

Monthly Messenger St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

August 2022

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

A Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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> Rev. James Bruner Administrative Pastor

Rev. Tim Martinal Associate Pastor

Worship Services Saturday - 7PM Sunday - 9:30AM Bible Study Sunday 9:45 A.M. +++++

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LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Two years ago we were in the midst of a pandemic. We have come through a stressful time, and we are still cautious about new variants. We are now hearing regularly about war in other countries and various shootings in our own. That is not the end of what can fill our ears and trouble our minds. There is the constant indoctrination of alternative lifestyles in advertisements, TV shows, movies, magazines and encounters in life. Since Roe vs. Wade was reversed, there are hateful and even illegal attacks against anyone who promotes the value of all human life. We are also in the midst of financial anxiety caused by high inflation. All of this can overwhelm us.

What does the future hold for us next? Perhaps you have heard this saying, "We don't know what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future." There is good news. We will go through struggles and hardships (Acts 14:21-22), but God is with us and will deliver us through it all.

Get back to the Bible; listen to it and understand it. Let God speak to you and then through you.

> *Come all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.* Matt. 11:28

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Isaiah 41:10-11

[Jesus said] Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God trust also in me... I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take *you to be with me that you also may be where I am.* John 14:1-4

You [Lord] will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

In Isaiah 41, The LORD is contrasted to idols that cannot do good or bad in the future, because they are not living. Our God is living and He promises to be with us and to provide for us. Our God knows our suffering because He came into our human flesh. He endured it all for us and then defeated it. This is the God who speaks to us comfort and peace. Overcome what overwhelms you with the words of our God. Spend some more time in the Word of God. He will speak to your heart, then you can speak to others what comes from within your heart.

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

Pastor Jim Bruner

1 John 4:10-11

The August Messenger is sponsored by Jon & Fran Carnet.

Scripture / Summer Worship Times

St. Paul Summer Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, **Sundays at 9:30** (+ Livestream) Bible Study Sunday at 10:45AM in the Parish Hall

Faith on Fire for separate ages and the nursery will be on break for the summer. You are welcome to bring your children to Bible Study to listen.

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays *Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays Saturday communion will follow the 1st & 3rd Sundays *Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

<u>Scrípture Readings</u>

<u>August 7th</u> Genesís 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-16 Luke 12:22-34

<u>August 21st</u> Isaíah 66:18-23 Hebrews 12:4-24 Luke 13:22-30

<u>August 14th</u> Jeremíah 23:16-29 Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3 Luke 12:49-53 <u>August 28th</u> Proverbs 25:2-10 Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14

Guest Preacher

Join us for worship August 13th & 14th and welcome Jason Peterson as our guest preacher.

Connect Your Child to a Spiritual Home While they are at College

If you have a child attending college in the state of Michigan there is a network of campus ministry pastors throughout the state who want to help your college students find a spiritual community. Call the church office with your information and we will help them find one of our active campus ministries or a local congregation.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

Contact Information

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office outside of office hours call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

St Paul Lutheran Prayer Chain

We are trying to get our prayer chain going again. This prayer chain is a separate entity *for those who do not have social media* such as Facebook, email, etc. *or would like to be on "both".*

Our hope is to keep our prayer warriors praying for our church family and their family/friends. The list has been revised and I will add more as updated. If you know someone who would like to be on the prayer chain and make calls to pray, please let Gale know.

Here's how it works... Please call the person below your name on the chain. If you do not get an answer, leave a message or text stating you have a prayer request. Call the next person on the list until you get an answer so the prayer request can be passed on through the chain as efficiently and quickly as possible. Let's not break the chain.

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:17</u> Pray continually. <u>Matthew 18:19</u> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Church Office Stacey Force 989-871-4581

(or Gale if Stacey is not in the office) Gale Brown 810-444-5482

(The names listed below are *landlines* and <u>must</u> be called.)

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 Fran Carnet
 989-871-2439

 Mary White
 810-793-8170

 Sherry Sebert
 989-871-3084

 If no answer call or text 810-410-5520

 Gloria Rodammer
 989-871-3608

 Janice Gordon
 989-871-9694

 Shirley Ann Petzold
 989-871-3789

(These names are mobile phones that can accept texts) *Please call first if possible.*

Mary Kern	989-448-1096
Sue´Ill	989-213-3946
Kim Peche	989-498-7817
	810-728-8992
Ed & Mary White	
Chuck Eilers	989-882-6330
Sue Eilers	989-233-8993
Betty DeOrnellas	989-871-4444
Sandy Lince	989-429-6435
Sandy Weber	989-550-3401
Patti Martinal	402-672-9673
Denise Sherman	989- 577-9854 prefers text
Donna Torrey	989-245-1774 text
Gale Brown	810-444-5482
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Upcoming Events / Meetings

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<u>Zumba</u>

Zumba Wednesdays at 6PM and Saturdays at 10AM in the Activity Center. \$1 at the door!

Open Volleyball

for girls entering $4^{\text{th}}-8^{\text{th}}$ grade Thursdays from 7-9PM in the Activity Center.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., Aug. 6th at 8AM in the Library.

Dorcas News

LWML Summer Retreat will be held at Trinity Lutheran in Reese on Wed., August 3, at 6 pm. There will be a Bible study with Pastor Dan Burhop and a potluck. Bring a dish to pass along with table service.

Reminder to dust off your cookbooks and find something good to bake for the Bake Sale during the Millington Festival Fri., Aug. 12th.

Voters Assembly Meeting

Sun., Aug. 14th at 1:30PM in the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Be in the know and be a part of the decision making at St. Paul.



School Open House

Sun., Aug. 28th at 12PM Meet the Teachers, See Your Classrooms, and Drop Off School Supplies

1st Day of School

August 29th at 7:50AM

<u>Meetings</u>

Social Concerns

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

Stewardship Tues., Aug. 2nd at 7PM

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

Stephen Ministry Mon., Aug. 8th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Board of Education Tues., Aug. 9th at 6PM in the Computer Lab

Voters' Meeting Sun., Aug. 14th at 1:30PM in the Church

Elders

Wed., Aug. 24th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Area News

St. Michael's, Richville will be hosting a **Drive-thru Sloppy Joe Benefit Dinner** on August 7th starting at 11:45AM, until sold out. Shain Schoenow, a member of our church, has been hospitalized for 4 months with a rare blood disorder. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation, you can mail checks made out to Mark Shoenow and send them to St. Michael's, 3455 S. Van Buren, Reese, MI, 48757.

39th Annual Chicken BBQ and Pig Roast at Trinity (Monitor) Lutheran Church, 20 E. Salzburg Rd. The Chicken BBQ (\$14) will be Sat., Aug. 13th from 12-4PM with live music by Floyd G's Juice Machine from 6-10PM. Sunday will be Outdoor Worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Pig Roast (\$14) from 11:30AM-4PM. There will be co-ed blooper ball games on both days and a full concession stand serving hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, fries, and much more. For more information on the blooper ball tournament, contact Matt Burk at (989)757-7509. Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and delicious food. Hope to see you there!

All are invited to join **St. Michael's, Richville bus trip to Turkeyville** Oct. 27th. Cost is \$75.00 and includes transportation, turkey dinner and show "Church Basement Ladies." Sign up now and pay by Sept. 5th. Call Nancy Schluckbier 989-529-0320 or Connie Keinath 989-871-4125 if interested.

Valley Lutheran High School is in search of a **Freshman Volleyball Head Coach** for the upcoming season. Practices start 8/8. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please send a resume and contact information to VL Athletic Director, Tyler Yahn at tyahn@vlhs.com.

Valley Lutheran High School is accepting applications for the position of **Assistant Cook** to work in the kitchen for 30-35 hours per week while school is in session. The ideal candidate would have experience cooking/serving for groups, a love for working with teens, an interest in learning required paperwork and ordering processes, and a willingness to support the mission of VLHS. The starting date would be August 22. Salary is commensurate with experience and there is opportunity for advancement. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to Dr. Lisa Meyers at Imeyers@vlhs.com or 3560 McCarty Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603. Deadline for applications is August 17.

Michigan District Lutheran Adult Gathering In His Presence – Throughout All Generations October 14-16 at Mackinac Island. \$30 per person PLUS lodging. Go to michigandistrict.org/lag22 to register. You are invited to be renewed, encouraged, and equipped at the Lutheran Adult Gathering on Mackinac Island, October 14–16, 2022, at the beautiful Grand Hotel. The theme for the 2022 Lutheran Adult Gathering is "In His Presence: Throughout All Generations," based on Psalm 90:1: "Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Each generation is loved by God and called by God to love Him and love others. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel.

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Daily Lectionary / Serve & Volunteer

		e	Бч			Opportunities to Serve,
Saturday	6 1 Sam. 20:1-2: Acts 28:16-31	13 1 Sam. 31:1-13 1 Cor. 7:1-24	20 2 Sam. 12:1-2: 1 Cor. 12:1-13	27 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13 2 Cor. 5:1-21		Volunteer and Donate Millington Old Fashioned Festival will be here soon and help is needed in the St. Paul Hot Dog Booth and new this year – Pulled Pork Booth. Sign up on the glass case in the narthex or call one of the offices. Thank you in advance for supporting St. Paul!
Friday	5 Sam. 19:1-24 Acts 28:1-15	12 . Sam. 28:3-25 1 Cor. 6:1-20	19 Sam. 11:1-27 Cor. 11:17-34	26 Kings 8:22-30; 46-63 2 Cor. 4:1-18		We're in need of water bottles to pass out during the parade. Any donations will help. Please bring bot- tles to the coat rack area in the back of the church. We would like to collect 2000 bottles. Help us meet this goal! We are looking for a Jubilee Jr. Bells Director for
	1	11	10	1 K 2		the upcoming school year. If interested in helping these ring-a-lings (grades 4-8), contact the school of- fice at 989-871-4581 ext. 4.
Thursday	4 Sam. 18:10-30 Acts 27:27-44	11 l Sam. 26:1-25 1 Cor. 5:1-13	18 2 Sam. 7:18-29 Cor. 10:23-11:16	25 Kings 7:51-8:21 2 Cor. 3:1-18		Will you serve the Lord? We need volunteers to run the livestream during the summer. If our mem- bers do not step forward, there may be Sundays with no livestream. Please consider this service and call the church office to help. Col. 3:23
	1		1			Anyone wishing to help prepare sack lunches to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Aug. 12 th at 1:30PM. Monetary do-
Wednesday	3 . 17:4818:9 :s 27:9-26	10 m. 25:23-44 or. 4:1-21	17 : Sam. 7:1-17 Cor. 9:24-10:22	24 1 Kings 5:1-18 Cor. 1:23-2:17	31 Kings 16:29- 17:24 Cor. 9:1-15	nations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. Shop and Earn Money! We are now on Amazon
Ň	1 Sam. 1 Acts	1 1 Sam. 1 Cor.	2 Sar 1 Cor.	2 Co	1 K 2 C	Smile . If you already shop on Amazon, you are just one step away to earning money for St. Paul. Sign up at smile.amazon.com, add <u>St. Pauls Lutheran School</u> as your charity, and start shopping! It's that easy! We
Tuesday	2 1 Sam. 17:20-47 Acts 26:24-27:8	9 1 Sam. 25:1-22 1 Cor. 3:1-23	16 2 Sam. 6:1-19 1 Cor. 9:1-23	23 1 Kings 3:1-15 2 Cor. 1:1-22	30 1 Kings 12:20-13:5; 33-34 2 Cor. 8:1-24	earn a percentáge on every order.
Monday	1 1 Sam. 17:1-19 Acts 26:1-23	8 1 Sam. 24:1-22 1 Cor. 1:26-2:16	15 2 Sam. 5:1-25 1 Cor. 8:1-13	22 1 Kings 2:1-27 1 Cor. 13:1-13	29 1 Kings 11:42- 12:19 2 Cor. 7:1-16	Your Own
Sunday	August Daily Lectionary	7 1 Sam. 20:24-42 1 Cor. 1:1-25	14 2 Sam. 1:1-27 1 Cor. 7:25-40	21 1 Kings 1:1-4; 15-35 1 Cor. 12:14-31	28 1 Kings 11:1-26 2 Cor. 6:1-18	Sunshine!

Financial Summary / Memorials / Thanks

June General Fund Income:	\$279,537.80
June General Fund Expenses:	\$83,876.13
June surplus (deficit)	\$195,661.67
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$277,652.74
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$396,807.35

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

8,376.27 9,122.87
8,376.27
3,562.69
7,183.91

Contributions to Grantparent Fund June \$1,351.77

<u>l Gifts</u>
\$60.00 \$10.00
\$100.00
\$25.00 \$695.00
\$125.00
\$70.00
\$100.00

St. Paul History Book

The updated edition of the **St. Paul History Book** is available to purchase for a \$5.00 donation. Call the church office to buy a copy.

Children's Bulletins

Children's Bulletin Drawing - If your **child completes and turns in their children's bulletin** in the marked box in the lobby, they are entered into a drawing for a gift to strengthen and encourage their faith. Once a month, one (1) bulletin will be drawn at random for the gift. Please include a name and contact information. Every week is another opportunity to enter. This is a great way to encourage your child to participate in worship.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! to all the people who volunteered to make the Festival Day a great and beautiful success, from the Set Up Crew to the Cooking Crew, the Food Prep Crews, the Enter-tainment Crew, and the Take Down Crew, but most especially to the Kitchen Clean Up Crew who went above and beyond the call in dealing with left over food and cleaning up in the kitchen, thank you Diane, Samantha, Gloria, Luanne, and Eileen.

We also thank our pastors, organist and choir, as well as Pastor Michael Roth for the beautiful worship service that gives all Glory to God.

We are not forgetting all of you who brought summer side dishes. Wow! We certainly know how to Pot-Luck! Forty feet of tables, and we had to set up two more tables. Thank You. God Bless you, the People of God and the People of Hope.

If you were not at the service, it is archived on the St. Paul Website.

A **big thank you** to all the people that worked so hard to make the Celebration of St. Paul's 125 years a very special day. I can't name names, because I wouldn't want to leave anyone out, but if you know someone that did, take the time to give them a "Big Thanks!"

THANK YOU to the following for assisting with the addition of landscaping stones between the school and church offices; looks nice. Thanks to Ken Jensen, Ken Myers and Kenton Gleason.

THANK YOU to Buck Coleman and Ray Peche for updates to a new item in the church hallway – a Special Offering Envelopes Board.

Thank you for the abundance of cards and expressions of sympathy after the death of Jeanne Spicuzza. Your kindness and memorial gifts are truly appreciated. -Karen and Pastor Bruner

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers while I was in the hospital and recuperating. They really did help! Even my doctor was amazed at how well I was doing. -Karen Henderson

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards and friendships I received on my birthday. You are all so appreciated! I love you all and you are my sunshine! -Shirley Petzold



Miscellaneous

Ukrainian Relief Update

Recently another 2 Air-Cargo shipments, making **a total of 6 air shipments have been made from Orphan Grain Train to assist Ukrainian families**. One shipment is on its way to Ternopil to "Charitable Foundation Light of Reformations" for many families in desperate need. The other is on its way to Moldova to assist impoverished families along with Ukrainian refugees.

Orphan Grain Train will continue to ship aid and food for those facing this humanitarian crisis as long as funds are available. If you would like to give online, please go to <u>OGT.ORG</u>. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

St. Paul has Orphan Grain Train drop off barrels outside the church office and across from the pastor's offices. Thank you for your donations!

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know that if you're a Thrivent member, you can apply for a **\$250 gift card** to help with a service activity or fundraiser? Think of all the possibilities where this could be beneficial.

How it Works - Think about a need in our church or community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including: A Promotional Banner, Invitations and thank-you cards, T-shirts, and a \$250 Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact. Details and guidelines can be found online.

How often am I eligible? <u>Benefit members</u> are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and <u>associate members</u> one per year.

Go to Thrivent.com, click on "Making a Difference", then "Thrivent Action Teams". You will need a User ID and Password to apply. If questions, call the church office and we can help get you started.

Did you Know???

The St. Paul **Activity Center is available to rent** for events.

Member Fee: \$150 +\$150 for floor protection set-up. Floor fee waived if member elects to setup/takedown themselves.

Community Fee: \$400 (includes floor fee)

Support St. Paul and Bring in Your Used Ink Cartridges



Please keep bringing in your ink cartridges and turn them to cash! Drop Off in the box on the

wooden cabinet outside of the

Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex.

Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted.

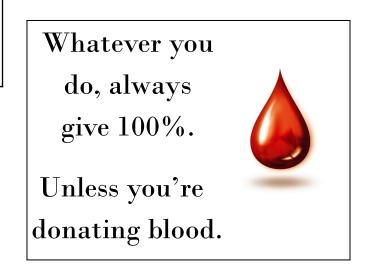
Please only bring in small ink cartridges.

Thank you for recycling. We received a **check for \$79.25 just for recycling** empty cartridges! Please keep bringing them in!

Calendar/Door Scheduling

If you need to book an event, practice, or meeting, you need to check with the church office to be sure the date is available.

Please Remember - If you need the **doors unlocked** for your event, call the church office at least a few days in advance so we can have them set for you. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!





August Birthdays

Birthday Blessings to All!



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Ken	Damm	1	Felicia	Ball	12	Lindsey	Allen	22
Jody	Hunt	1	Kay	Horning	12	Drake	Carlyon	22
Olga	Nims	1	Jessica	Lenk	12	Emma	Dalton	22
Micheal	Harrington	1	Steven	Titsworth	12	Jacob	ILL	22
Sharon	Mitchell	1	Karen	White	12	Penny	Harris	22
Easton	Ruppel	1	Erin	Schmandt	13	Mary	Sutton	23
Kellie	Sherman	1	Wanda	Johnson	13	Aurora	Hibner	23
Patrick	Allen	2	Kelsey	Platt	13	Michael	Albert	24
Jeremy	Frahm	2	Dale	Todd	13	Troy	Dues	24
Ivan	Salem	2	Stacey	Force	14	Madilyn	Draper	24
Evan	Reinert	3	Kathryn	DeOrnellas	14	Brandon	David	24
Jeremy	Colman	3	Victor	Fabbro	14	Jonathon	Hoard	24
Alexis	Reinert	3	Heath	Keinath	14	Lori	Reinert	24
William	Hibner	4	Aaron	Reinbold	14	Rylie	Mills	25
Bradley	Nielson	4	Hannah	Penshorn	14	Adam	Jacobs	25
Stephen	Ley	4	Heather	Selich	15	Matthew	Blue	26
Brenda	Ruppel	4	Charles	Daenzer	16	Tom	Keinath	26
Jon	Carnet	5	Roy	Kauer	16	Laura	Oliver	26
Nathan	Dalton	5	Judy	Kolaja	16	Emmitt	Stiff	26
Lorie	Keinath	5	Maureen	Kralik	16	Janel	Boensch	26
Scott	Raymond	5	Alyssa	Okorowski	16	John	Hergenreder	26
Christie	Stevens	5	Malachi	Wager	16	Teresa	Powell	26
Matthew	Grulke	5	Collin	Paquette	16	Mark	Reinert	26
William	Sherman	5	Ashton	Porter	16	Olivia	Ostrander	27
Garret	Woodward	5	Mason	Wolfington	16	Aryha	Wendland	27
Kristopher	Watchpocket	5	Duane	Webster	16	Mike	LaPointe	28
Gloria	LaPointe	6	Jennifer	Herrick	17	Paul	Schoenknecht	28
Greyson	Jaruzel	6	Austin	Loomis	17	Hailey	Brown	28
Tracey	Gleason	7	Lisa	Merriam	17	Gary	Lince	28
Alexandria	Sergent	7	Megan	Russell	17	Andrew	Rogers	28
Bonnie	Fall	8	Barbara	Radloff	17	Julie	Keinath	29
Keith, III	Brown	8	Jeffrey	ILL	18	Mary	Davison	29
Adam	Knoll	8	Alyson	Freeman	18	Nick	Ewing	29
Dale	Hanlin	9	Ron	Schiefer	19	Connie	Singer	29
Diane	Prusi	9	Tina	Petzold	19	Aliyah	Raymond	29
Cassie	Allard	9	Kevin	Adelberg	20	Jeffrey	Higgins	29
James	Stratton	9	Nikolas	Jensen	20	Terry	Keinath	29
Katherine	Werner	9	Easten	Myers	20	Diane	Selich	29
Jeremy	Kern	10	Kayla	Osborn	20	Lincoln	Tolbert	29
Garry	Knapp	10	Heidi	Tyree	20	Kathleen	Badgley	30
Janet	Love	10	Matthew	McGraw	21	Dawn	Devereaux	30
Jason	Smith	10	Jacob	Koch	21	Rachel	Hibner	30
Kathy	ILL	11	Teresa	Malace	21	Edward	Hunt	30
Tim	Keinath	11	John	Mallard	21	Reid	Deavey	30
Ken	ILL	11	Tyler	White	21	Larna	Peterson	31
Tiffany	Matzke	11	Andria	Kern	22	Peyton	Woolwine	31
Brayden	Rondo	11	Mark	Rude	22	Jason	Hiles	31
Carolyn	Petzold	12	Kenneth	Sebert	22	Travis	Schiefer	31
Matt	Singer	12	Masen	O'Neil	22	Ryan	Dobis	31
Pattie	Ziegler	12	Michael	Aguirre	22	Austin	Schultz	31



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We don't have to agree

on anything to be

kind to one another.

"Be kind and compassionate

to one another..."

Ephesians 4:32