Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 2026

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

A Message from Pastor

Tell the Next Generation

"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done." (Psalm 78:4 ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are launching a new theme, "Tell the Next Generation", based on the above verse. At St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, this verse is more than a theme, it is our mission. God has entrusted to us the greatest treasure, namely the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. And He has given us a clear mission to make sure that the next generation hears it, knows it, and lives in it.

We live in a time when many voices compete for the hearts and minds of our children and families. Yet there is only one message that brings true life, forgiveness, and hope, and that is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for sinners. The work of "telling the next generation" is not simply about preserving traditions or maintaining institutions. It is about proclaiming Christ so that faith is created and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

This is what happens every week at St. Paul. In worship, children hear the same Gospel as their parents and grandparents. In classrooms, students are formed not just academically, but spiritually, grounded in God's Word. In homes, through conversations and daily life, seeds of faith are planted and nurtured.

But this mission does not happen by accident. It happens through the faithful participation of God's people.

So how can you be part of telling the next generation?

First, be present in Word and Sacrament. Bring your family to worship. Receive God's gifts. Let your children see that Christ and His Church are not optional, but essential.

Second, pray intentionally. Pray for the children of our congregation and school. Pray for our teachers, staff, and leaders. Pray that God would raise up faith in the next generation.

Third, invest your time and gifts. Volunteer in the school, teach for our Faith on Fire (Sunday School), support youth ministry, lead or join a small group bible study, or simply build relationships with younger members. Faith is often passed on through faithful, caring connections.

Fourth, support the mission generously. Our church and school exist to proclaim Christ to the next generation. Your offerings directly support Gospel ministry. Your tithes and offerings help us teach, reach, and care for families in our church, in our school, and in our community.

Finally, speak of Christ in your daily life. The most powerful witness often happens in simple moments. Openly talking about Jesus at the dinner table, on the drive home, or in conversations with neighbors. It makes an impact. Tell what the Lord has done for you!

The good news is that the future of the Church does not rest on us, it rests on Christ. He is faithful. His Word endures. His Gospel will not fail. And He invites us to be part of His work.
So together, as one congregation and school, as one St. Paul family, let us joyfully take up this calling:

We will tell the next generation.

We will proclaim the mighty acts of our God.

And by His grace, they will know the love of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim Martinal
Tell the Next Generation. Psalm 78:4

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Worship Services
Beginning Sept. 13th
Saturday 7PM
Sunday 8:30+Livestream
Sonshine Sunday at 11AM

Bible Study
10:00AM

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

The September Messenger is sponsored in memory of Deanna & Marvin Schreiber from Dorothy.

Worship Times / Ways to be In the Word

St. Paul Worship Times Beginning Sept. 13th

Traditional Service
Saturdays at 7PM
Sundays at 8:30 (+ Livestream)
Sonshine Service Sundays at 11AM

Bible Study Sundays at 10AM

Praise Team 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Sundays at 11AM

Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM
2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &
Sat. eve of that weekend

Church Extension Fund Investment Opportunity

As part of CEF's 125th anniversary, they are offering a bonus grant program that will award the church a $125 bonus for each individual from a congregation that opens a new investment of $1,000 or more with a note that has a 24 to 60 month term. One $125 grant will be disbursed per investor/household until June 30th, 2027. A New Account application form can be found at: www.churchextensionfund.com/appplications. Be sure to list St. Paul, Millington as your congregation. This is a great opportunity to start a savings account for a child or grandchild.

What is CEF? Church Extension Fund is a unique ministry where LCMS members can invest their funds and earn interest. In turn, these funds provide a source of low-cost loans for new church sites and upgrading current facilities.

This bonus grant is a great opportunity for new investors to obtain an investment note with CEF and benefit St. Paul in receiving a $125 grant. Please contact Diane Ackerman at (989) 871-4056 with any questions you may have regarding this investment opportunity.

WORSHIP ANEW

Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"
Sundays at11:30AM on
TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)
Sundays at 11:30AMon WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio
1400AM Sunday at 8:30AM

FAITH ON FIRE

Sundays at 10AM
Beginning Sept. 13th

Men's Bible Study

Sat., Aug. 29th at 8AM in the Library.
Next Month: October 3rd

LCMS Convention

The 69th Convention of the LCMS has concluded. A report of the Resolutions is now available in print form on the table as you enter the church or you can access it at the St. Paul website. Click on more..., go to Church Business, and click on Convention Reports.

Scripture Readings

Sept. 6th
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 18:1-20

Sept. 13th
Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 20
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 27th
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Matthew 21:23-27

August 30th
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Upcoming Events

Quilting

Quilting meets on Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome – no experience needed! We are accepting old jeans and denim garments for making quilts.

Dorcas/LWML

will be meeting on September 15th starting at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. Please note the time change. More details to follow.

St. Paul Lutheran School - Adopt-a-Class Program

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a classroom this year? Our Adopt-a-Class Program is a completely optional way for families, alumni, and friends of St. Paul to support students and teachers in a personal and meaningful way.

☑ Pray for a specific classroom

• Attend chapel services with their class or church when they sing

☑ Send encouraging notes or cards

• Attend a sporting event that a majority of the class participates in, and cheer them on.

☑ Surprise students or teachers with small acts of kindness

• Read • Play games • Help with art projects • Help with class parties

☑ Contribute toward classroom needs (optional)

Every level of involvement is welcome — big or small! This is simply an opportunity to walk alongside our teachers and students as they grow in faith and learning. Interested in learning more? Contact the school or church office:

989-871-4581 school.office@spmill.org or church.office@spmill.org

Hymn of the Month

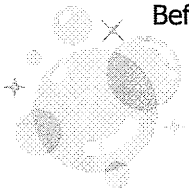
Our hymn of the month for September is LSB 867 - "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds." The words (except for verse 4) were written by Isaac Watts, an English minister and hymn-writer. He also wrote the words to several other hymns in our hymnal, including "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Joy to the World." This hymn was originally found in a hymnal titled The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, published in 1719. "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" paraphrases Psalm 78, which includes our church's new theme verse (Psalm 78:4). The five stanzas remind us of the glories of God and how we can make those known to future generations.

Chicken Dinner Drive Thru

Sun., Sep. 20th from 10:30AM-12PM or until sold out

Enjoy a delicious meal for $15.00. Includes a ½ chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered noodles, coleslaw, roll, and dessert.

The drive thru will take place at door #10 on the East side of the school. All proceeds will go into the General Fund.



Before you buy your Chicken Dinner come and get your car washed for **FREE!**

*****Free Carwash!! *****

Sept. 20th from 11AM-2PM

This is a fundraiser to help support the 7th & 8th graders for their class trip.

How It Works

Pledges are made (usually about 5-25 cents per car) before the car wash. Just fill out the form on the back of this page and bring to the church office or put in the offering plate. We will wash as many cars as possible, FOR FREE, on Sept. 20th. This is both a wonderful outreach to our community (Who doesn't love something for free?) and a great way to support the work of our youth.

How You Can Help

There are two ways that you can help make this event a success.

1. Sign up to be a pledge donor. This will be a small amount (generally between 5-25 cents) that you are willing to give per car that we wash on the 17th. For example, if you offered to donate 25 cents per car, and we are able to wash 100 cars, your total gift would be $25. If you pledge 10 cents a car, and we wash the 100 cars, your donation would be $10. **Last year, we washed around 75 cars.** Please fill out the pledge sheet on the back of this page and return to the church office by Sept. 17th.

2. Whether you are a pledge donor or not, PLEASE bring all your cars up to be washed on Sept. 20th. Tell everyone you know to bring their vehicles up for a FREE wash. When we say free, we mean it. This is important, so that you and those in our community that participate do not feel guilted into giving at what we are advertising as FREE.

Car Wash Pledge Sheet

If you are interested in being a pledge donor for the car wash, please fill out this form and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office by September 17th.

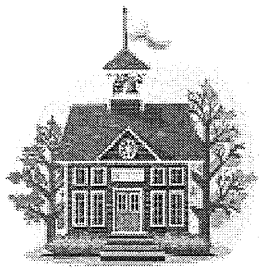
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Pledged per Car: _____

After the car wash, we will send a letter with your gift amount (which is also your receipt for charitable giving.) Simply bring to the church office or in the church offering box, along with a check for the pledged amount made to St. Paul. Thank you in advance for your support of our St. Paul Youth. The funds raised will support their class trip!



St. Paul Lutheran School September 2026

St.PaulLutheranSchool is committedto engaging studentswitha comprehensiveeducation grounded inGod'sWord toprepare themforalife inChrist .

Welcome back to our school year!

We once again lookforwardto agreat yearfilled with learning, growing, and strengthening our friendships especially with our best friend, JESUS and learning how to stay *Rooted in Christ* in everything we do!

Our theme for the year, Colossians 2:6-7, is *Rooted in Christ!* This reminds all of us that God wants us to be strengthened by God's word to be filled with His joy and to share that joy in our lives with everyone and everywhere He leads us throughout His world!

We have the privilege and are excited to welcome four new teachers & these new students and families to our St. Paul family!

Preschooler – Elise Babcock, Ainsley Borron, Cayson Edwards, William Gibbs, Jolene Grifka, Jessamyn Keinath, Breslyn Kern, Hendrix Mullin, Sienna Murry, Leo Ptaszensski, Sutton Stacy, Morgan Weiser, Raelynn Weiss, Adonis Bartee, Mallory Fritch, Lane Fyvie, Vincent Malchodi, Mattea Reinert, Bo Toth, Claire Turek, Aubree Ward, Ravyn Zuehlke

Kindergarten – Nolan Lansford, Natalia Moskalenko, Timothy Sage, Harper Sebert, Marshall Sebert

3rd Grade – Kalyx Fyvie

4th Grade – Ayden Schmitzer

5th Grade – Kaiden Sloan, Mariah Zavitz

Teachers -- Mrs. Heidi Woolwine (4th), Mrs. Lauren Weber (3rd) and Mrs. Chelsea Barden (1st)

Here's what's coming up for September; mark your calendars.

FIRST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS: St. Paul Giving Tree

Sept.	4 &7	No School for the Labor Day holiday
Sept.	11	Lion's Tailgate Party (11a.m -12:30 p.m.)
Sept.	17	Constitution Day
Sept.	21	School Picture Day
Sept.	23-25	6th Grade Outdoor Education

School Musical Opportunities

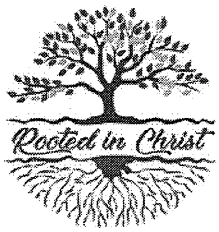
September 27 — Free Spirit Choir (4-8) — 11:00 a.m.

September Sports

All games begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted

Girl'sVolleyball

Sept.3	withSt. Paul,Lapeer	Sept. 9	with St. Michaels, Richville
Sept.14	at Trinity-Trost,Frankentrost	Sept. 15	at Christ the King, Sebewaing
Sept.22	at St.Lorenz,Frankenmuth	Sept.30	at St. Michaels, Richville



Remember you can use our website, www.stpaul-millington.org, to read the weekly school newsletter and find events on the St. Paul Lutheran-Millington Facebook page.

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

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer / Finance / Memorials

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

Mum Fundraiser to support the 7th & 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. Order form is on the glass case in the narthex. Orders and payment are due by Sept. 14th and pickup will be after school on the 18th. Mums are $15 each with different colors to choose and supplied by Wojo's Greenhouse.

Our **4-year-old Preschool** is looking for a volunteer. Class times are Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8AM-2:45PM. You can pick a time – it doesn't have to be a full day. Any help would be appreciated! If questions, call Cassie 810-728-3753.

Love Music? Join Us! ♪ Handbells-Mondays at 6:30PM ♪ Church Choir-Wednesdays at 5:53PM ♪ Praise Team-Sundays at 10AM or 6PM ♪ Brass-Rehearsals as needed ♪ Jubilee Bells-New for grades 5-8! If interested in joining any of these groups, please call or text Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

Scholastic Books – Our Preschool, Child & Infant Daycare are looking for Book Angels. They want to send books home to families to inspire the love of reading. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.The goal is to collect $600. Cash or checks made to St. Paul can be brought to the church office. Thank you in advance!

Women's Shelter Health Kits - The following items are always needed: 15 Chapstick, 15 hand towels, 15 toothpaste, 15 deodorant, 15 shampoo, 15 conditioner, Tylenol, 20 2-gallon storage bags, creams, and cleaning supplies. Items can be placed in the wooden cabinet in the narthex.

Board of Social Concerns is **collecting books** all year for our used book sale. Place books in the bin outside the church office.

Mission Lunch Prep Fri., Sept. 11th at 12:30PM in the School Kitchen. All are welcome to help prepare the lunches which are delivered to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. If at any time you want to bake cookies, just put them in the freezer in kitchen storage and label them "Rescue Mission."

July 2026 Revenue & Expenditure Summary

July General Fund Revenues	$100,748.87
July General Fund Expenditures:	$106,253.42
July surplus (deficit)	$ (5,504.55)
2026 surplus (deficit) YTD	$ (74,412.80)
Gen Fund Balance	$264,661.53
CEF loan balance-Property & Facilities Impr.	$177,405.89
RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary	
School Designated Accounts balance:	$109,265.79
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	$43,581.63
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	$50,125.25
All Memorials balance:	$20,544.25
** This money is RESTRICTED**	$223,516.92
Accounts Receivable	
School - SY 26/27	$138,620.00
His Little Lambs	$ 1,095.00
Total AR:	$139,715.00
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Contributions to Grantparent Fund	$ 480.00
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund	$ 4,123.53
Proceeds from July chicken dinners	$ 1,102.60

Memorials

In Memory of Mildred Bickel:
$20.00 General Fund

In Memory of Nancy Coleman:
$20.00 Memorials Undesignated

In Honor of Carolyn Petzold 90th Birthday:
$90.00 General Fund

THANK YOU! There were 80-85 people that came and helped build 52 beds last Saturday. We also had pillow cases, sheet sets and quilts that were brought to share with the children that will receive the new beds. So, whether you prayed for us, donated money or time, your support is greatly appreciated and the children say THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who brought food for the church potluck and to everyone who helped make it happen. We also want to thank Sheila Williams and Scott Williams for preparing and providing the pulled pork.

Just How Important is the Resurrection of Jesus?

Part 3

As some of you are aware, this July the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod held its 69th Regular Convention. The theme for this convention is "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" In Part 2 of Synod President Matthew Harrison's Report to the Convention, he outlined how important Christ's resurrection is to Christians. Here is Part 3 for our newsletter of his report.

Without the resurrection, there is no Christian fruit, no Christian love.
"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another" (John 15:16-17).

Without the resurrection, there is no Christian hope.
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Without the resurrection, there is no one interceding for us with the Father.
"Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us" (Rom. 8:34).

Without the resurrection, we are dead in sin.
"Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus: (Rom. 6:8-11).

Without the resurrection, there is only judgment, indeed no certainty of Christian righteousness.
"Because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

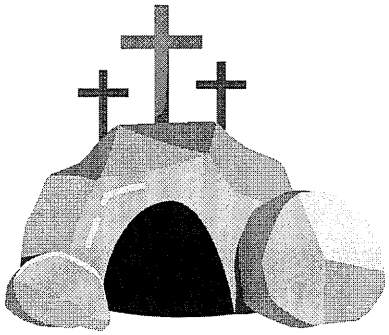
Without the resurrection, the Old Testament is false, there is no conversion.
"Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, 'This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ' And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd" (Acts 17:1-5).

Without the resurrection, there is no new life in Christ.
"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

Without the resurrection, there are no heavenly mansions, no resurrected eternity with the resurrected Christ.
"In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-3).

Without the resurrection, Jesus in no "resurrection and life" for mankind.
"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" (John 11:25-26).

In the coming months of our newsletter, look for more reasons why the resurrection of Christ is important.



Daily Lectionary

Sept. 1
1 Kings 18:1-19
Eph. 1:1-23

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1 Kings 18:20-40
Eph. 2:1-22

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1 Kings 19:1-21
Eph. 3:1-21

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2 Kings 2:1-18
Eph. 4:1-24

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2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7
Eph. 4:25-5:14

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2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37
Eph. 5:15-33

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2 Kings 4:38-5:8
Eph. 6:1-24

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2 Kings 5:9-27
Phil. 1:1-20

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2 Kings 6:1-23
Phil. 1:21-2:11

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2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29
Phil. 2:12-30

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2 Chron. 29:1-24
Phil. 3:1-21

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2 Chron. 31:1-21
Phil. 4:1-23

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2 Chron. 32:1-22
Col. 1:1-23

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2 Chron. 33:1-25
Col. 1:24-2:7

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2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33
Col. 2:8-23

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2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25
Col. 3:1-25

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2 Chron. 36:1-23
Col. 4:1-18

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Neh. 1:1-2:10
1 Tim. 1:1-20

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Neh. 2:11-20, 4:1-6
1 Tim. 2:1-15

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Neh. 4:7-23
1 Tim. 3:1-16

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Neh. 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16
1 Tim. 4:1-16

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Neh. 7:1-4, 8:1-18
1 Tim. 5:1-16

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Neh. 9:1-21
1 Tim. 5:17-6:2

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Neh. 9:22-38
1 Tim. 6:3-21

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Mal. 1:1-14
Matt. 3:1-17

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Mal. 2:1-3:5
Matt. 4:1-11

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Mal. 3:6-4:6
Matt. 4:12-25

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Deut. 1:1-18
Matt. 5:1-20

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Deut. 1:19-36
Matt. 5:21-48

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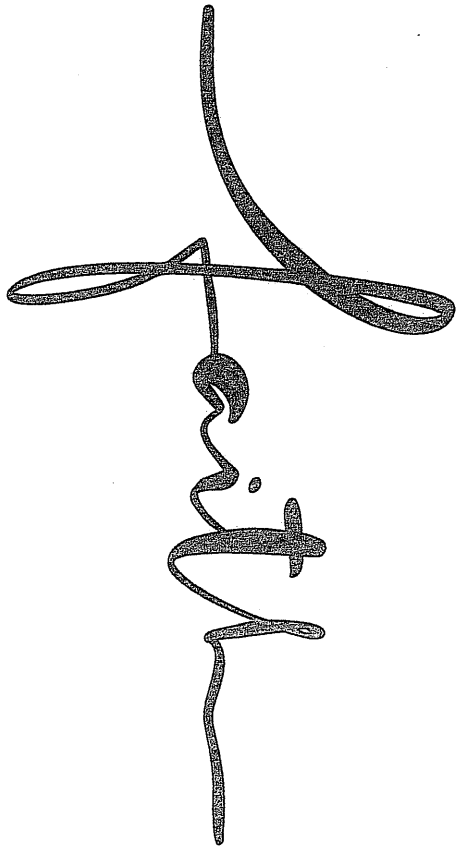
Deut. 1:37-2:15
Matt. 6:1-15



September Birthdays

Grace	Ehrmantraut	1
Carly	Ehrmantraut	1
Bryan	Bassett	1
Diane	Blue	2
Tyler	French	2
Katie	Wiacek	2
Jessamyn	Keinath	2
Shirley	Snyder	3
Benjamin	Weber	3
Trevor	Gleason	4
Janette	Reinert	4
Emily	DeOrnellas	4
Bridget	Marks	4
Rhonda	McGraw	4
Crystal	Wates	4
Luanne	Jaruzel	5
Samantha	Ayotte	5
Mitchell	Curtis	5
Pam	Hanlin	5
Larry	Henderson	5
Gregory	Mohr	5
Diane	Williams	5
Jeffrey	Yorke	5
Kaylynn	Bostater	5
Jennifer	Mays	5
Kaitlyn	Woolwine	6
John	Nitz	6
Elaira	Pashby	6
David	Weber	6
Landyn	Duncan	6
Beth	ILL	7
Caleb	Beyette	7
Bruce Jr	Edler	7
Mariah	Steepe	7
Nelson	Watchpocket	7
Marci	Draper	8
Garrett	Brady	8
Madison	Jones	8
Cody	Goodhue	8
Derrick	Keinath	8
Dean	Skouson	8
Jeffrey	Draper	10
Alyssa	Keinath	10
Dick	Wiacek	10
Marcus	Jensen, Sr.	10
Anthony	Perez	10
Ryker	Rosebush	10
Lana	Glady	11
Samantha	Aguirre	11
Kathy	Kirby	11
Calista	Daenzer	11
Barbara	Kauer	12
Kristina	Hibbard	12
Katelyn	Kaschner	12
Luann	Licavoli	13
Mellicha	Gleason	13
Amy	Malchodi	13
Jason	Wirsing	13
Hannah	Woolwine	13
Pierce	Force	15
Sterling	Force	15
Jessica	Harpst	16
Deborah	Porter	16
Audrey	Wilson	16
Lila	Sischo	16
Susan	ILL	17
Nila	Schmandt	17
Brandee	Stratton	17
Alyze	Davis	17
Tracee	Jones	17
Jorge	Buckner	17
Bev	Rodabaugh	18
Tedd	Burton	19
Makayla	France	19
Denise	Hoard	20
Steve	Kern	20
Alden	Rodammer	20
Joan	Benish	21
Angel	Gleason	21
Kenneth	Platt	21
Arianna	Casto	21
Darwin	Hecht	21
William	Hoard	21
Dale	Blue	22
Corey	Daenzer	22
Veronica	Horning	22
Autumn	Okorowski	23
Ezra	Ostrander	23
Aiden	Law	23
Charles	Phelps	23
Heather	Petzold	24
Emma	Hoard	24
Kenny	McKee	24
Tom	Devereaux	24
Danyel	Dormire	24
Raymon	Hoard	24
Emelyn	Gleason	24
Sarah	Schwab	24
Brian	McClelland	24
Justin	Allen	25
Beth	Ehrmantraut	25
Carson	Morse	25
Madeline	Bach	25
Hailey	ILL	25
Hannah	ILL	25
Diane	MacKay	26
Bradley	O'Hearn	26
Zaya	Fogerty	26
Stephan	Paquette	26
Shye	Ruppel	26
Chelsea	Sebert	26
Duane	Weber	27
Michael	Blue	27
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Heather	Frahm	27
Jaelynn	Gross	27
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Ellie	Romain	27
Ken	Auernhammer	28
Susan	Flach	28
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Monica	Russell	28
Elizabeth	Freeman	28
Dwight	Radloff	28
Shane	Brandle	29
Nancy	Coleman	29
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Martha	Jensen	30
Sharon	Keinath	30
Christina	Hiles	30
Krystal	Hudie	30
Jared	Petzold	30
Carl, Jr.	Strouth	30
Cynthia	Wilson	30

GO GOLD FOR CHILHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September 2026

Kindness *Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Invite someone who is sitting alone at lunch or recess to join your group.	2 Compliment three classmates on their internal traits, like effort, creativity, or humor.	3 Write positive, encouraging chalk messages on the school sidewalks for everyone to see.	4 Learn three important facts about pediatric cancer to share with family members.	5 Say a prayer for all the kids battling cancer around the world
6 Think about things you can be thankful for this week.	7 Create "coupons" for chores at home to surprise and help out your own parents.	8 Pick up litter around the school grounds to ensure a clean environment for everyone.	9 High-five the cafeteria workers and thank them for preparing your lunch.	10 Deliver a class-made poster or snack basket to the principal, Teacher, or other school worker	11 Sit next to someone new at lunch and ask about their favorite hobbies.	12 Say a prayer for all the kids battling cancer around the world
13 Think about things you can be thankful for this week.	14 Write down one thing you admire about a classmate you don't know very well yet.	15 Let someone else choose the game or playground equipment at recess without complaining	16 Write a specific prayer or thank-you note for another classmate or teacher	17 Clean up your room or do a household chore at home without being asked.	18 Commit to praying for a classmate who is going through a difficult time.	19 Say a prayer for all the kids battling cancer around the world
20 *Childhood Cancer Awareness Spirit Week*	21 *Be their Super Hero* Wear a super hero T-shirt or Costume	22 *No One Fights Alone* Twin Day	23 *Team Up Against Cancer* Sports Day- wear your favorite sports jersey	24 *Put Cancer To Bed* Pajama Day	25 *GO Gold Friday* Wear Gold Clothes or Accessories	26 Say a prayer for all the kids battling cancer around the world
27 Think about things you can be thankful for this week.	28 Donate a gently used book to a give and take little library	29 Pray for your local community leaders, emergency workers, and government officials.	30 Write down three things you are thankful to God for today and share them with a friend.			

#JAMESONSTRONG

Dear Participating Schools,

Thank you for joining us in spreading awareness for childhood cancer this September. Your involvement means more to families than you could ever imagine. Seeing schools take part in events like this brings comfort, hope, and a sense of community to those who have faced the unimaginable.

As many of you know, we lost our son, **Jameson**, in August of 2025 after nearly a yearlong battle with brain cancer. Like most families, we had heard very little about childhood cancer. We believed it was rare—something that happened to other people, in other places. We were wrong. Once immersed in the world of childhood cancer, we quickly learned how common and devastating it truly is.

In recent years, we've heard of children from small towns all around our area who have been diagnosed with cancer, many of whom have passed away. Cancer remains the **leading cause of death by disease** for children each year, with **brain cancer** being the deadliest. In 2026, an estimated **9,680 children ages 0–14** will be diagnosed with cancer, and **1,050** will die from it. The average age of diagnosis in this age group is just **six years old**.

Our own journey began in the summer of 2024. Jameson started having episodes that looked like a simple stomach bug—fatigue, vomiting, and general discomfort. After a week of symptoms, we took him to the ER in Cass City. Blood work and tests suggested exactly what we suspected: a stomach virus. His symptoms faded, only to return weeks later. His doctor began treating him for stomach issues and referred us to a gastrointestinal specialist.

Everything changed on the Friday of Labor Day weekend. Jameson looked tired again, so we had him lie down for a nap. When he woke, he was confused, stumbling, and vomiting. We cleaned him up and asked him simple questions—questions he suddenly couldn't answer. He didn't know who we were. We called an ambulance and rushed to a Saginaw ER, where a CT scan revealed a large mass on his brain. He was transferred to Mott Children's Hospital and underwent surgery the next day to remove as much of the tumor as possible.
We share our story because childhood cancer often presents itself in unexpected ways—ways that even local doctors may miss. Awareness empowers parents to advocate for their children and push for the correct diagnosis the first time.

For September, we'd love your help in spreading awareness. Some ideas include
- Encouraging classes or groups to create posters with childhood cancer facts to display throughout the school.
- Inviting students to make posters honoring children they may know who have faced childhood cancer.
- Sharing the kindness calendar we've provided with your students.
- Participating in our **Spirit Week, September 21–25**, to show support for families and children affected by this disease.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness for this horrible disease and for standing with families like ours.

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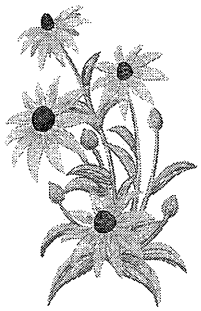

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Eph. 4:11-16

The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.