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# St. Paul Monthly Messenger

## January 2012

Rev. James Bruner  
Rev. Kirk Abatelli



### *A Message from Pastor Abatelli*

It is January and Christmas Day has passed with the presents open and family gatherings over. However, Christmas is never really over. Consider this, Christmas is the day we celebrate our Savior, our Immanuel (meaning "God with us") coming to be with us, but we continue to rejoice everyday that our God has come and is still "with us."

Martin Luther has said Christmas is very important and faith in this Christ Child is vital to Christians. Our faith does not just believe that the story we are reading is true as written, because unbelievers and even demons can believe this Bible story about Christ is true *James 2:19*. The faith Luther and Scripture talks about is one that does not just believe it is true, but firmly believes this Christ Child was born for YOU. His birth is YOURS and mine and occurred that great day for OUR benefit.

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring YOU good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to YOU; he is Christ the Lord."  
Luke 2:10-11*

This joy of Christ being born is for YOU and me. God, Jesus came to be YOUR and my Savior. We should not forget why He was born, for His sufferings should not be taken lightly. This God Child came for YOU and me to suffer

*The January Messenger  
is in honor of Ottilie Ill  
and the wonderful blessing  
she has been to St. Paul.*

pain and the horror of the cross for us so we could receive forgiveness and life.

That is what we do at Lent. We direct our attention to OUR Christ Child, OUR Immanuel's suffering and death. We remember the injustice He received, the bloodbath of His death carrying our sins, the burial and His resurrection from the grave was for all. This Child came to US to be with US and died to be with US, and rose from the dead to be with US.

Do you believe Christ came? More importantly, do you firmly believe that this Christ Child came for YOU? That His suffering was for YOU? That His death was for YOU? That His rising from the dead was for YOU?

In Jesus Christ's eyes it was all about YOU. It was YOU who He had on His heart and mind. It was YOU He wanted. It was YOU He came to be with and is with. Jesus came to be and is still YOUR Immanuel.

In Christ,  
Pastor Abatelli

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### **A New Year's Prayer**

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

**Anonymous**

# Calendar of Events

## St. Paul Story Hour

**Tues. OR Wed. morning 9-11AM in youth room.**

Each week we explore a Bible story with a craft, songs, activities, and a snack. There is no cost for this program, but donations are appreciated. Join us on either day or call Lori Osborn, coordinator 989-205-9873 for more information.

## Quilting

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

No experience is needed. If you can tie a knot, you can help. Please continue to save sheets, light blankets, mattress pads, and material. Thank you in advance for your generous donations. If questions, call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

## Zumba

Tuesdays at 6:15PM in the Activity Center.

## Heroes

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

If you are a man who wants to make a positive impact at St. Paul Lutheran, we would love to have you join our **HEROES Men's Ministry**. We meet on the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:30PM. If interested, please call Eddie Meeks 989-714-1031, David Kaiser 823-3111, or Pastor Abatelli 871-5015.

## Meetings

**Council** Wed., Jan. 4th at 7:30PM

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

**Christian Care Committee** Sun., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30AM

## New Member Welcome

The next Adult Confirmation will be Sun., Jan. 8th in the 8:30AM service. We will have a New Member Welcome between services to meet our newest members. Please join us!

## A SCRAPBOOK EVENT

**January 14th**

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

**WHERE:** St. Paul Parish Hall

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

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

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

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

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. —** in the school office — or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or e-mail: [jenco33@yahoo.com](mailto:jenco33@yahoo.com)

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

**Messenger/Calendar Deadline  
Sunday, January 16th**

## Fish Fry

The St. Paul Annual Fish Fry will take place Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 11AM-2:30PM.

The **All You Care to Eat Menu** includes:  
fried and baked fish, French fries,  
homemade macaroni and cheese, potato salad,  
baked beans, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls,  
dessert and beverage.

Prices:

Adults: \$10.00

Children 5-12: \$4.50

Preschool: Free

Takeout is available.

Donations of desserts are needed. If you can help, please call Heather Selich at 871-4039.

## Area News

**Divorced? Separated?** You don't have to go through it alone. **Divorce Care** is a special weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. Most importantly, you'll learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. Group Sessions will meet Tuesdays beginning Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> through Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30PM at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth. Call Michele Hoffman to register at 989-245-8850.

**All You Can Eat Cod** Fri., Jan. 13th from 11AM-2PM and 4-7PM at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Birch Run. Adults: \$10.00, 5-12 years: \$7.00, Under 5: Free

**Are You Interested in Joining Weight Watchers?** There will be a possible class starting in January at the Millington Community Center on Tuesdays from 4-5PM. Cost: \$165.00 for 12 weeks. Motivational Instructor: Lori Sturm. If questions contact Mary Smith 871-9833.

# Spiritual News

## New Bible Study Offerings for 2012

### Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation

This is a video-based series that looks at God's wonderful message found in the last book of the Bible. The main speaker of this study is Dr. Ken Klaus, the speaker of the Lutheran Hour and will be led by David Kaiser. The class will be held after the 8:30 service on Sunday mornings beginning January 8th. This study guide is scheduled to be a six-session class; however, those who have taken a class that I have led before know that I have trouble ending a class on time.

### Heroes of Faith – "Driven"

**An announcement to ALL of the Gentlemen** (teens through non-teens) **of St. Paul Lutheran Church:** I would excitedly like to invite you to another opportunity to take a walk through God's Word. It involves studying the Heroes of the Faith Bible Study entitled "Driven". I will loosely term this as a "Breakfast Bible Study." I would like to hold this six-session Bible study series at St. Paul on the first Saturday morning of each month at 7:30AM.

With the way the Christian church is being attacked by secularism each day, I feel it is important to give as many opportunities as possible to study God's Word and prepare our families for the spiritual battle that is taking place. I pray that what you learn in this class, you would be able to share with your family as your spiritual lives grow in faith together.

There is a homework assignment for the meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Before coming to class, please familiarize yourself with the first four chapters of the book of Ruth. (There is a joke pending!)

I will try to line up beverages and doughnuts if I can get you to let me know if you are attending. Please call me (David Kaiser) at 823-3111 and let me know if you would like (A) to attend this ministry and/or (B) to help coordinate this study with me. **Please feel free** to invite friends who are not members of St. Paul to come and fellowship with us. But again, please contact me and let me know if you want to attend! Remember, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20.

### Background of the Bible

Led by Pastor Bruner in the choir warm up room. Whether you have read the entire Bible or not, this study will give background information and helpful details to understand each book of the Bible. We will use the resources found in the "Lutheran Study Bible." It is not necessary to own a Lutheran Study Bible, but bring it to class if you do.

### Adult Instruction Class

Beginning in February - led by Pastor Abatelli. Do you have questions about the Bible, the world, suffering, right and wrong, forgiveness, the purpose for your life? Come, get answers and discover what a relationship with Christ is about. In this class, we will look at the myths about Christ and His teachings, and then explore the truth about them.

## Lutheranism 101

Once the six week series on "Explaining the Scary Stuff in Revelation" is complete, Mr. Ed White will be leading a Bible Study called *Lutheranism 101*. This class examines Lutheran beliefs and heritage in a fresh way. If you are a lifelong Lutheran searching for more information or new to Lutheranism looking to understand what we believe, this book will be your guide. It is written in an easy-to-read conversational style with short articles, sidebar features, and some humor. *Lutheranism 101* helps create a solid foundation of reference upon which a lifetime of sound teaching can be built. Explore the basics of Lutheran theology by digging into the history of Lutheranism and making connections between what Lutherans believe and what Lutherans do.

## Crown Financial

**Are you interested** in taking the **Crown Financial Bible Study** next year? This Bible study is for 10 weeks, and approximately 20 minutes a day of homework is involved. Cost: \$45/single, \$55/couple. The ideal number of people for this class is 6-8. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the glass case in the narthex, and indicate whether you would be interested in a Sunday study from 10am-12pm, or a small group study on a week night. If enough are interested, a tentative Sunday morning schedule would be orientation on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> with class starting on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>. If questions, please contact Ted Wager at 871-2660.

## Musical Opportunities

### **Praise Team**

Thursday at 6:15PM.

Anyone is welcome to join at any time.



### **Jr. Jammers**

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

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Wednesday at 6:53PM

### **Handbells**

Monday at 7PM

# Spiritual News / Memorials

## January Scripture Readings

### January 1st

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Luke 2:22-40*

### January 8th

*Genesis 1:1-5*

*Romans 6:1-11*

*Mark 1:4-11*

### January 15th

*I Samuel 3:1-10*

*I Corinthians 6:12-20*

*John 1:43-51*

### January 22nd

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

*I Corinthians 7:29-31*

*Mark 1:14-20*

### January 29th

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

*I Corinthians 8:1-13*

*Mark 1:21-28*

## Did you know...

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO is pleased to announce a visitation event on January 6th and March 16th for college students thinking about becoming pastors or deaconesses: Green and Gold Days. This will provide a quick opportunity for college men and women to come and see all the Seminary offers. Each guest will have a Seminary student host with whom they will attend classes, worship in chapel, and speak with members of the faculty. To end the day, Concordia Seminary will treat participants to a dinner.

There is no registration fee. Housing and all meals during the event will be provided by Concordia Seminary. Participants are responsible for their own transportation costs. Transportation to and from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport will be provided. Registration deadline is two weeks prior to each event.

For more information call 800-822-9545 or email [admissions@csl.edu](mailto:admissions@csl.edu).

## JANUARY 2012 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN THANKSGIVING FOR the hard work and donations provided for a successful Annual Harvest Dinner at St. Paul Lutheran  
General Fund \$50.00

IN THANKSGIVING FOR all the Christian hearts at St. Paul Lutheran  
General Fund \$25.00

IN THANKSGIVING FOR St. Paul Free Spirit Choir and direction and guidance of Mrs. Walter.  
General Fund \$25.00

IN HONOR OF Howard & Eleanor Benton 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
School Library \$50.00

IN MEMORY OF Gail Brown  
General Fund \$45.00

IN MEMORY OF Larry Powers  
General Fund \$50.00  
St. Paul School \$ 5.00

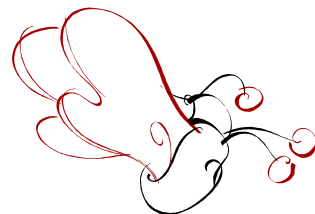
IN MEMORY OF Leota Reed  
General Fund \$260.00  
St. Paul School 40.00  
To be designated by family 90.00  
To be designated by Memorial Comm. 20.00  
Altar Guild 10.00  
Stephens Ministry 5.00

IN MEMORY OF Mike Petzold  
General Fund \$1750.00

To be designated by family 1130.00  
Building Fund 380.00  
Choir 290.00

To be designated by Memorial Comm. 65.00

**Rev. Michael Stahl** has accepted the call to Trinity-St. James, Munger. Everyone is invited to celebrate his installation on January 15, 2012 at 4PM.



## Miscellaneous

### DO YOU LIKE DRAMA?!

Interested in discussing how we might put on a play in the future and or incorporate skits into the Worship Service? Contact the church office if you would like to help in any way. (hair, makeup, props, acting, etc) If there is enough interest we will continue to proceed further. We want to hear from you!

### Online Messenger Saves \$

If you prefer to read the church messenger or school newsletter online, please call the church office to discontinue the mailing to your home. Simply go to <http://www.stpaul-millington.org>. Find the School or Church info drop down menu, go to Current Events then go to Newsletter or Messenger.

### Messenger Sponsors

Sponsors needed for 2012. Mailings cost \$120.00 a month. Call the church office to reserve a month.

### Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

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

### NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY AHERA

In January of 2007, we had St. Paul Lutheran Church and School reinspected for asbestos hazard by Digus Consultant Company. They are Environmental Protection Agency accredited and Michigan Department of Public Health licensed as inspectors and management planners. This reinspection was performed in compliance with AHERA-Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act.

Although we do have some asbestos in our building, some response actions and periodic surveillance will help control possible hazard to our congregation, students, staff, parents or guardians, custodians, part-time workers, or contractors.

This reinspection report will be included in the management plan and is available for your inspection by appointment only with Bill Weber, the Asbestos Program Manager for our church and school.

Reinspection of these materials at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Millington, shall be conducted at least once every three years. Annual notification shall be issued and updated information shall be made available.

### Church Reach Phone Messages

We have the privilege of calling members to inform them of things happening at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. When you receive a call, please wait patiently for the message to begin, as sometimes you will experience a delay.

### 2010 Flower Chart

The **2012 Flower Chart** is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. Please sign your name, number and indicate which vase you would like on the available dates. Thank you!

### Central Shop Rite Receipts

Shop Rite is no longer doing receipts. Instead they are selling gift cards which we have in the school office and receiving 5% off from each card sold. Cards are sold in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25 & \$75 amounts.

### Reminder

To prevent double booking, if you need a room or area in the building for a meeting or event, you must **check with the church office** to see if the room and time are available. Thank you!

### St. Paul Cookbooks

Only 30 cookbooks left. To get one for yourself or a gift for someone else, please call the church office. Cost: \$10.00

### Valley Lutheran High School

#### Honor Roll

3.75+

Nathaniel Kern

Carryover Deficit 10-31-11		\$49,052.50
General Fund Income	\$89,605.62	
General Fund Expense	\$92,777.69	
Short for month of November		\$ (3,172.07)
LINE OF CREDIT PAYMENT		\$ 275.00
Deficit to date		\$(51,949.57)
Missions		\$ 1,931.35
Building Fund		\$13,856.00
T.I.M.		\$ 1,546.00
VLHS		\$ 322.50
Boiler Fund		\$ 1,704.25
**LINE OF CREDIT DUE JAN, 2012	\$39,650.00	
AVERAGE WEEKLY SHORTAGE	\$731.00	
BASED ON 22 WEEKS (JULY-NOV)		



# January Schedule



## Acolytes

January	Time	Acolyte
1 <sup>st</sup> New Year's Day	8:30AM	Nick Harson
1 <sup>st</sup> New Year's Day	11AM	Justin Allen
7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	Ericka White & Brian
8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	Tim Singer & Kent or Aaron
8 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Emily Petzold & Phil
14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	Aaron Singer & Kent or Tim
15 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Aaron Knoll
21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30PM	Mason Lugg
22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30AM	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11AM	Justin Allen
28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	
29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM	
29 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Addy Ley & Steve

## Greeters

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

## Ushers

### Team C

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

## Church Sextons

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

## Altar Guild

7:30PM	Paris Rogers / Diane Leach
8:30AM	Shirley Petzold
11AM	Tammy Weber / Sheila Peché

**Thank you** to everyone who in any way volunteers their time to help with the worship services. May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.





# January Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



David Daniel	1/1	Benjamin Wittum	1/11	Joy Cassidy	1/20	Chelsea Torrey	1/30
Charles Haley	1/1	Shelley Coon	1/12	Richard Glady	1/20	Judith Warner	1/30
Mark Reinertson	1/1	Philip Erickson	1/12	Carol Hagan	1/20	Julie Weiss	1/30
Marie Saeger	1/1	Richard Gross	1/12	Thomas Meeks	1/20	Michael Ziegler	1/30
Kirsten Skouson	1/1	Shelly Holmes	1/12	Heather O'Hearn	1/20	Gary Balcom	1/31
Adrian Bishop	1/2	Roger Keinath	1/12	Dana Schember	1/20	Emily Petzold	1/31
Tyler Hibbard	1/2	Haley Radisovich	1/12	Kaylie Snyder	1/20	Sheryl Schiefer	1/31
Mark Raymond	1/2	Wyatt Reinert	1/12	Anthony Wagner	1/20	Keven Washburn	1/31
Kaiden Rueckert	1/2	Lana Schultz	1/12	Heidi Woolwine	1/20		
Dawn Rueger	1/2	Shannon Wyman	1/12	Abigail Brown	1/21		
Joshua Schuler	1/2	Timothy Daenzer	1/13	Daniel DeOrnellas	1/21		
Cathy Beagle	1/3	Todd List	1/13	Diane Maxson	1/21		
Tyler Bentley	1/3	Toni Morel	1/13	Christopher Smith	1/21		
Cathleen Bloor	1/3	Anthony Folino	1/14	Christopher Washburn	1/21		
Evelyn Gregory	1/3	Jillian Muehlenbeck	1/14	Nicholas Gunter	1/22		
Carol Kammer	1/3	Kevin Whaley	1/14	Paul Hunt	1/22		
Gailan Kester	1/3	Martha Eberlein	1/15	Philip Morrow	1/22		
Debra Nitz	1/3	Gerald Keinath	1/15	Luke Petzold	1/22		
Marlene Stratton	1/3	Steven Kennard	1/15	Keith Brown II	1/23		
Shelly Cobb	1/4	Gabrielle Sargent	1/15	Nicholas Corrigan	1/23		
Lela Higgins	1/4	Grace Brown	1/16	Michael Derscha	1/23		
Alexander Keinath	1/4	Alan Draper	1/16	Kenneth Gorsuch	1/23		
Janice Schiefer	1/4	David Engelhart	1/16	Cory Hunt	1/23		
James Wood	1/4	Robert McClenathen	1/16	Kyle Koch	1/23		
Keith Frasier	1/5	Kenneth Reinert	1/16	Leah Rader	1/23		
Dwayne Rose	1/5	Nicole Smith	1/16	Jodie Reed	1/23		
Carol Schwab	1/5	LeeAnn Wagner	1/16	Aaron Schiefer	1/23		
Andrew Selich	1/5	Dustin Bishop	1/17	RaeAnn Henderson	1/24		
Cody Mason	1/6	Samantha Bishop	1/17	Boyden McClenathen	1/24		
Willard Petzold	1/6	Sydney Bishop	1/17	Kandace Milostan	1/24		
Linda Rohde	1/6	Nicholas Cassidy	1/17	Adam Schmidt	1/24		
Michael Sherman	1/6	Bill Garrett	1/17	Christine Damon	1/25		
Eugene Ziegler	1/6	Seth Keinath	1/17	Courtney Derscha	1/25		
Kenneth Cunningham	1/7	Constance Daenzer	1/18	Amber Inman	1/25		
William Earl	1/7	Evan Damm	1/18	Loraine H. Petzold	1/25		
Kathleen Hergenreder	1/7	Jason Damm	1/18	Ron Petzold	1/25		
Leta Brown	1/8	Jason Ide	1/18	Donna Stange	1/25		
Blake Erlenbeck	1/8	Terri Keinath	1/18	Fred Trinklein	1/25		
Lonnie Kester	1/8	Andrew Maschke	1/18	George Whittaker	1/25		
Tina White	1/8	Nancy Petzold	1/18	Ashley Wisenbach	1/25		
Lisa Aulbert	1/9	Michael Schiefer	1/18	James Brueggemann Sr.	1/26		
Phillip Gordon	1/9	Jeanette Smith	1/18	Wilfred Schultz	1/26		
Brenda Keinath	1/9	Don Stange	1/18	Joshua White	1/26		
John Kowitz	1/9	Richard Harpst	1/19	David Kern	1/27		
Bethany Reinert	1/9	Addyson Licavoli	1/19	Paul Petzold	1/27		
Penny Schoenknecht	1/9	Susan Lyons	1/19	Lon Coleman	1/28		
Mark Wyman	1/9	Ciara Mason	1/19	Martin Snover	1/28		
Jerrit Baker	1/10	Joshua Matzke	1/19	Dustin Griesing	1/29		
Sarah Burns	1/10	Gailan Reinert	1/19	Brittany Hunt	1/29		
Donna Mulka	1/10	Theodore Wager	1/19	Joel Petzold	1/29		
William Rosebush	1/10	Ronald White	1/19	Stacie Ramsey	1/29		
Lukas Selich	1/10	Gary Woelzlein	1/19	Michael White	1/29		
Kody Steepe	1/10	Connie Balcom	1/20	Lynn Borcharding	1/30		
Marcus H. Jensen Jr.	1/11	Montgomery Carlyon	1/20	Ricky Horning	1/30		



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# Giving Tree / Missionary News

## Giving Tree

My favorite quote at the moment is "What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?" I am fervently thanking God every day for the wonderful people of St. Paul for all of the help and generosity with the Giving Tree. It was an absolutely wonderful year. My new room was a joy to work in, your spirit of giving always makes me so humble and proud of you all, the help with shopping, (thank you Tim & Connie) wrapping, delivering, baking cookies, offers of help and little envelopes with money in it from children makes it all worth while. I also need to thank Dennis for his help. We helped 17 families, besides the van FULL of items for LCFS, lovingly delivered by my Santas, Carolyn and Willard Petzold. I can not thank you enough.

May God richly bless you all this CHRISTmas season.

Betty DeOrnellas



Photo taken by Matt Blue.

## A Letter From Our Missionary

Dear Ones,

May God bless America! Loving Christmas Greetings and a Blessed New Year!

We will never forget the prayers and support from the individual churches, L.W.M.L., the Ladies' Groups and especially you, the individuals who have been supporting us so faithfully and regularly. Because of you, we are able to stay on the mission field and have a fruitful ministry. To God be the Glory!

Yes, because of you, we were able to publish and supply over one hundred thousand copies of the Gospel of Mark in simplified Chinese writing and English. We have been so glad to be able to supply the Bible, Small Catechism and Christian Literature to Christians who have asked for it. Some in mainland China, some in Hong Kong, and some in Macau and Taiwan.

David is working to pay back some of the student's loan. Timothy is on the speaking trip. Please pray that our Lord will open the doors for him, then he can have more meetings to present his needs before he goes to the Mission field.

Also, please remember me in your prayers as I will take a mission trip to Taiwan on December 6th. Pray that the Lord will use me and bless the ministry.

This is our 34th year in the mission field. As a faithful missionary we only depend on the Lord to speak to individuals to support us every month and we even do not know how much financial support we will get. Thank you so much for you sacrificial offerings and prayers. Yes, it is true, only the work for the Lord can be counted for eternity. We thank God He put you into our life. We firmly believe that our Lord will reward you and will credit your account in Heaven as the Bible promises: "Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:12)

May our Lord bless you and yours richly for you so love Him and are faithful to His work! Yes, He will!

With Love and Prayers, Roger, David and Timothy

## **My Kind of Credit Card**

There are some things money can't buy, for everything else there's Master card.

I'm sure you've all received their applications in the mail.  
However, I'm here to advertise a different card.  
You see, my life is a product for others to see.  
I'm a card carrying representative for  
The Master's Card.

That's right, The MASTER'S CARD.  
Let me tell you about it.  
There are no finance charges, no payments due.  
My bill has already been covered. . .it's a prepaid deal.  
I couldn't afford the price,  
So Jesus stepped in and paid it for me.

My Name is written on the card for all to see.  
It is accessible twenty-four hours a day from anywhere in the world.

The MASTER'S CARD  
Has so many benefits it's hard to list them all.  
Let me share some of them with you. . .  
You might want to apply for a personal card yourself.

Just for starters there is UNLIMITED GRACE.  
That's right, there is no preset limit to the amount of grace you receive from  
The MASTER'S CARD.

Have you been looking for love in all the wrong places?  
Then, look no farther than The MASTER'S CARD.

It offers the greatest rate on love that has ever been offered.

The MASTER'S CARD  
Gives you access to many 'members only' benefits.  
Want real joy despite the difficulties of life?  
Apply for The MASTER'S CARD.

Want a lasting peace? Apply for  
The MASTER'S CARD.

Looking for something you can always rely on in a jam?  
The MASTER'S CARD is perfect for you.

Another great thing about The MASTER'S CARD  
Is that it never expires and will never be canceled.  
Once you're a member, you're a member for life. . .eternal life, that is.  
Membership has its privileges, you know.

So why not apply today?

It's only a prayer away. . .

# January 2012

St. Paul Lutheran Church Activities

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <b>11AM Worship</b>	<b>2 No School Offices Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7PM Handbells 7:30PM Heroes	<b>4</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 2:30PM Dorcas Planning Meeting 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council	<b>5</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30PM Worship +C</b>
<b>8</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Handbells</i> Adult Confirmation Officer Installation 9:45AM New Member Welcome **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <i>Handbells</i> 3-5PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	<b>9</b> 7PM Handbells 7PM Stephen Ministry 7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>10</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Parenting Classes 6:15PM Zumba	<b>11</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 6:53PM Choir	<b>12</b> 6-8PM Parenting Classes  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>13</b> 5:30PM Rehearsal <div> <b>10PM-8AM</b>  <i>Jr. High Lock-In</i> </div>	<b>14</b> 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 3PM Wedding Kassandra Woolwine / Zachary Mills <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>15</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>Free Spirit</i> **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Contemporary Worship</b> 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	<b>16</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>17</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Parenting Classes 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM Heroes	<b>18</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 6:53PM Choir	<b>19</b> 6-8PM Parenting Classes  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>20</b> ½ Day School	<b>21</b> <b>7:30PM Worship +C</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Cantate</i> 9:30AM Christian Care **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Contemporary Worship+C</b> 3-5PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	<b>23</b> 7PM Handbells 7PM Stephen Ministry 7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>24</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba	<b>25</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 6:53PM Choir	<b>26</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Youth Service <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>29</b> Youth Service <b>8:30AM Worship</b> **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Worship</b> 11AM-2PM Fish Fry 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	<b>30</b> 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>31</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba	<b>**Notes**</b> <b>9:45AM</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Sunday School</b>			



# Youth News

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## 412 Youth Ministry January Events

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

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

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm**

Youth Night

*What does it mean to be a winner according to the world? What does it mean to be a winner according to God? In this study we will look at how our perceptions and our lives are changed as we are transformed by God working in our lives.*

**Topic : The World's View vs. God's View**

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm**

Youth Night

**Topic: World vs. Faith**

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8:30pm**

Youth Night

**Topic: Training**

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm**

Youth Night

**Topic: Closing the Gap...Winning the Race...Getting the Prize**

### E.D.G.E. Jr. High Ministry

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**

Youth Night

**Topic: Don't Be a Fool, Keep Your Cool**

*We must control our anger, kill it with kindness, and seek peace.*

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Jr. High Lock-in & Glow Bowling 10PM-8AM

Lock-in will start @ St. Paul and then we will be traveling to Candlelight Bowling Center in Bridgeport! For only \$12 you get 2 ½ hours of bowling while listening to the latest and greatest music of your choice. Pitchers of pop are only \$4. Shoes are included in the price!

**Permission Slips and Money are due by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 3-5pm**

Youth Night

**Topic: Forgiveness for Free (for Real)**

*Forgiveness is God's grace and gift to us, and it should be our gift to others.*

### NERF WARS

**When: Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: St. Paul**

**Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm**

# St. Paul Lutheran School

January 2012

Finally, brothers and sisters, **whatever** is **true**, **whatever** is **noble**, **whatever** is **right**, **whatever** is **pure**, **whatever** is **lovely**, **whatever** is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**—think about such things.  
Philippians 4:8

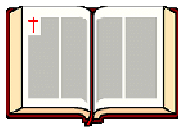
Welcome to the year 2012! What a better way to start the brand new year than with our Lord and Savior! We begin our journey with hearts that are open and ready for God to lovingly lead us on His path through **WHATEVER** this year holds for each of us.

The school would like to thank everyone that was able to assist us with this year's Children's Christmas services... from sewing to watching students in classrooms. You, your help and your prayers were definitely gifts to all of us.

This month's Faith verses are about being **LOVELY**.

Our Bible verses for the month are:

1/1-7                Jude 1:2  
1/8-14              Psalm 84:1  
1/15-21             Jude 1:21  
1/22-28             I Peter 2:17b  
1/29-2/4            I Peter 4:8



Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for January.

Jan. 3              school resumes; theme shirt day  
Jan. 6              Epiphany  
Jan. 9              P.T.L. Meeting at 7 p.m.  
Jan. 19             Parent Pick-up at 2:40 p.m. **NO BUSES**  
Jan. 20              $\frac{1}{2}$  day of school ~ end of quarter  
                      School dismisses at 11:10 a.m.  
Jan. 26             Family Spiritual Growth Night at 6 p.m.

Watch the school newsletter and the website for any special additions to the calendar for January.

If there is a school delay or cancellation, we will be following Millington public schools. You will get these notifications on any of the major television or radio stations in the area and through the School Reach phone system of St. Paul.

	<b>School Musical Opportunities</b>	
Jan. 15	Free Spirit Choir	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 22	Cantate Choir	8:30 a.m.

**Spartan Sports** Our basketball season for boys and girls on the B-teams finished last month. Congratulations to all the B-teams on seasons well played. Thank you to the coaches, fans and parents for all they did for these children. A-Team basketball starts this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



## January Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball

Jan.18	with Bethlehem, Saginaw	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Peace, Saginaw	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	at St. Paul, Flint	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Girl's VLHS Tournament	TBA

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, Lays and Campbell soup labels, drink pouches, ink cartridges, SCRIP, Meijer and Kroger programs as well as gift cards for Central Shop-Rite, Meijer and Marathon gas stations (Bo's is now a Marathon station). We are no longer collecting Shop-Rite receipts, but do have gift cards that earn St. Paul 5%. See the school office for more information.