



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

March 2023

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

A Message from Pastor

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Worship Services

Saturday 7PM

Sunday 8:30 & 11AM

(11AM Also live-streamed)

Bible Study/Sunday School

9:45AM

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Lenten Season, we'll be "Singing with the Exiles" during our special services.

Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wistfully wondered: Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change? God's people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal.

Do you feel this way? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what He said?

Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40–55 of his book. He announces that just when Israel's history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian imperial policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone the Lord will stir up a king named Cyrus and a new exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. And barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won't know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God's almighty Word. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The exiles are going home!

That's why we are "Singing with the Exiles" as they are restored to their home.

This Lent, Isaiah 40–55 will shape us as we...

Meditate, Study, and Listen to the following texts and sermons:

Ash Wednesday:

"God Has a Word for That" (Isaiah 41:14–16)

Lent 1:

"He Only Has Eyes for You" (Isaiah 43:1–7)

Lent 2:

"Marked" (Isaiah 44:1–5)

Lent 3:

"Breaking Down the Gates" (Isaiah 45:1–8)

Lent 4:

"Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17–22)

Lent 5:

"One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Is. 49:1–6)

Palm Sunday:

"All the Small Things" (Isaiah 49:1–6)

Holy Thursday:

"He Prepares a Table" (Isaiah 49:7–13)

Good Friday:

"All" (Isaiah 52:13–53:12)

Easter Sunday:

"We Are Going Home" (Isaiah 55:6–13)

Plan now to sing with the exiles as we learn from Isaiah to walk the Lenten way to the cross and to the empty tomb. God promises to turn our weeping into joy and our present pain into an endless Alleluia!

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal



The March Messenger is sponsored in loving memory of Marilyn Daenzer who passed away one year ago this month, from Eugene & Julie Weiss.

Worship Times / Scripture / Faith on Fire

St. Paul Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM
Livestream at 11AM

Bible Study/Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM

2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &

Sat. eve of that weekend

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html.

Scripture Readings

March 5th

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 19th

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 12th

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-26

March 26th

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-45

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 #1 and leave a message or email church.office@spsmill.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.

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.

Messenger Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor the Messenger for a month in 2023, please call the church office. Months available: April, May, June, November, & December. The cost is \$75.00 per month.



Sundays at 9:45AM

Preschool-Grade 2 Faith Spark: Discover Leaflets have interactive coloring and drawing activities.

Grades 3-5 Faith Flare: Bible Guidebooks have colorful images to draw in students.

Grades 6-8 Faith Ignite: Defend Journals have thought-provoking questions to encourage critical-thinking skills.

Grades 9-12 Faith Flame: More in-depth Defend Journals help students defend their faith to those who may challenge them.

Adults Faith Blaze: Will study God's Word in Pastor's Bible Studies.

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care in the nursery for children too young to attend the early childhood program.

Coffee Hour between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." Volunteers needed to keep Coffee Hour going. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Listening Event

The Michigan District Board of Directors is hosting a Listening Event for the North and East Region on Mon., Mar. 13th from 6:30-8PM at Our Savior, Bad Axe. Pastors, church workers, church leaders, and laity are all welcome to attend. The Board seeks input in the following areas: What should the Board know about ministry in this region? What unmet needs do the congregations have? What mission opportunities exist in the region? This event does not require pre-registration. We hope you will join us.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on

TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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Zumba

Zumba Saturdays at 10AM in the Activity Center.
\$1 at the door!

Quilting

Quilters: Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No skills necessary. Everyone is welcome. Come and see how God can use you to help those in need. See you there. Remember – if school is closed for bad weather, there is no quilting.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., March 4th at 8AM in the Library.

Scrapbooking

Sat., March 18th from 9AM-7PM in the Projects Room.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

Empty Soup Bowls Dinner

Wed., March 8th

Tickets are \$10.00 and include: A Handmade Bowl Made by the 3rd Graders, Soup, Bread, Dessert, Drink, Ticket for Door Prize, Silent Auction

Tickets are on sale in the church and school offices.
Walk-ins are welcome, but a bowl is not guaranteed.
All proceeds will go to the Good Samaritans.

We are looking for door prizes, silent auction items, soup makers, bread makers, & desserts. Please let Patti Martinal know if you are able to help in any way or if questions.

Euchre

Sat., March 11th from 4:30-6PM in the Parish Hall

St. Paul's Luck & Laughter!

Join us Sat., Mar. 11th at 5:30PM in the Activity Center for an "I Love the 80s to Death" Murder Mystery/Silent Auction. Mystery is presented by The Murder Mystery Co. Tickets are on sale in the offices - \$25 per person and include dinner. Come in your best 80s outfit!



Calendar/Door Scheduling



If you need to book a room or the gym and **need the doors unlocked** for an event, practice, or meeting (or if your event is cancelled,) you need to call the church office at least a **couple days in advance** so the doors can be programmed. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!

Special Services 2023

Midweek Lenten Services at 6:30PM

Dinners at 5PM

Lent 1 (March 1)

Lasagna Dinner

Hosted by Connie Daenzer for Mission Trip

Lent 2 (March 8)

Empty Bowls Dinner / Silent Auction

Proceeds for Food Giveaway - Tickets are \$10

Lent 3 (March 15)

Pasta Dinner - Hosted by Social Concerns

Lent 4 (March 22)

Dinner - Hosted by St. Paul Sports Teams

Lent 5 (March 29)

Dinner - Hosted by Fellowship/Evangelism

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 2)

Sat. 7PM, Sun 8:30 with Communion & 11AM

Maundy Thursday (April 6)

7PM with Communion

Good Friday (April 7) - 1:30PM

Good Friday Tenebrae (April 7) - 7PM

Easter (April 9)

Sunrise at 6:30AM

Festival at 8:30 & 11AM with Communion

Meetings

Council

Wed., Mar. 1st at 6:30PM in the Library

Social Concerns

Tues., Mar. 7th at 5:30PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Mar. 13th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Dorcas Meeting

Tues., Mar. 21st at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

Wed., Mar. 22nd at 7PM in the Gathering Room

St. Paul Lutheran School



March 2023

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.

Welcome to March! Everyone sees green and clovers this month. What a wonderful way to explain our triune God...3 in 1. Like the clover, our God is filled with love, shown by each of the three heart shaped lobes of the clover. Also, the clover is always green representing the everlasting life that we receive through Christ Jesus' life, death, and resurrection!

This is also a great way to remember how our church and school's mission continues to grow and flourish as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, March 5-10. This year our focus is on how to make disciples of all nations as Christ commanded each of us. We invite you and your family to keep the school, faculty and students in your prayers this week and throughout the rest of the year as well.

Here is a list of the special activities for **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**:

- Sunday: Students sing during each service & multi-generational Bible Study
- Monday: Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day
- Tuesday: Tourist Tuesday /All-School Assembly: Reading Is Magic
- Wednesday: Chapel /Dress Your Best Day; Scholastic Book Fair; Read-Around Day
- Thursday: Wacky Olympic/Dress Like Mr. Stiff-Sports Team (college/pro) Day
- Friday: Movie Day & Class Color Day

Throughout the week, each class will be collecting supplies for the New Life Mission. Information was sent home with the students or is in the School Newsletter.

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



- March 3 1/2 day of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m. with busses
- March 5-10 Lutheran Schools Week
- March 8 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. & Empty Bowls from 5-7 p.m.
- March 11 PTL Luck & Laughter Murder Mystery Fundraiser 5:30 p.m.
- March 12 Preschool & Kindergarten Round-up 12-6 p.m. (by appointment) Book Fair
- March 15 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 20 Spring School pictures
- March 22 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 24 1/2 day of classes, end of quarter: dismissal at 11:15 a.m. with busses
- March 25-April 2 Spring Vacation

Here is the church streaming link: [St. Paul Lutheran Church Services Live-Stream](#)

School Musical Opportunities

March 1	Preschool Choir	6:30 p.m.
March 5	All Students (K-8)	Choice of service
March 12	Joyful Noise Choir (K-3)	11 a.m.
March 15	Free Spirit Choir (4-8)	6:30 p.m.
March 22	Joyful Noise Choir (K-3)	6:30 p.m.

March Sports: Our C-Team continues this month. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for your support and guidance throughout this season.



C-team basketball



Mar. 4	with Peace, Saginaw	10 a.m.
Mar. 11	at Trinity, Monitor	10 a.m.
Mar. 18	with Faith, Bay City	10 a.m.



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

Daily Lectionary / Serve & Volunteer / Thank You

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March Daily Lectionary						
5 Gen. 16:1-9, 15:17-22 Mk. 6:1-13	6 Gen. 18:1-15 Mk. 6:14-34	7 Gen. 21:1-21 Mk. 6:35-56	8 Gen. 22:1-19 Mk. 7:1-23	9 Gen. 24:1-31 Mk. 7:24-37	10 Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk. 8:1-21	11 Gen. 27:1-29 Mk. 8:22-38
12 Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-20 Mk. 9:1-13	13 Gen. 29:1-30 Mk. 9:14-32	14 Gen. 35:1-29 Mk. 9:33-50	15 Gen. 37:1-36 Mk. 10:1-12	16 Gen. 39:1-23 Mk. 10:13-31	17 Gen. 40:1-23 Mk. 10:32-52	18 Gen. 41:1-27 Mk. 11:1-19
19 Gen. 41:28-57 Mk. 11:20-33	20 Gen. 42:1-34, 42:38 Mk. 12:1-12	21 Gen. 43:1-28 Mk. 12:13-27	22 Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk. 12:28-44	23 Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk. 13:1-23	24 Gen. 47:1-31 Mk. 13:24-37	25 Gen. 49:29-50:7, 49:14-26 Mk. 14:1-11
26 Ex. 1:1-22 Mk. 14:12-31	27 Ex. 2:1-22 Mk. 14:32-52	28 Ex. 2:23-3:22 Mk. 14:53-72	29 Ex. 4:1-18 Mk. 15:1-15	30 Ex. 4:19-31 Mk. 15:16-32	31 Ex. 5:1-6:1 Mk. 15:33-47	

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, Donate

Mission Lunches

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Mar. 10th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Live Stream Volunteers

In need of new live stream volunteers! In order to continue this ministry, we desperately need some help. Live stream teams serve once a month. All training is provided. Please prayerfully consider serving God and your church family in this way. Contact the church office if you are interested.

thank you!

Thank you for the gift cards while Elaine was at U of M. Thank you to EVERYONE who worked so hard for such an amazing funeral. -The Family of Elaine Bickel

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was in the hospital and recovering. All are appreciated! -Wilbert III

Area News

Millington Arbela District Library Craft Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 4:30-6PM. Tweens through adult ages can participate in a different craft each week. Watch the Facebook page or go to millingtonlibrary.info for more details. Please join us!

Looking for something to do? **Family Nights** at the Millington Arbela District Library on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:30PM. Something fun for the whole family!

LLL Card Party Sat., Mar. 18th at 2PM/Dinner at 5PM at St. Michael's School Gym. Donation of \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door. Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Dessert, Refreshments, Drawings for Door Prizes. Proceeds will go to sponsor the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour broadcasts on WSAM 1400 AM in Saginaw. Supported by Thrivent Financial. For tickets call Eric Roedel 989-295-9627, Wayne Bierlein 989-551-3011, Earl Palmreuter 989-652-9747, or Jim Hecht 989-823-9252.

St. Michael's, Richville Bus Trip - Genitti's "Murder in the Court" April 25th. \$70 includes a 7 course meal. Bus will leave from the Richville Church parking lot at 9AM. For tickets call Connie Keinath 989-871-4125 or Nancy Schluckbier 989-529-0320.

Financial Summary / Memorials / Trust & Investment

January 2023 Income & Expense Summary

January General Fund Income:	\$109,785.74
January General Fund Expenses:	\$93,039.14
January surplus (deficit)	\$16,746.60
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$16,746.60
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$478,215.43

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$119,649.70
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$120,199.20
All Memorials balance:	\$18,779.44
** This money is RESTRICTED***	\$258,628.34

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund January	\$7,120.11
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund-January	\$1,311.55

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Elaine Bickel	
General Fund	\$395.00
School Fund	\$1,740.73
Memorials	\$200.00
In Memory of Fred Rodammer	
General Fund	\$970.00
Memorials	\$245.00
School Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Marvin Schreiber	
General Fund	\$150.00
In Memory of Sherry Lowell	
General Fund	\$10.00

TRUST & INVESTMENT – PERPETUAL GIVING FUND

When a member designates St. Paul Lutheran Church as a beneficiary of their estate, they can specify exactly where they would like their gift to go. Some examples might be, General Fund, Missions, School or the Trust & Investment Perpetual Fund. **If you do not specify in your will/estate, your gift will go to the Trust & Investment Fund** per the bylaws of the church constitution. Members may elect to donate directly to Trust & Investment through memorials or by gifts.

Gifts to Trust & Investment are the gifts that keep on giving.

Gifts are invested and the principal amount cannot be spent. The earnings will be spent on projects or equipment that are not budgeted in the General Fund (examples; special needs or unexpected events). Any recognized board of our church can apply for disbursements of such funds. Requests are reviewed by the Trust & Investment Committee to see if it meets the fund guidelines. If a request is approved by the Trust & Investment Committee, the requests will go to the Voter's Assembly for final approval.

We are currently accepting applications for disbursement of available earnings in the amount of \$47,345.14. Applications are available on line, or you can pick one up at the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2023. You can return the application in person to the church office or email to tdglady@yahoo.com.

Richard Glady, Chairman, Sue Fabbro, Secretary, Mike Kern, Treasurer, Sandy Fackler, Ed Keinath, Gloria LaPointe, Cory Stange

Valley Lutheran News

Visit the Holy Land in 2024! Walk where Abraham and King David did. See where Jesus preached to the crowds. Ride a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Jerusalem and the site of the temple. Mr. Patrick Winningham, a Valley Lutheran High School teacher, will lead a trip to Israel (with an optional extension to Jordan) in June of 2024. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, March 6 at VLHS in the RC. Please consider attending for more information about this exciting opportunity. Contact Patrick Winningham (pwinningham@vlhs.com) for more details.

Music Department Tour Home Concert - The VLHS Music Department will present a Lenten worship concert on Sunday, March 19 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese. This service is the final concert of a 5-day, 6-concert tour through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and Michigan. We invite you to join us as we reflect on God's 'Love Unknown' - the overwhelming and incomprehensible love the Father showed us through his Son.

Spring Information Night - Valley Lutheran invites current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their parents to our Spring Information Night, a station-based, one-hour, informative tour of Valley Lutheran. Hear how Valley is a place where students prepare, belong, and excel! Arrivals begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023 with the last tour beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please let us know you're coming and choose your arrival time at www.vlhs.com/InfoNight. Contact Director of Communications & Admissions Amy Cooper at acooper@vlhs.com or 989-790-1676 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!





March Birthdays - Happy Birthday!!

Shelby Dues	1	AJ Fyke-Jolly	13	Braeden Dalrymple	22
Haydin Johnson	1	Anthony Huber	13	Braeden Dalrymple	22
Eleanor Ayotte	2	Ebin Petiprin	13	Kenton Gleason	23
Melissa Detgen	2	Pete Daenzer	14	Jacquelyn Petzold	23
Courteney Porter	2	Sue Fabbro	14	Lorine Petzold	24
Gretchen Tolbert	2	Ed Keinath	14	Thomas Schiefer	24
Ben Boerneke	3	Dorothy Simmons	14	Cindy Waterman	24
Christian Kennedy	4	Max Petzold	14	Lyla Wagner	24
Daniel Wagle	4	Timothy Schultz	14	Christian Coleman	24
Kristen Schultz	4	Leo Sandusky	14	Vicki Petzold	24
Jamie Brandle	5	Jeremy A. Petzold	14	David Bouck	25
Jason Germain	5	Garrison Hecht	15	Brian Glady	25
Jan Snyder	6	Malachi Hecht	15	Barbara Sergeant	25
Yvonne Bishop	6	ReAnna Hecht	15	James Legue	25
Zachary Aulbert	6	Olivia Bailey	15	Cameron Dues	25
Diane Kujat	7	Lucas Babcock	15	Randy Graham	25
Emily Albert	7	Alexander Babcock	15	Deborah O'Brien	25
Ryan Petzold	7	Katelynn Brady	16	Connie Hoard	26
Kelly Stevens	7	Alicia Ide	16	Murray Kinney	26
Andrew Hoard	8	Shane Pease	16	Jeffrey Raymond	26
Emil Higgins	8	Garen Stewart	16	Anessa Todd	26
Teri Petzold	8	Gloria Rodammer	17	Sheila Hebner	27
Ryan Roth	8	Lloyd Walz	17	Bill Weber	27
Anthony Sherman	8	Brynn Burrows	17	Caleb Allard	27
Samantha Smith	8	Claire Burrows	17	Cindy Davis	27
Woody Wates	8	Evan Thayer	17	Marion Detgen	27
Ashley Jensen	9	Gauge Woelzlein	17	Caleb Frahm	27
Sandy Myers	9	Dorothy Platt	18	Debra Hodge	27
Vickie Albert	10	Matthew Reinert	18	Ava Leach	27
Mike Hoard	10	Robert Aulbert	18	Zachary Petzold	28
Patricia O'Dell	10	James, Jr. Henderson	18	Peggy Maschke	29
Serena Petzold	10	Jacob Martinal	18	Mitch Ehrhardt	29
Kristy Sherman	10	Sid Werner, Jr.	18	Jason Loomis	29
Jessica Cunningham	10	Russ ILL	19	Derek Bassett	30
Todd Keinath	10	Misty Sutton	19	Susan Jensen	30
Hendrix Watchpocket	10	Chase Howay	19	Megan Edler	30
Barbara Bassett	11	Charlie Ferrier	19	Karlie Sherman	30
Karen Graham	11	Jeffrey E. Hecht	19	Nicole Swink	30
Anjanette Kemp	11	Kim Reinert	20	Olivia Zeck	30
Mildred Keinath	11	Laura Glynn	20	Mary Haines	31
Jim Force	11	Sonja Russell	21	Daniel Pobocik	31
Brooklyn Merriam	11	Mike Schreiber	21	Shannon Bonadurer	31
Kandie Sherman/Perez	12	Carla Jackson	21	Nicole Brown	31
James Smith	12	Brooklyn Bickel	22	Cynthia Huber	31
Lexie Bommarito	13	Xachary Carlyon	22		



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**Equip. Build.
Grow. Together.**

Eph. 4:11-16

Don't judge others
because they sin
differently
than you.