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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

May 2012

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli



A Message from Pastor Abatelli

The questions from the students in eighth grade confirmation are very insightful. They show that many want to understand what God says. I love seeing God at work in them as they try to understand different aspects about God, such as His Word and Sacraments and faith in their daily lives. I remember such a conversation about worship where one student asked, "Why don't we do testimonies in our church? Other churches do them." I thought about her question and my response was, "We do testimonies here." She says, "I do not think we do."

I asked her if she or the class knew what the definition of a testimony was. They said, "It is where you share your faith and tell what God has done in your life." They are right; a testimony is where you testify, express and proclaim your faith and what God has done. I proceeded to ask, "Do you know where we testify, express, or confess our faith in what God has done in our lives?"

Every time we gather at church and confess our faith in the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, or Athanasian Creed, we are testifying what God has done, is doing and will do for us.

We express that we believe in God, the Father Almighty, who is the maker of heaven and earth. He made us and our body, soul, and all things.

We testify that Jesus Christ is our God and Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. We share what Jesus will do as He comes to judge the living and the dead.

We proclaim that we believe in the Holy Spirit who gave us faith in Christ so that we can belong to His holy Christian Church, which is the communion of saints. In this gathering of believers we bear witness that we are here because He richly and daily provides forgiveness for us so that we can be His children through His Word, Lord's Supper, and Baptism. We testify in the end He will resurrect me and all the dead. Then those who call upon His name, believing in Christ will receive life everlasting. Talk about the best testimony we can give.

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Fran & Jon Carnet on their
39th wedding anniversary
and also by Glenn Brown in
memory of Gail and their
upcoming 44th wedding
anniversary.*

After I shared this with the class the same student said, "But I'm talking about a personal testimony of what God has done in my life, individually." This confession is personal for God, who personally created us, personally died for us, personally rose from the dead for us and personally will come back so we can be with Him. It's our testimony of what God has personally done, continues to do, and will do for us.

Most people do not consider the creeds as a testimony and others say the words without thinking about them. However, in this confession we are testifying something wondrous. It is more wondrous than anything else in the world. Let's confess, testify personally what God has done, is doing, and will do for us.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Practice Makes Perfect
Be Careful What You Practice

Calendar of Events

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall.

Zumba

Tuesdays at 6:15PM in the Activity Center.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are offered every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30PM in the Council Room. For more information contact Gary 989-710-6637.

Crafts

Dorcas crafts Wednesdays at 9:30AM at Anna Tuttle's home. Join the fun!

Heroes

Tues., May 1st & 15th 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 989-233-7959, David Kaiser 823-3111, or Pastor Abatelli 871-5015.

LWML Spring Rally

Thurs., May 3rd at 6:30PM at the St. Lorenz School Dining Hall. Bring your Bible and Mites. The speaker will be Barbara Hoffmeier of Lutheran Braille Workers. Registration begins at 6PM. Fee: \$6.00.

A SCRAPBOOK EVENT

May 12th

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

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



*Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 13th*

Summer Softball

The St. Paul Grey team will not be playing in the Monday night Clio league this year. We have opted to play in the Vassar church league instead. The season will be about 8 weeks starting the week after school lets out. We would not be playing double headers, and will be playing Monday and Friday nights - or possibly other nights if needed. This is a men's league, but many teams are coed.

Anyone (men or women) 15 years or over who is interested in playing, please let me know by May 15th. The main focus of our team is fun, Christian fellowship. Call Tim Brown for more information 871-9224 or 989-429-8031.

Sunday School

Sunday School is for all ages. Everyone is invited to explore God's Word in a fun way. As the school year concludes, we will gather each week, but will end on May 20th with a special gathering on that day. We will be looking for teachers for next year. Please pray about this calling and consider helping. Thank you!

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Sunday, May 20th

Detroit Tiger's Game

Mark your calendars: The **Detroit Tiger's game** will be Fri., Aug. 3rd. We will be joining the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Tuscola County Chapter. The bus will leave St. Michael's, Richville church parking lot at 4:30PM. The \$50.00 price includes the bus and admission to the game. Reservations must be made prior to June 15th. Please call Nancy Schluckbier at 989-868-4491 or gschluckbier@speednetllc.com.

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th**



Spiritual News

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

Background of the Bible

Led by Pastor Bruner in the Choir Warm Up Room.

Adult Instruction Class

Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Projects Room.

Lutheranism 101

Led by Ed White in the Library.

High School Bible Study

"Beyond Acceptance"

Led by Laura Gleim in the Youth Room.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, May 5th at 7:30AM

Musical Opportunities

Praise Team

Thursdays 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

Wednesdays at 6:53PM



Meetings

Council Wed., May 2nd at 7:30PM

Board of Education Mon., May 7th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry Mon., May 14th at 7PM

Dorcas Tues., May 15th at 6:30PM

Trustees Sun., May 20th at 7PM

Elders Wed., May 23rd at 7:30PM

May Scripture Readings

May 6th

Acts 8:26-40

I John 4:1-21

John 15:1-9

May 13th

Acts 10:34-38

I John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17

May 20th

Acts 1:12-26

I John 5:9-15

John 17:11b-19

May 27th

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

8th Grade Confirmation

Sun., May 6th at 11AM

God's Blessings to the 8th Grade Confirmation Class of 2012!

Kara Blue

Shane Brandle

Bethany Daenzer

Danielle DeOrnellas

Jorden Goodhue

Emily Hunt

Addison Ley

Amanda Maschke

Aaron Reinbold

Aaron Singer

Timothy Singer

Elizabeth Zeck

8th Grade First Communion

Sun., May 13th at 11AM

Serving / Memorials

Serve the Lord by Serving Others

Christian Care Committee

The Christian Care Committee ministers to those who are hospitalized, have experienced the death of a loved one, are shut-in, our newest members, and provide meals and words of encouragement. If you could benefit from this ministry or would like to become involved, please contact Paul Schoenknecht, Carol Weber, or the church office.

Please note: The next meeting of the Christian Care Committee will be the fourth Sunday in September.

Also a reminder to our active members: Please contact Sandy Weber informing her of any contacts you may have made this month.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 18th-22nd from 9AM-12PM. Join us for an **"Amazing Desert Journey."** We have a new, easy to use format, and helpers (high school youth are welcome) are needed for snacks, crafts, games, music, story tellers, puppeteers, and assistants. Please call the church office and let us know where you would like to help. **Items needed for crafts:** cardboard, pipe cleaners, large beads to fit on pipe cleaners, and card stock. Items can be placed in the "Care & Share" cabinet in the narthex, or brought to the church office. Monetary donations are also needed. Thank you!

Opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. . .

FORMER STEPHEN MINISTERS: Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team needs you! We currently have a waiting list of potential Care-Recipients; hurting people waiting for the Christ-centered care that only you can offer them. Serve Him? We GET to!!! Are you **ready** to return? Are you **willing**? You ARE able! Please call Laurel Woodward 989-871-4969 at your earliest convenience.

Notes of Encouragement

A revised list of our shut-in members is available to **Christian Care Committee** members who send **notes of encouragement**. There are also cards made by our local Brownie Troop. The cards and list may be found on the cabinet outside the church office.

St. Paul Brass Band

The St. Paul Brass Band would like to play more often for our worship services, but we need the instrumental music to make this happen. Instrumental sheet music costs from \$25-\$50 per selection. If you would like to contribute to our Brass Band music, please drop your donation into the offering plate or the church office. Thank you for your prayers and support in this endeavor.

MAY 2012 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

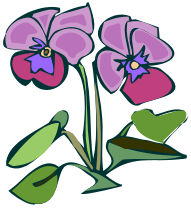
IN MEMORY OF Florence Evans General Fund	\$560.00
IN HONOR OF the ministry of Rev. James Bruner for the baptism of Zarah Davis General Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Ernest Smith's 85 th birthday St. Paul School	\$1000.00
IN HONOR OF Ed Schiefer's 85 th birthday General Fund	\$20.00
IN HONOR OF Margie Scannell's 77 th birthday General Fund	\$20.00
IN HONOR OF Loraine Weiss' 90 th birthday Church Service Tape Ministry	\$15.00
IN HONOR OF Marian Reinert (Member of Dorcas for 50 years) General Fund	\$50.00
IN HONOR OF Janette Reinert (Member of Dorcas for 50 years) General Fund	\$50.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR the ministry of Pastor Bruner and Pastor Abatelli General Fund	\$50.00

Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

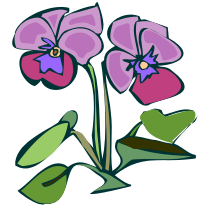
Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbel Township, bestowed a positive influence on his family to pursue their dreams by committing to and reinforcing the importance of a college education. Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family for future St. Paul graduates who pursue 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.

Church Worker Fund

Our church pledges \$1,000.00 annually to each St. Paul member studying for church work. To contribute to this fund, please place in an envelope marked **"Church Worker Fund"** and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Friday, June 15th. Any shortfall from memorials and designated gifts will come out of the General Fund.



May Schedule



Acolytes

1 st	8:30AM	Evan Hoard	Eddie & Ed Meeks
1 st 8 th Grade Confirmation	11AM	Justin Allen	Aaron Reinbold
7 th	7:30PM	Aaron Reinbold	Brendan Johnson
8 th	8:30AM	Eddie & Ed Meeks	Andrew & Richard Cobb
8 th First Communion	11AM	Justin Allen	Aaron Reinbold
14 th	7:30PM	Brendan Johnson	Jeremy Corrigan
15 th	8:30AM	Aaron & Kent Singer	Evan Hoard
15 th	11AM	Shane & Owen Reinig	Austin & Scott Koch
21 st	7:30PM	Brandon David	Tyler & Jorden Goodhue
22 nd	8:30AM	Nick Harson	Andrew & Richard Cobb
22 nd	11AM	Eddie & Ed Meeks	Aaron Reinbold
28 th	7:30PM	Tyler & Jorden Goodhue	Brandon David
29 th	8:30AM	Andrew & Richard Cobb	Nick Harson
29 th	11AM	Aaron Reinbold	Justin Allen

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, 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	Steve & Nila Schmandt
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

Ushers

Team A

7:30PM	Brian Glady - Captain; Dale Peché
8:30AM	Phil Gordon - Captain; Ron Johnson - Assistant John Keinath, Kerry Koch, James Kribs, James Petzold, Larry Petzold Peter Shollack, Chris Smith, Gerry Smith, Gerry Smith II, Jason Smith
11:00AM	Dick Gross - Captain; Arnold Petzold - Assistant Chuck Eilers, Jason Germain, Steve Holmes, Seth Keinath, Tom Keinath, Derrick (Kip) Keinath, Mike O'Hearn, Phil Petzold, Mathew Slough

Church Sextons

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

Altar Guild

7:30PM	Amy Yorke
8:30AM	
11AM	Deb Hazel

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.



May Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Janice Binder	5/1	Alexis Bruner	5/9	Loraine M. Petzold	5/16	Tammy Kowitz	5/25
Craig Evans	5/1	Santana Edler	5/9	Debra Werner	5/16	James Lyons	5/25
Jean Jensen	5/1	Shane Edler	5/9	Diane Bishop	5/17	Edna McLaren	5/25
Timothy Pashby	5/1	Matthew Harrington	5/9	Skylar Ley	5/17	Jack Sutton	5/25
Amy Schiefer	5/1	Marie Keinath	5/9	Carmin List	5/17	Ian Damm	5/26
Koltyn Sebert	5/1	Stacie Lyons	5/9	Melissa Wagner	5/17	Lydia Denome	5/26
Robert Blogg	5/2	Marie Marks	5/9	Maxwell Wood	5/17	Gary Johnson	5/26
Marian McIntyre	5/2	Joshua Myers	5/9	Angela Zeck	5/17	Erik Loper	5/26
Jonathan Petzold	5/2	Patrick Decker	5/10	Lisa Bastian	5/18	Daniel Meacham	5/26
Donald Rasmussen	5/2	Adam Gross	5/10	Jean Harsen	5/18	Cynthia Miller	5/26
Kim Reinig	5/2	Kristin Hoard	5/10	Heidi Petzold	5/18	Steven Foley	5/27
Colton Smith	5/2	Mary Kern	5/10	Kyle Yatsevich	5/18	Dani Lyons	5/27
Seth Smith	5/2	Sandra Lince	5/10	Constance Damm	5/19	Christopher Michael	5/27
Katlyn Torres	5/2	Sarah Mays	5/10	Kelsy Fisher	5/19	Todd Nelson	5/27
Rachel ILL	5/3	Savannah Porter	5/10	David Holtsberry	5/19	Dylin Polzin	5/27
Heather Jones	5/3	Patricia Reinert	5/10	Larry ILL	5/19	Ricky Reinert	5/27
Hudson Myers	5/3	Betty Bradley	5/11	Arlyn Marks	5/19	Matthew Schiefer	5/27
Lindsay Paquette	5/3	Cathy Gentry	5/11	Wyatt Popham	5/19	Mark Ferrier	5/28
Emma Stewart	5/3	Cherri Holmes	5/11	Jay Rodammer	5/19	Sharon Garrett	5/28
Lori Stratton	5/3	Harry Kern	5/11	Marilyn Van Wormer	5/19	Jorden Goodhue	5/28
Nancy Wagner	5/3	Julie Piar	5/11	Trevor Betzing	5/20	Rachel Keinath	5/28
Michelle Jaruzel	5/4	Caleb Reinbold	5/11	David Decker	5/20	Carmen Leitz	5/28
Holly Jones	5/4	Dianne Johnston	5/12	Jordyn Frahm	5/20	Joseph Pavlicek	5/28
Landon Kern	5/4	Sue Sayles	5/12	Daniel Inman	5/20	Ryan Pavlicek	5/28
Gabriella Porter	5/4	Matthew Stewart	5/12	Jacob Jensen	5/20	Marlene Straub	5/28
Travis Washburn	5/4	John Walz	5/12	Kelley Opperman	5/20	Flora Weber	5/28
Jeffrey Jones	5/5	Harper Aguirre	5/13	Donna Estes	5/21	Katherine Weber	5/28
Rebecca Mitchell	5/5	Christian Alberts	5/13	Donald Heuchert	5/21	Chad Cobanovich	5/29
Joshua Williams	5/5	Troy Bonadurer	5/13	Amy Bentley	5/22	Joanne Jaruzel	5/29
June Bierlein	5/6	Kieran Ehrhardt	5/13	April Ehrhardt	5/22	David Johnston Sr.	5/29
Betty Bleuer	5/6	Crystalyn Erickson	5/13	Misti Fall	5/22	Jennifer Koch	5/29
Owen Butterfield	5/6	Geffory McTaggart	5/13	Theodore Kabat	5/22	Christian Martinez	5/29
Susan Clouse	5/6	Zachary Myers	5/13	Gary Knoll	5/22	Tayler Martinez	5/29
Rian Edler	5/6	Jackie Sabgash	5/13	Robert O'Dell	5/22	Victor Schwab	5/29
Jodie Frahm	5/6	Ashlie Sayles	5/13	Angi O'Neil	5/22	Benjamin Ahlersmeyer	5/30
Thomas Glynn	5/6	Stephen Schmandt	5/13	Robin Shaffer	5/22	James Brueggemann Jr.	5/30
Rosalyn Horning	5/6	Marcia Stohon	5/13	Angela Thomason	5/22	Ron King	5/30
Adam Johnson	5/6	Ernst Zwack	5/13	Brenda Frahm	5/23	Cheryl Leix	5/30
Emma Kaiser	5/6	Larry Greer III	5/14	Kelsey Gronowski	5/23	Michael Montney	5/30
Kieth Sayles	5/6	Colin Meacham	5/14	Katie Jensen	5/23	Stephan Schultz	5/30
Destiny Stevens	5/6	Gina Werner	5/14	Matthew Sandusky	5/23	Ronald Wittum	5/30
Mya Sutton	5/6	Mark Williams	5/14	James Bodeis Jr.	5/24	Alfred Cunningham	5/31
Taylor Withers	5/6	Emily Wood	5/14	Jessica Detgen	5/24	Carolyn Howe	5/31
Meghan DuRussell	5/7	Anna Jensen	5/15	Charles Duckworth	5/24	Chelsea Lichnovsky	5/31
Stephanie Long	5/7	Laura Keinath	5/15	Seth Mohr	5/24	Torrey Lichnovsky	5/31
Ronald Mieske	5/7	Erik Lince	5/15	Eunice Peché	5/24		
Barbara Paquette	5/7	Dawn Reinert	5/15	Jamie Blue	5/25		
Betty Rueger	5/7	Terri Reinert	5/15	Gavin Henderson	5/25		
Timothy Weber	5/7	David Williams	5/15	Thomas Howay	5/25		
Ann Auernhammer	5/8	Joshua Allen	5/16	Andrea Ide	5/25		
Jackson Shreve	5/8	Nathan Draper	5/16	Jonathan Keinath	5/25		
Audrey Brown	5/9	Ashley Mason	5/16	Marie Koch	5/25		

Miscellaneous / Thank You / Area News

Honor Roll

Millington High School

All A's

Tyler Auernhammer
Ashley Jensen
Colin Meacham
Hannah Sergent
Jessica Allen
Kelli Crittenden
Alexandria Sergent
Amanda Stohon
Shelby Wood

B or Better

Kelsey Howay
Rachel Jensen
Nicholas Maschke
Kourtney Piar
Susie Balcom
Jason Keinath
Brittany Nelson
Hannah Sergent
Shianne Tatro
Daniele Weber
Olivia Zeck
Nicholas Harsen
Madison Jones
Savannah Tatro

Valley Lutheran High School

Matthew Singer
Alex Odorico
Nathaniel Kern
Emma Odorico

Area News

Camp Corcordia information can be found at www.campconcordia.org.

Creation Museum Bus Trip—Walk through history—experience the Bible and history in a unique way, learn how it all began and learn about dinosaurs. Leave June 19th at 1PM from St. Michael's, Richville Church parking lot and return late June 20th. Enjoy a deluxe motorcoach ride to Perrysburg, KY, stay overnight at a first class motel, and spend a day at the museum for \$150.00 per person. RSVP by May 1st to Nancy Schluckbier 989-868-4491 or at gschluckbier@speednetllc.com. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Save your VG's receipts for Redemption Lutheran Church in Detroit. They need 30,000 by August to continue their ministry. Please place them in the Campbell's soup label box and we will sort and mail them.

Many Thanks

The family of Raymond Leach would like to **thank** everyone for the many calls, cards, food and visits during Ray's illness and death. Thank you to Pastor Bruner and Rodger Grulke and the church choir for the beautiful Memorial Service. Thank you also to the Dorcas ladies for the wonderful lunch. We can't thank you enough - Ray loved his school and church.

God Bless You All,
Judy, Raymond T., Byron and Shelley

Moms and Mothers

This is for the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms saying "It's OK honey, Mommy's here."

Who have sat in rocking chairs for hours on end soothing crying babies who can't be comforted.

This is for mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.

For all the mothers who run car pools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes and all the mothers who don't.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections are hanging on their refrigerator door.

And for all the mothers who froze their buns on metal bleachers at football or baseball games instead of watching from the warmth of their cars. And when their kids asked "Did you see me Mom?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for the mothers who go hungry, so their children can eat.

For all the mothers who read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again, "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

This is for the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for every mother whose head turns automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home--or even at college--or have their own families.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

This is for the mothers who taught their children to be peaceful, and now pray they come home safely from war.

Miscellaneous / Mission News

Kroger Rewards

Excellent Job with using our Kroger rewards!

We earned \$523.99. Thank you!

IT'S KROGER RE-ENROLLMENT TIME

Even if you are a current member - all participants must sign up for the program in order to earn funds for your group during 2012-2013.

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. Organization # 83361.

Yearbook Pictures

Yearbook pictures are needed for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have any class photos, sports, events, candid shots, field trips, etc., please bring to the school or church office or email school.office@spsmill.org "Attn: Yearbook."

Summer Festival Float

We would like to have a **St. Paul float** in the Millington Old Fashioned Days Parade, and your help is needed to make it possible! Please call the church office if this is something you are interested in.

Garage Sale

Fri., June 29th & Sat., June 30th

Spring Cleaning? If you find any treasures you don't need anymore, please bring them to the Parish Hall starting Monday, June 25th. Money earned this year will go to PTL. Last year Thrivent approved \$250.00 to purchase a Cricut machine which cuts out shapes and designs. We have one and now we are applying to get more cartridges. PTL also helps the teachers and students get supplies, and helps meet their needs throughout the school year. Anything that you have to donate will be appreciated.

Messenger Sponsors

Sponsors are needed for June, September, October, and November. Mailings cost \$120.00 a month. Call the church office to reserve a month.



A Letter From One of Our Missionaries

Dear Ones,

God is faithful! I have finally arrived in Hong Kong. I am currently in Hong Kong because of the faithful support and prayers of God's people. There are many opportunities for witness and there are many who are eager to hear the message of hope. Wong Kin Men, a highly educated individual and an Accountant by trade, had recently lost his job. His life seemed gloom and pointless. His family has disowned him because of what is perceived as a failure on his part. However, one man's loss is another man's gain. Wong Kin Men is open to the message of Jesus despite his difficult circumstances. While he lost his job, he has gained much because of his openness to the Gospel of Jesus. Now Wong Kin Men has a positive outlook and is ready to pursue another job. The harvest is truly plentiful, but the workers are few. People are opened to conversations about God's word and His amazing work, but especially God's work through His Son, Jesus Christ. In the mission field it is important to first be friends with those to whom one is sharing the good news. I have had many avenues through which I have been able to share the Gospel with the young people because I share their interest in playing sports.

Please pray for our co-worker Mr. Yip as he will go to China to share the Bibles and literature with the many Christians. Please pray for him and the Lord's work. Please pray for me as I seek a place of residence and a mission center that is affordable and is useful for Gospel outreach. The Lord tells us that our labor will not be in vain and your support of the Lord's work is precious in the eyes of our Savior. He will honor you and will bless you bountifully for you so love Him and His Son. You are in my prayers. I know that one day every tribe and nation will bow down before the throne and give God the glory for those whom God will gather into His kingdom through my endeavors.

Please lift me up in your prayers as I will face many challenges. I know that God desires that all man will be saved according to the manifold wisdom of God. Please pray that all who hear my message will be receptive. I know God will supply all my needs according to the riches and glory of Jesus Christ. May God bless you and your loved ones richly for you so love Him and are faithful to His work. May God bless you bountifully and strengthen you in His manifold blessings!

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12

With love and prayer,
Timothy
Children of Promise International

St. Paul Lutheran School

May 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

God has truly given all of us so much for which to be grateful! Take time to stop and look around at all of the wonderful blessings springing up before you.

Our offerings for Chapel this month are going toward our local food pantry.

Bible verses for this month are focusing on the THINGS from our theme verse:



4/29-5/5	I Peter 2:9
5/6-12	Colossians 1:17
5/13-19	John 1:3
5/20-26	Joel 2:21
5/27-6/2	Psalms 84:11

As the school year winds down, we have several very special events during May to mark on your calendars.

- May 1 [Wear your school theme shirt](#),
- May 4 [Lutheran School Music Festival](#) Trinity, Reese
- May 6 [Confirmation](#) 11:00 a.m. service
- May 9 [Athletic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. We will acknowledge the God-given athletic talents of the boys and girls that participated in school athletics. Awards will be given to the athletes for their participation as well as a special award- *The Reflection of Christ*- to the eighth grade boy and girl that most show Christ in everything they do, both on the field of competition and off.
- May 13 [8th grade First Communion](#)
- May 23 [Academic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the boys and girls in 5th-8th grades that will be recognized during a dinner in their honor for using their God-given academic talents throughout the school year.
- May 24 [Preschool Picnic](#)
- May 28 [NO SCHOOL](#) ~ Memorial Day Both the school and church offices will be closed as well.



May Sports



May 5	Track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 12	Cardinal Classic Meet at VLHS	TBA
May 15	Relay meet at Reese	TBA
May 19	Regional track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 29	Track Meet at Lapeer West	TBA
June 2	State Track meet in Monroe, MI	TBA



School Music Opportunities



May 4	Lutheran Schools Music Festival	all day
May 13	Free Spirit Choir & Jr. Bells	11:00 a.m.
May 20	All Students K-8	8:30 a.m.

We would like to say thank you to the coaches, players and fans for your help and support during the Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer and track team seasons. We are looking for someone who would like to be the head soccer coach for the boy's team this fall. If you are interested in coaching, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Stiff, as soon as possible.

We participate in programs with Meijer & Kroger stores. Using your Kroger card allows St. Paul Lutheran School to receive 5% of your purchase. **SCRIP** is available in the school office for many local and Flint/Saginaw stores like Shop-Rite and Marathon Gas stations (Bo's). **SCRIP** gift cards are great for Mother's and Father's Day as well as graduation. See the school office for all of the special programs available.



Youth News



412 Youth Ministry May 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." 1st Timothy 4:12

S.T.A.T.I.C. High School Ministry (Grades 8-12)

Sunday, May 6th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Original Hunger Games

Just how far have you been lulled into "sleep," accepting that life is as it is and there is nothing you can do. Are you in the arena playing your part until death? Are you willing to accept the status quo because it's too hard to fight?

The Hunger Games is a great reminder that our world is in desperate need of people who will stand in the gap and spread the message of the gospel that will transform our culture one heart at a time.

Sunday, May 13th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Talking about: Mother's Day

Have you ever watched an old black-and-white TV show with mom, dad and kids? Is mom a stereotype? How has what we now think of as mom changed compared to what we have seen in the past?

Sunday, May 20th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Nerf Wars and Curly Cone

Bring your Nerf guns and some money for ice cream at Curly Cone.

NERF WARS!




















Sunday, May 20th

6:30-8:30pm

ALL YOUTH (6th-12th Grade) ARE WELCOME

May 2012

St. Paul Lutheran Church Activities

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Notes 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School Adult Instruction Class		1 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA 7:30PM Heroes	2 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's  6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council	3  6:15PM Praise Team	4 Music Festival at Trinity, Reese	5 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship
6  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> **9:45AM See Notes**  11AM Worship <i>8th Grade Confirmation Church Choir</i> 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	7 6PM Board of Education <i>Pastors' Conference</i>	8 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	9 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's 6PM Sports Banquet 	10  6:15PM Praise Team	11	12 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking  7:30PM Worship +C
13  8:30AM Worship <i>Grades K-8</i> **9:45AM See Notes**  11AM Worship +C <i>1st Communion Grades K-8</i> 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth	14 7PM Public School Confirmation 7PM Stephen Ministry	15 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30PM Dorcas 7:30PM AA 7:30PM Heroes	16 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's	17  6:15PM Praise Team	18 7PM Chuckles 'N Chocolates with Comedian Brad Todd	19  7:30PM Worship
20 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Free Spirit</i> **9:45AM See Notes**  11AM Worship <i>Jr. Bells</i> 6:30-8:30PM All Youth 7PM Trustees	21 6:30PM Evangelism 7PM Public School Confirmation	22 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	23 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's 6PM Academic Banquet 7:30PM Elders	24  6:15PM Praise Team	25 7PM Rehearsal	26 3PM Wedding Bill Rosebush & Alicia Stimson  7:30PM Worship +C
27  8:30AM Worship **9:45AM See Notes**  11AM Worship +C	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> No School Offices Closed	29 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	30 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's	31  6:15PM Praise Team		