



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### May 2021

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

### A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Fatigued: to be tired or weary. Fatigued. It's a term we've heard more recently. We're fatigued from following COVID-19 guidelines and requirements. We're fatigued from protocols constantly changing. We're fatigued, but all we hear is the need to re-double our efforts and remain vigilant.

But we're fatigued by more than just the pandemic. We're fatigued by politics. We're fatigued by the worries and toils of daily life. We're fatigued and often running on fumes. But we're often told to keep pushing ahead.

In Jesus' day, the people were fatigued as well. The Pharisees (the church leaders of the day) had created a workload for holiness and salvation that was too heavy to bear. There were many rules, guidelines, requirements, and protocols to follow. And as people withered under this burden, the Pharisees reminded them of their need to re-double their efforts and remain vigilant. In many ways, the people of Jesus' day were fatigued by something way worse than a pandemic, politics, or daily strife. They were fatigued by the Law and their sin.

Enter Jesus. He tells the people in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Here, Jesus describes the "yoke of the Law" as heavy, and He offers an alternative: to be yoked with Him to the Gospel, which is light and offers forgiveness.

In addition, if you are yoked to Jesus, you will find rest. Martin Luther would say of this passage: "When sin has been forgiven and the

conscience has been liberated from the burden and the sting of sin, then a Christian can bear everything easily. Because everything within is sweet and pleasant, he willingly does and suffers everything." This includes all the various trials and tribulations of the world we face on a daily basis.

Jesus has carried all our sins and sorrows to the cross. His presence and forgiveness lightens every load. Pray for Him to lighten, not only your burden of sin, but also the daily burdens you face. Lean on Him and His Word to re-energize and re-vitalize your faith and life.

Fatigued? Rest in Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal

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**Worship Services**  
Sunday 10 A.M.  
(Also live-streamed)  
Saturday 7 P.M.

**Bible Study**  
Sunday 8:45 A.M.

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## Worship News / Scripture

### Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM

Sundays at 10AM (Also live streamed)

Bible Study at 8:45AM in the Church  
(Also live streamed)

Traditional service with Communion  
2nd and 4th weekends

Contemporary service  
1st, 3rd, and 5th weekends

To be added to our email list, please go to  
[www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html](http://www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html).

### Confirmation Rehearsal & Secret Angel Luncheon

Sat., May 1st at 11AM  
Rehearsal begins at 11AM -  
Luncheon follows in Parish Hall.

### 8th Grade Confirmation & 1st Communion

Sun., May 2nd at 1PM in the Church.

### The Gathering

Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Hall.  
Join us for singing, prayer, fellowship, learning God's  
Word, and growing in faith.

### Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7PM in the Library.



### Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on  
TCT Net. (DirectTV 377)  
Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

### The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

### Contact Information / Office Hours

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

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday from 11-3PM  
or by appointment.

### Scripture Readings

#### May 2nd

*Acts 8:26-40*

*1 John 4:1-11*

*John 15:1-8*

#### May 9th

*Acts 10:34-48*

*1 John 5:1-8*

*John 15:9-17*

#### May 16th

*Acts 1:12-26*

*1 John 5:9-15*

*John 17:11b-19*

#### May 23rd

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Acts 2:1-21*

*John 15:26-27, 16:4b-14*

#### May 30th

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

*Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

*John 3:1-17*

Don't think that someone else is  
more blessed than you are.  
It's just that we are blessed in  
different ways.



# Upcoming Events / Trust & Investment / Thrivent Info

## Upcoming Events

St. Paul groups are able to have events in the building (at this time the school area is still off limits) after filling out a Building Use Registration Form. Return completed form to the Church Office one week prior to your event for door locks, calendars, etc. to be updated. Forms can be found online or in the Church Office. In order to use our facilities, the requirements on the form need to be followed. Examples: Face Coverings Required, Social Distance, Room Capacity Limits, etc. Call the office if questions.

## Zumba

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

## Scrapbooking

Sat., May 15th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. \$6.00 per person. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour or the whole day. R.S.V.P. in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spsmill.org.

## Area News

### **National Day of Prayer - Thurs., May 6th**

12-1PM at the Tuscola Co. Courthouse

7:45-8:15AM Youth at Caro High School Flag Pole

1:30-3PM Prayer Walk begins at Blessing Center, Caro

7-8PM Evening Prayer & Worship at Tuscola House of Hope, 102 Joy St., Caro

### **St. Michael's Mother's Day Chicken BBQ**

Drive-Up Take Out Sun., May 9th 11AM until sold out.

\$10 Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, & cupcake.

### **Valley Lutheran Youth Football Camp 2021**

When: June 28-30 (Rain or Shine) 11am-1pm

Where: Valley Lutheran Football Field

Who: Anyone grades 6-8 (2021/22 School Year)

Cost: \$30 (Camper will get a camp T Shirt)

What: Athletes will get two hours of great football instruction. We will go over all phases of the game, passing, kicking, blocking, tackling, punting, running, catching, and anything else involved within the game of football. We will be teaching fundamentals of all positions on Offense, Defense, and Special Teams.

Registration begins Now!

Please Register at [www.vlhs.com/camps](http://www.vlhs.com/camps)

**MEMORIAL DAY**

May 31st  
In remembrance of  
our heroes on this  
Memorial Day.

## Meetings

### **Social Concerns**

Tues., May 4th at 5:30PM

### **Council**

Wed., May 5th at 6:30PM

### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., May 10th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

### **Dorcus**

Tues., May 18th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

### **Elders**

Wed., May 26th at 6:30PM

## Historical Pictures

The **Historical Committee** is updating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Paul History Booklet written by Rudy Petzold. We would like to get the **original pictures** used by Rudy in his book. If you or your family have any of these historic pictures in your possession, would you please loan them to the Historical Committee? The originals will make better copies when we print. Thank you!

## What is Thrivent Choice?

The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding. Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> and Thrivent Choice Voting<sup>®</sup> Events result in the distribution of several million dollars of grant funds to causes that members like you care about most. If you qualify, **your Choice Dollars can be directed every quarter, or once a year.** If you haven't directed your dollars for 2020, please call Thrivent or go online to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

## Thrivent Action Teams

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

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

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

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



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## May 2021

*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.*

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.

As the school year starts to wind down, we have several very special events during May to pray for and mark on your calendars.

**NWEA testing will take place throughout this month K-8.**

- May 1 [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Angel Dinner](#) 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- May 2 [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion](#) 1:00 p.m. service FAMILY ONLY  
(Live-streamed)
- May 6 [National Day of Prayer](#)
- May 19 [1 & 2 grade Flag presentation](#)
- May 28 [½ Day of classes](#)
- May 31 [NO SCHOOL](#) ~ Memorial Day The school and church offices will be closed.



## May Sports



May 1	@ Reese High School	TBA
May 8	meet at VLHS	TBA
May 15	meet at VLHS	TBA
May 21	Regional meet at VLHS	TBA

If our sports seasons for boys and girls track are changed due to COVID-19 protocols, please check with the coaches or the office.

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, Our Family label collection, can tabs, ink cartridges, as well as Meijer and Kroger programs. See the school office for more information.

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

## Finance Summary / Memorials / Misc.

### CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 3/31/2021: \$217,749.81  
 Debt free date if nothing changes: December, 2022  
 March 2021 Mortgage Payment \$10,000.00  
 \* Principal \$9,217.51  
 \* Interest \$782.49  
 March offerings received to pay mortgage: \$13,525.55  
 Amount Added to contingency fund during March: \$62.91  
 Balance as of 3/31/21 in contingency fund: \$20,337.01

### March 2021 Income & Expense Summary

March General Fund Income: \$ 85,768.36  
 March General Fund Expenses: \$ 86,112.75  
 March deficit \$ (344.39)  
 Overall surplus (deficit) to date \$ (38,649.72)  
 Gen Fund Checking Balance \$126,522.69  
 Grantparent contributions 1st quarter 2021: \$13,000.00  
 Smith estate auction proceeds after commissions: \$4,650.00  
 Fish fry approx. net proceeds 1st quarter 2021: \$16,000.00

### Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Leo Allard General Fund	\$200.00
In Memory of Linda (Prusi) Rock	\$50.00
In Memory of Olivia Rose Building Fund	\$30.00
In Memory of Earl Hergenreder General Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Gerald (Jerry) Gross General Fund	\$465.00

### Grantparent Fund

**Would you consider opening your hearts** to families who want their children to receive a St. Paul Christian education, but perhaps cannot afford the rising costs? The **"Grantparent" Program** is designed to ease the financial burden for struggling parents, but it is in need of ongoing funds. If you are able to help financially to continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please prayerfully follow God's "nudging" by contacting the school office. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

### Student Aid Fund

From time to time, situations arise in our lives causing a financial crisis. Loss of job, divorce/marital separation, and medical situations are a few of those times when we may not know how we are going to pay the bills. Some of our school families are dealing with these and similar situations and are in need of Christian compassion, assistance and encouragement. St. Paul **Student Aid Fund** has been set up to help families meet their financial obligation for tuition/fees. Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated and needed. If God has gifted you to be a blessing to these families, contributions may be brought to the church or school office. Much thanks!

### Messenger Sponsors

Sponsors needed for the months of **June, July, November, and December**. If you would like to sponsor one of these months, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month.

### Altar Flowers

The 2021 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. Please add your name, phone number, and center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice.

### Special Thanks!

We would like to thank our church family members for the generous memorial gifts, flowers, food and cards given to us as we mourn the loss of our beloved sister Linda (Prusi) rock. We are touched and very grateful to each of you.  
 -Wally & Diane Pruse, Bob & Joyce Wager

## *Mother's Day - May 9th*

HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
 DAY



"A mother's hug lasts long  
 after she lets go."  
 —Unknown

"A mother is she who can  
 take the place of all others  
 but whose place no one  
 else can take."  
 —Cardinal Mermillod

### **Support St. Paul and Help Keep the Earth Clean!**

**Please keep bringing in your inkjet  
 cartridges** and turn them to cash!  
**Drop Off** in the box on the wooden cabinet  
 outside of the Church Office or in the  
 cabinet in the narthex.

# Daily Lectionary / Finance Summary / Memorials

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May Daily Lectionary</b>						
<b>2</b> Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Lk. 11:37-54	<b>3</b> Lev. 21:1-24 Lk. 12:1-12	<b>4</b> Lev. 23:1-22 Lk. 12:13-34	<b>5</b> Lev. 23:23-44 Lk. 12:35-53	<b>6</b> Lev. 24:1-23 Lk. 12:54-13:17	<b>7</b> Lev. 26:1-20 Lk. 13:18-35	<b>8</b> Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44 Lk. 14:1-24
<b>9</b> Num. 3:1-16, 39-48 Lk. 14:25-15:10	<b>10</b> Num. 8:5-26 Lk. 15:11-32	<b>11</b> Num. 9:1-23 Lk. 16:1-18	<b>12</b> Num. 10:11-36 Lk. 16:19-31	<b>13</b> Num. 11:1-23, 31-35 Lk. 17:1-19	<b>14</b> Num. 11:24-29, 12:1-16 Lk. 17:20-37	<b>15</b> Num. 13:1-3, 17-33 Lk. 18:1-17
<b>16</b> Ezk. 36:22-28 1 Pet. 4:7-11 John 15:26-16:4	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Song 1:1-2:7 John 5:1-18	<b>19</b> Song 2:8-3:11 John 5:19-29	<b>20</b> Song 4:1-5:1 John 5:30-47	<b>21</b> Song 5:2-6:3 John 6:1-21	<b>22</b> Song 6:4-7:5 John 6:22-40
<b>23</b> Song 7:6-8:14 John 6:41-59	<b>24</b> Eccl. 1:1-18 John 6:60-71	<b>25</b> Eccl. 2:1-26 John 7:1-13	<b>26</b> Eccl. 3:1-22 John 7:14-31	<b>27</b> Eccl. 4:1-16 John 7:32-53	<b>28</b> Eccl. 5:1-20 John 8:1-20	<b>29</b> Eccl. 6:1-7:10 John 8:21-38
<b>30</b> Eccl. 7:11-29 John 8:39-59	<b>31</b> Eccl. 8:1-17 John 9:1-23					

## PTL NEWS

Hello Parents & Staff,

We hope your family is safe and healthy! We want to give your child the best education possible, and our teachers need your help. Due to the pandemic and tighter budgets, we need to raise funds for the essential tools our teachers need to help our students succeed.

Go to [www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?61880](http://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?61880) to show our valued teachers your support

If you have some last minute shopping, you can do it online from the stores on the website and the school will receive a percentage of your order. Here is a list of some of the websites to shop from, but you must go through the link in order for the school to get a percentage back. Thank you.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acer</li> <li>Aeropostale</li> <li>Atkins</li> <li>AT &amp; T</li> <li>Autozone</li> <li>Bass Pro Shop</li> <li>Best Buy</li> <li>Carters</li> <li>Carhartt</li> <li>Chewy</li> <li>Children's Place</li> <li>Crayola</li> <li>Cricut</li> <li>CVS</li> <li>Dell</li> <li>Dish</li> <li>Disney</li> <li>Discount School Supply</li> <li>Dollar General</li> <li>Dress Barn</li> <li>Family Book Store</li> <li>Famous Footwear</li> <li>Game Shop</li> <li>GAP</li> <li>GNC</li> <li>Haines</li> <li>Hertz</li> <li>Hickory Farms</li> <li>Hobby Lobby</li> <li>Home Depot</li> <li>JCPenney</li> <li>Kay Jewelers</li> <li>Kitchen Aid</li> <li>Kohl's</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lane Bryant</li> <li>Macy's</li> <li>Melissa &amp; Doug</li> <li>Microsoft</li> <li>Motorola</li> <li>Net 10</li> <li>Old Navy</li> <li>Petco</li> <li>Pet Meds</li> <li>Quickbooks</li> <li>Rakuten</li> <li>Rite Aid</li> <li>Roku</li> <li>Sally Beauty</li> <li>Scholastic</li> <li>Straight Talk</li> <li>Stride Rite</li> <li>Tervis</li> <li>Thrifty Rent A Car</li> <li>Tracfone</li> <li>TSC</li> <li>Turbotax</li> <li>Vans</li> <li>Veggietales</li> <li>Vera Bradley</li> <li>Verizon</li> <li>Vitamin Shop</li> <li>Walgreens</li> <li>Walmart/Sams</li> <li>Warner Bros.</li> <li>Overstock</li> <li>Wholesale Party Supplies</li> <li>Wrangler</li> <li>Travel Sites &amp; Hotels</li> </ul> |
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St. Paul Lutheran School PTL

PS: Family participation is the key to our success, and we are counting on you!



## May Birthdays



Janice Binder	1	Mary Kern	10	Angi O'Neil	22
Jean Jensen	1	Adam Gross	10	April Ehrhardt	22
Koltyn Sebert	1	Sandra Lince	10	Amy Bentley	22
Kim Reinig	2	Sarah Mays	10	Gary Knoll	22
Bryan Wilson	2	Savannah Porter	10	Robin Shaffer	22
Jonathan Petzold	2	Betty Bradley	11	Hudson Sheppard	22
Rachel ILL	3	Cathy Gentry	11	Angela Thomason	22
Lori Stratton	3	Cherri Holmes	11	Bob O'Dell	22
Cody Woodward	3	Julie Piar	11	Gale Brown	23
Korbyn Cartner	3	Caleb Reinbold	11	Brenda Frahm	23
Hudson Myers	3	John Walz	12	Kelsey Gronowski	23
Lindsay Paquette	3	Jackie Sabgash	13	Matthew Sandusky	23
Emma Stewart	3	Zach Myers	13	Eunice Peche	24
Landon Kern	4	Stephen Schmandt	13	Seth Mohr	24
Michelle Jaruzel	4	Kieran Ehrhardt	13	Jon Keinath	25
Holly Jones	4	Harper Aguirre	13	Jamie Blue	25
Gabriella Porter	4	Troy Bonadurer	13	Tom Howay	25
Travis Washburn	4	Ashlie Sayles	13	Edna McLaren	25
Hudsen O'Neil	5	Larry, III Greer	14	Andrea Ide	25
Emma Burns	5	Colin Meacham	14	Tammy Kowitz	25
Haily Kennedy	5	Gina Werner	14	Daniel Meacham	26
June Bierlein	6	Dawn Reinert	15	Steve Waterman	26
Betty Bleuer	6	Anna Jensen	15	Lydia Denome	26
Madison Hahn	6	Terri Reinert	15	Paul Hibbard	26
Rosie Horning	6	Joshua Allen	16	Logan Morningstar	27
Owen Butterfield	6	Debra Werner	16	Dylin Polzin	27
Rian Edler	6	Nathan Draper	16	Matthew Schiefer	27
Thomas Glynn	6	Melissa Wagner	17	Ricky Reinert	27
Adam Johnson	6	Diane Bishop	17	Mark Ferrier	28
Jodie Lowrey	6	Carmin List	17	Sharon Garrett	28
Destiny Stevens	6	Angela Zeck	17	Rachel Lawrence	28
Mya Sutton	6	Skylar Ley	17	Katherine Weber	28
Yvonne Burrows	7	Jean Harsen	18	Jorden Goodhue	28
Barbara Paquette	7	Heidi Vande Streek	18	Carmen Leitz	28
Timothy Weber	7	Jay Rodammer	19	Marlene Straub	28
Conor Gentry	7	Connie Damm	19	Flora Weber	28
Stephanie Long	7	Larry ILL	19	Joanne Lee	29
Jackson Shreve	8	Landyn Hibner	19	Victor Schwab III	29
Audrey Brown	9	Wyatt Popham	19	Chad Cobanovich	29
Joshua Myers	9	Elliana Vande Streek	19	Christian Martinez	29
Lexi Bruner	9	Kelley Opperman	20	Jennifer Koch	29
Shane Edler	9	Jordyn Frahm	20	Taylor Martinez	29
Matthew Harrington	9	Daniel Inman	20	Steve Schultz	30
Kristin Hoard	10	Jacob Jensen	20	Cheryl Leix	30
				Ronald Wittum	30
				Alfred Cunningham	31

Happy  
Birthday



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# May 2021



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**2020**  **ONE**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church & School  
Millington, MI **IN THE SON**

*Just imagine how different  
the world could be  
if we all spoke to everyone  
with respect and kindness.*