club 1:30p City Rescue Preparatic 6p PTL Carnival 7p Couples Bible Study	13 10a Parish Hall Rental 10a City Rescue Mission 11a Easter Egg Hunt 4p Euchre 6p I Am A Church Member S1 7p Worship + C
14 PALM SUNDAY 8:30a Worship -PS-8 9:45a I Am A Church Membe1 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship+ C- PS-8 1:30p Voter's Assembly 6p Public School Confirma	15 6p Bible Study of Esther 7p Handbells	16 7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Dorcas 7:30p AA	17 6p I Am A Church Member S1 6:30p Choir Practice	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7p Worship + C- Church Cho	19 GOOD FRIDAY Offices Closed 1:30p Worship - Ladies Quar 7p Worship Tenebrae -Chur	20 NO SERVICES 2p Easter Breakfast Prep 2p Women's Bible Study
21 EASTER SUNDAY ***He Is Risen!!*** 6:30a Sunrise Service 7:30a Easter Breakfast 8:30a Worship + C 11a Worship Contemporary + C	22 6p Bible Study of Esther 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry	23 7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7:30p AA	24 4p Confirmation Rehearsal 5p Secret Angel Luncheon 7:30p Elders	25 6:15p Praise Team	26	27 9a Parish Hall Rental 7p Worship + C
28 8:30a Worship - Handbells 9:45a Bible Study 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship Contemp + C -- Cherub 6p Public School Confirmatic	29 6p Bible Study of Esther	30 7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7:30p AA	<div> <p>NEW!!! You can now to the St Paul website calendar, click on any of these events, and find out more about the event, what room, contact info, and more!</p> <p><a href="https://www.stpaul-millington.org/calendar.html">https://www.stpaul-millington.org/calendar.html</a></p> </div>			

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

## April

Acolytes	6/7	13/14	18/19	21	27/28
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	18th-Ryan Keinath	6:30AM Ryan Keinath + Crucifier	Kailee Fackler
8:30AM	Hoards	Ryan Keinath	19th-1:30PM Hoards	Hoards + Cruifier	Ryan Keinath
11AM	Luke Petzold	Peyton Schmandt	19th- 7PM Kailee Fackler	Rodammers + Crucifier	Tyler Rude
Screen Tech	6/7	13/14	21st	27/28	
7PM	Weston Reinig	Kailee Fackler	XXXXX	Mason Lugg	
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers	XXXX	Carly Trinklein	
11AM	Paige & Dani	Hunter Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine	
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergeant	
8:30 AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler	
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine	

### Ushers

8:30AM Service  
 Captain – Glenn Brown  
 Gale Brown  
 Armand Carmona  
 Fay Carmona  
 Mike Kern  
 Ron Schiefer  
 Gary Wagner  
 Bob Wager  
 Bill Weber  
 Duane Weber  
 Katherine Weber  
 Ed White

### Ushers

11AM Service  
 Captain – Tim Daenzer  
 Assistant – Tim Brown  
 Danielle Ayotte  
 Matt Ayotte  
 Paige Ayotte  
 Abby Brown  
 Corey Daenzer  
 Larry Henderson  
 Jason Ketels  
 Arlyn Marks  
 Rod Wilson

### Ushers

7:30PM Service  
 Captain – Jeffrey Yorke  
 Chad Fackler  
 Marc Keinath

### Church Sextons

Matt & Angie Ayotte  
 Armand & Faye Carmona  
 Ed & Marcia Keinath  
 Ted & Katrina Wager  
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

### Communion Set-Up

7PM - Amy Yorke  
 8:30AM - Vicki Albert  
 11AM - Kristin Hoard & Julie Rude

*“Volunteers do not necessarily  
 have the time;  
 they just have the heart.”*



*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 our month begins, we see new life being renewed as warmer weather comes and plants begin to show their new growth. We also grow in the celebration of the risen Lord, as we live each day as His Easter people! Dear Lord, help us to show the joy and blessings we receive each day through Your Son, Jesus Christ! Amen.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for the month of April:

Apr. 1	Classes resumes after Spring Break
Apr. 3	Lenten Service at 4 p.m.
Apr. 5	Spirit Day, end of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter NO p.m. buses, pick-up at 2:45 p.m.
Apr. 9	P.T.L. Preschool Scavenger Hunt at 11:30 a.m.
Apr. 10	Lenten Service at 4 p.m.
Apr. 12	P.T.L. School Carnival from 6-8 p.m.
Apr. 19-22	Easter Break: CHRIST is Risen, He has risen indeed! Halleluiah!!!!
Apr. 29-May 3	7/8 <sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip

P.T.L. Fundraisers Flower/Veggie sales this month & Crayon/Marker collection Drive to the end of the year



## School Musical Opportunities



Apr. 4	Cantate Choir	4:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	Free Spirit	11:00 a.m.
Apr 14	All students K-8	Choice of service
Apr 28	Cherub Choir	11:00 a.m.



## Spartan Sports

Our basketball season for boys and girls on the C-teams has come to an end. Thank you to all of the fans, parents and coaches for a season of learning and growth.

Now we start our Spring Sports schedules.

### GIRLS SOCCER/ BOYS VOLLEYBALL

April 13	at Peace, Saginaw	TBA
<u>TRACK:</u>		
April 27	Lutheran Northwest Invitational	TBA

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, ink cartridges, Meijer and Kroger programs. See the school office for more information.

*He is risen... He is risen INDEED!*



*Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31*

# Birthday Celebrations

Jeffrey Kennard	4/1	Marla Coggins	4/12	Nathan Bierlein	4/24
Alex Lee	4/1	Valerie Dennis	4/12	Bette Chambal	4/24
Hailey McPherson	4/1	Robert Figgins	4/12	Noah Reinbold	4/24
Sean O'Connor	4/1	Sheila Haynes	4/12	Bernice Schiefer	4/24
David Reinert	4/1	Nathan Meier	4/12	Joshua Torrey	4/24
Amelia Wagner	4/1	John Osborn	4/12	Heather Weber	4/24
William Bassett	4/2	Tyler Sutton	4/12	April Yatsevich	4/24
Keagan Butterfield	4/2	Sophia Gleason	4/13	Claire Erlenbeck	4/25
Kierrah Butterfield	4/2	Eric Hoard	4/13	Debbie Galant	4/25
Bonnie Draper	4/2	Kathryn Sheppard	4/13	Morgaine Anderson	4/26
Erin Schwab	4/2	Arthur Weber	4/14	Zachary Cunningham	4/26
Mollie Torres	4/2	Zachery White	4/14	Delores Damm	4/26
Robert Wager	4/2	Anita Carmona	4/15	Amanda Hergenreder	4/26
Angel Gorsuch	4/3	Tiffany Erickson	4/15	Owen Reinig	4/26
Brendan Johnson	4/3	Jay Mitchell	4/15	Brian Rondo	4/27
Tobin Keinath	4/3	Tamara Schultz	4/15	Joshua Roth	4/27
Jack Reinert	4/3	Faith Stratton	4/15	William Badgley	4/28
Rebecca Schuler	4/3	Shellie Watchpocket	4/15	Bethany Erdman	4/28
Ann Sergent	4/3	Donald Coleman	4/16	Madison ILL	4/28
Pamela Engelhart	4/4	Leah Denome	4/16	Richard Latham	4/28
Harper Mills	4/4	Rachel DuRussel	4/16	John Petzold	4/28
Seth Mittler	4/4	Ryan Goodhue	4/16	Bradley Bonadurer	4/29
Janet Reinert	4/4	Sidney Werner	4/16	Stephanie Deavey	4/29
Duane Switzer	4/4	Kolten O'Neil	4/17	Jon Fritz	4/29
Ethan Hoard	4/5	Carol Saeger	4/17	Lori Holtsberry	4/29
Steven Holmes Jr.	4/5	Sarah Thayer	4/17	James Koch	4/29
Mark Husted	4/5	Gavin Blue	4/18	Edwyn Maschke	4/29
Ryan Keinath	4/5	Armand Carmona	4/18	Nicholas Yorke	4/29
Kelsi McAlister	4/5	Hunter Figgins	4/18	Diana Allard	4/30
Crystal Snyder	4/5	Sawyer Keinath	4/18	Kyle Clark	4/30
Zachary Wolfer	4/5	Duane Maas	4/18	Reese Ehrhardt	4/30
Joshua Wooldridge	4/5	Mandy Skinner	4/18	Terence Frixen	4/30
Carlee Allard	4/6	Tamera Smith	4/18	Mason Ley	4/30
James Dues	4/6	David Balcom	4/19	Hudson Ruppel	4/30
Anthony Marks	4/6	Bridgett Greenan	4/19	Cali Stadler-Anderson	4/30
Jacob Myers	4/6	Virginia Reinert	4/19		
Beth Todd	4/6	Brittany Sayyae	4/19		
Lisa Bentley	4/7	Cameron Bierlein	4/20		
Bradley Isetts	4/7	Philip Erlenbeck	4/20		
Sharon Jensen	4/7	Mary Michael	4/20		
Kayli Leix	4/7	Martin Powell	4/20		
Taylor Rueger	4/7	Leonard Ross	4/20		
Haley Wood	4/7	Nicole Stiff	4/20		
David Ackerman	4/8	Katrina Wager	4/20		
Leah Dale	4/8	Howard Wells	4/20		
Christina Detgen	4/8	Angela Burton	4/21		
Matthew Johnston	4/8	Hillary Esterline	4/21		
Mark Merriam	4/8	Bryan Horning	4/21		
Trevor Smith	4/8	Zi'Kaira Koch	4/21		
Angela Ayotte	4/9	Kourtnei Petzold	4/21		
Hunter Dennis	4/9	Crystal Schmitt	4/21		
Dylan Herrick	4/9	Ian Stiff	4/21		
Olivia Hibner	4/9	Sasha Arnett	4/22		
Bradley Lich	4/9	Bryan Bonadurer	4/22		
Clinton Schwab	4/9	Patrick Duve	4/22		
Jenna Albrecht	4/10	Matthew Greenan	4/22		
Dakota Bouck	4/10	Timothy Jolly	4/22		
Brody Norman	4/10	Shelley Shollack	4/22		
Kathy Rasmussen	4/10	James Weber	4/22		
Cadence Ratza	4/10	Nancy Bastian	4/23		
Rudy Stock	4/10	James Bruner	4/23		
Dakota Davies	4/11	Brookelyn Finatri	4/23		
Lucianna Mason	4/11	Alyssa Frahm	4/23		
Jonathan Matzke	4/11	MaKella Opperman	4/23		
Avery Mays	4/11	Ruth Ann Petzold	4/23		
Jilanna Shufelt	4/11	Michelle Rohraff	4/23		
Brandon Skank	4/11	Cameron Wilson	4/23		
Anika Sykes	4/11	Nathan Bierlein	4/24		

Birthdays are  
good for you.

The more you have,  
the longer you live!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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*April*



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# Monthly Messenger

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April 2019

*He is not here:  
for He has*

*Risen,  
as He said.*

*Matthew 28:6*