



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

May 2019

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

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### Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11 A.M.  
Saturday 7 P.M.

### Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor Martinal

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A riddle: I am the beginning of the end, the end of every place. I am the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space. What am I? (Answer at the end)

May is often a busy month, filled with celebrations of beginnings and endings. Some of the things that begin in May: flowers, blossoms, leaves on trees, new birth, marriages (weddings), and summer (unofficially with Memorial Day weekend). But May is also a time things end: formal education (graduations), Catechism class (Confirmation), school year (for some), time spent south (snowbirds return), and snow (hopefully).

As I said, May is often a very busy month for many of us. It's easy to get distracted by all the things beginning and ending in our lives. And when we get distracted, things we normally do tend to fall by the wayside in order to make room for those beginnings and endings. After all, there's still only 24 hours in the day.

As human beings, we are drawn to beginnings and endings. It's hardwired into our DNA. We are born (beginning) and we die (ending). Except, as Christians, we know death is not the end. In fact, we believe and confess that we will live, body and soul, forever. Still, we struggle with beginnings and endings because until the Last Day, we are only able to understand and operate with things either beginning or ending.

However, we believe in a God who is both beginning and ending, Alpha and Omega. Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. As such, this title underlines God's eternal nature. John, in Revelation 22:13, records these words of Jesus: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." He is "the First and the Last", the Lord of the Church; "the Beginning and the End" of all creation, and soon the new creation; and "the Alpha and the Omega" of all eternity. This

underscores that these titles describing the eternal magnitude of the infinite God apply to Jesus Christ. All of which is to say that Jesus is God, always has been and always will be. Furthermore, in Jesus, we believe in a God who has been born and has died. All of us have experienced birth. Most of us will taste death. But through faith in Jesus Christ, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep", we will be raised as Christ was, body and soul (1 Corinthians 15:20). For "the last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:26). Jesus delivers us from death's jaws. He now equips us to serve Him and our neighbors, and to live eternally in His kingdom, which has no end.

As we approach the summer months, I implore you to not let these things end until the Fall: keeping up with our *Bring It Home* Bible reading plan; attending worship (whether here or elsewhere while on vacation); attending Bible studies (on Sunday mornings or otherwise); holding family devotions; being fervent in daily prayer; giving a portion of what God has given you; being intentional about sharing the eternal hope you have in Jesus Christ. I'm sure you can think of many more ways to keep your faith from "ending" over the summer and "beginning" again in the Fall.

Remember, God the Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, will never leave you nor forsake you. God is with you always, even to the end of time. What a joy it is to worship and serve an eternal God: The Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End!

You are created and loved by God the Father, redeemed and sent by Jesus Christ, and made holy and empowered by the Holy Spirit to eternally worship and serve our eternal God.

Pastor Tim Martinal

Answer to Riddle: The Letter "E"



**The May Messenger is sponsored in memory of our lost loved ones  
from the Dwight Rodammer family.**

# Spiritual News

## **9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies**

Join us for **Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place** before Bible Study begins.

**Sunday School** - Every Sunday. Invite a friend!



Abby Brown will be doing a presentation on May 12th and 19th between services. This presentation is on the four life topics, abortion, embryonic stem cell research, assisted suicide, and euthanasia. After this presentation, members will understand what each topic is, what it means for them as individuals, what they can do to help promote life, how to defend their pro-life position, etc. All members are encouraged to go to this presentation because it is essential that as Christians we understand these topics and know how to fight in the war that is being waged on the life that God has given to us. If you have any questions contact Abby Brown at [abrown@students.vlhs.com](mailto:abrown@students.vlhs.com) or 989-823-4664.

### **Other Bible Study Opportunities**

**Men's Bible Study** – Sat., May 4th at 8AM in the Library.

**Couples Night!** What makes him silent? What makes her want to throw shoes? Come explore the Biblical plan for marriage and fellowship with other Christian couples. Led by Pastor Tim and Patti Fri., May 10th from 7-9pm in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Women of the Bible!** We will explore the amazing lives of these fascinating women and how we can relate their experiences to our own lives. Join me for this fun and interactive time of learning, fellowship, and reflection. The next class will be May 18th from 2-4pm in the Gathering Place. Led by Patti Martinal.

## **Music at St. Paul**



### **Church Choir**

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the band room.

### **Praise Team**

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the church.

If you love to sing, play an instrument, or just want to praise the Lord through music, come and check out one of our groups!



### **Special Music**

On Sun., May 19th we have the opportunity to hear the Valley Lutheran Handbell Choir, "Glorify", share their music with us during the Sunday services.

## **Scripture Readings**

### **May 5th**

Acts 9:1-22

Rev. 5:1-14

John 21:1-19

### **May 12th**

Acts 20:17-35

Rev. 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

### **May 19th**

Acts 11:1-18

Rev. 21:1-7

John 16:12-22 or John 13:31-35

### **May 26th**

Acts 16:9-15

Rev. 21:9-14, 21-27

John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9



## **WORSHIP ANEW**

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

May 5th - "From Grief to Gladness"  
Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12

May 12th - "The Voice of the Shepherd"  
John 10:27-28

May 19th - "Hearts Will Rejoice!" - John 16:20

May 26th - "Plain Talk" - John 16:23-33

### **8th Grade Confirmation**

Sun., May 5th in the 11AM service

### **1st Communion**

Sun., May 12th in the 11AM service



### **Graduation**

All **St. Paul alumni graduates of 2019** are invited to join us in your caps and gowns for our 8th Grade Graduation on Sun., June 9th in the 8:30AM service. This includes all high school, college, trade school, etc. graduates. You will process in with our 8th graders and have reserved seating. We look forward to seeing you all there!

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Storyhour** - 9-11AM

**Quilting** - 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

Our last day of quilting will be May 21st. Come and join us from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit! Call Lori if questions at 989-205-9873.

**Painting** - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## Scrapbooking

Sat., May 11th from 9AM-7PM in the **Parish Hall**. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Please bring a dish to pass if staying all day and your beverage.

**R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or [school.office@spmiller.org](mailto:school.office@spmiller.org).

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 9th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We are gathering together on the second Thursday of each month to bring our needs and pray together. We will have a short message on the topic of "prayer" each meeting and then spend time praying for one another and the needs that are brought to us. We will also share some written prayers and learn how to pray more effectively. Come join us! All are welcome!



## Euchre

Sat., May 11th from 4-6:30PM in the Activity Center. Everyone (men and women) 16 and older are invited. Snacks provided. Come and join us for some fun!

## Mother Daughter Banquet

You are invited to a **Mother/Daughter Potluck Banquet** Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Parish Hall. You are invited to an afternoon filled with fun, fellowship, and tasty food. Whether you are a mother or a daughter, you are invited to this exciting event. God has accepted all young ladies as His daughters. This is a family event, so invite all the ladies you know! All are welcome young and old. Tickets are only \$1.00 and can be purchased from any Dorcas member or in the church office. We would appreciate it if you brought your favorite dish to pass. Hope to see you there! Questions? Call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

## Arts & Crafts Camp

**Kids Arts and Crafts Summer Day Camp** will once again be held by Cookie Schmitzer. Camp will be July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2:30PM in the Projects Room for ages 6 and up. It will consist of the following: painting (oil and acrylic), paper art, tie-dye art, and several others. Cost is \$100 for the whole week or \$30 per day per student. All supplies included—bring a sack lunch. If interested, forms are in the church or school office and should be returned with payment by July 10<sup>th</sup>. If questions, please call Cookie Schmitzer at 989-672-1007.

## Youth Events

**All Youth** (Grades 3-12)

Whiffle Ball

Sat., May 18th from 3-5PM

Rain or Shine!

**Youth Team Meeting**

Tues., May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

New ideas are always welcome.

## May Meetings

### **Council**

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

### **Social Concerns**

Tues., May 7th at 5:30PM in the Council Room

### **Youth Team**

Tues., May 7th at 6PM in the Youth Room

### **PTL**

Tues., May 7th at 6PM in the Gathering Room  
8th Grade Parent Recognition

### **Stewardship**

Tues., May 7th at 6:30PM in the Library

### **Prayer Committee**

Thurs., May 9th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., May 13th & 27th at 7PM

### **Dorcas Meeting**

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

### **Elders**

Wed., May 7:30PM at 7:30PM

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

Sun., May 12th



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## May 2019

*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 mark on your calendars.

**NWEA testing will take place throughout this month K-8. PTL will be doing Candy Grams from May 20-28.**

- May 2 [National Day of Prayer](#)
- May 3 [Spirit Day, 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance](#) 6-9 p.m.
- May 5 [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation](#) 11:00 a.m. service
- May 7 [P.T.L. Meeting](#) at 6 p.m. 8th grade parent recognition
- May 10 [St. Paul Literature, Art & Music Fair](#) 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- May 12 [8<sup>th</sup> grade First Communion](#) 11:00 a.m. service
- May 15 [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 16 [Lutheran School Music Festival](#) at Peace Lutheran, Saginaw
- May 24 [½ Day of classes, Preschool Graduation & Picnic](#)
- May 27 [NO SCHOOL](#) ~ Memorial Day Both the school and church offices will be closed as well.
- May 29 [Academic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades that will be recognized during a dinner in their honor for using their God-given academic talents throughout the school year.



### May Sports



- May 4 NW Invitational at VLHS TBA
- May 11 Regional track meet at VLHS TBA
- May 18 Regional Meet at VLHS TBA
- May 21 TCLL Relay meet at Reese TBA



### School Music Opportunities



- May 12 All Students PreK-8 choice of service
- May 16 Lutheran School Music Festival VLHS
- May 19 Free Spirit Choir 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. If you are interested in helping in our sports programs, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Craig 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.

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

**The Bookkeeper's Corner**  
By Diane Mills (Board of Finance)

At our April Voter's Assembly, the first quarter budget vs actual numbers were presented. There isn't enough room in the Messenger to print the entire report as presented to the Assembly, so here is a condensed version.

**St Paul Lutheran Church & School**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: Calendar Year 2019 - FY19 P&L**  
January - December 2019  
As of March 31, 2019 (end of first quarter)

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>			
40200 Education	\$ 49,099.54	\$ 230,364.00	21.31%
40300 Elders	2,275.00	715.00	318.18%
40500 Finance	\$ 157,523.00	\$ 675,796.00	23.31%
40600 Salary & Personnel		1,800.00	0.00%
40800 Trustees	\$ 645.90	\$ 3,500.00	18.45%
Total 40000 General Operating Revenue	\$ 209,543.44	\$ 912,175.00	22.97%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 209,543.44</b>	<b>\$ 912,175.00</b>	<b>22.97%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
50300 Elders - General Fund	5,440.39	16,335.00	33.31%
50500 Finance	\$ 1,057.26	\$ 4,180.00	25.29%
50600 Salary & Personnel	\$ 2,322.02	\$ 9,100.00	25.52%
50750 Stewardship		1,400.00	0.00%
50800 Trustees	25,416.75	84,741.00	29.99%
55000 Wages - Salaried	\$ 132,753.00	\$ 488,440.00	27.18%
56000 Wages - Hourly	\$ 29,192.56	\$ 73,679.00	39.62%
57000 Employer Paid Taxes /			
<b>Benefits</b>	\$ 60,478.24	\$ 233,756.00	25.87%
Total 50000 General Operating Expense	\$ 256,660.22	\$ 911,631.00	28.15%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 256,660.22</b>	<b>\$ 911,631.00</b>	<b>28.15%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 47,116.78</b>	<b>\$ 544.00</b>	

Things to note:

- At the end of the first quarter, our percentages (far right column) should be hovering around 25%
- Elders line 40300 shows a 318.18% over budget: there was a contribution toward a project
- Elders line 50300 shows a 33.31% over budget: expenses that offset the contribution above
- Trustees line 50800 shows 29.99% over budget: unexpected repairs/maintenance
- Wages-Hourly line 56000 shows 39.62% over budget: overtime in child care & hot lunch reimbursement check not deposited until April.

In summary, our total income is down a bit while our expenses are up a bit. Staying within 3% up or down of our total budget means we're managing our gifts fairly well.

Administrative News  
**\*\*Offering Envelopes\*\***

If you have ever questioned the accuracy of your giving statement, it's because the accuracy is directly tied to your envelope number. If you use a different envelope number, or none at all, *we cannot bridge your offering to your account.*

Each week a team of tellers take the weekend offerings and begin a very detailed sort of envelopes, loose cash, and a myriad of other things that get tossed in the plate. They meticulously check the amount written on the envelope with the content inside – if there is a discrepancy, the amount inside the envelope will be used versus what is written on the outside.

The money now goes to the bank for verification. Many times the deposit is kicked back because the bank will not accept post dated checks, checks with the wrong year, checks written in any color than black or blue, checks where the numerical dollar amount does not match the written dollar amount, or checks that are not signed. The tellers do their best to catch them each week, but the tellers are not machines and don't catch them all.

If the deposit makes it through, now the envelopes go to a team of bookkeepers. **Envelope numbers are tied to the individual.** *If you use a different envelope number other than your own, the holder of that envelope number will receive the posting of the dollar amount.*

If you place a loose check in the plate, the gift will automatically go to the general fund and the giving will NOT reflect on your account.

Each communicant member is assigned an envelope number. Husbands/wives are assigned one number. If a husband/wife team needs to separate their givings (usually for tax purposes), one of them needs to request their own envelope number.

In summary, using your assigned envelope number for your gifts ensures accuracy at tax time.

Note: none of this applies to on-line giving (Giving Plus)

Administrative News  
**\*\*Church Records\*\***

The church has begun its overhaul of the database and needs your help.

Each member of this congregation (and many non-members as related to the member) has a record in the church office. The records contain not only simple demographic information, but information that cannot be found anywhere else: dates such as baptism, confirmation, wedding, transfer in, transfer out, etc.

The records are stored **for your lifetime** as long as you remain a member of this congregation. Your record is the single source document the pastors use for visits, hospital calls, church directory, and most importantly – funerals.

The new electronic records database is called **Shelby Membership** and its current accuracy is marginal at best. Every single person in the congregation has an account that can be accessed via computer or mobile app. You just need to request access.

How to request access? Please fill out a database form and return to the church office as soon as you can. The form can be found in this Messenger as well as the church office and the narthex. Even if you do not wish to access your account, we still need the form filled out.

There's more. Shelby Membership will become our single source for the church and school all-call (also known as Church Call, School Reach, etc). We are building brand new all-call lists and you must request placement on the lists. If you're on the current all-call lists, you will **not** automatically be placed on the new list. You must request access via the same form as the database form.

Questions? Please call the church office and talk with Stacey or send an e-mail to [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org).



## Shelby Membership Registration

(the new church database)

**Instructions:**

- a. Fill out as much as you can, **return to church office**, and we will update your personal record.
- b. If you wish access to your records and the church directory, please check here ☐ and we'll send you login information and password. Don't forget to include your e-mail address below!
- c. See reverse for requesting access to the new All-Call system
- d. One sheet per person (no "family" registrations)

### Personal Information

First Name		Home Phone (landline only)	
Middle Name		Cell Phone	
Preferred Name		Work Phone	
Last Name		Primary e-mail	
Address 1			
City/State			
Address 2			
City/State			
		Zip	
		Zip	

### Dates of Record

Birthdate		Baptized	
Confirmation		Profession of Faith	
Wedding Date			

### Other Record Information

Envelope No.		Narthex Box No.	
Confirmation verse		Where confirmed?	
Place of Marriage			
Your Father			
Your Mother (include maiden name)			

## All-Call Registration

**A note about the All Call list:** Many people want to be on the all call list (also known as Church Reach or School Reach); many people do not. We are creating new lists from scratch. You have the option on being on one or both of the lists as well as the option to receive mass contact information via voice message on a home phone or text/voice messaging on a cell phone.

How it works:

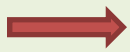
a) The Church all-call will remain **voice** message due to its content -- messages about worship services and funerals are not text-friendly. You can use a land-line or cell phone for voice only.

b) The School all-call has voice message to a land-line or cell-phone and text message to your cell phone capabilities. Here are the software rules to follow:

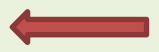
- Home Phone: must be a landline (NO cell phone numbers)
- Cell Phone voice: must be a cell phone where you want to receive voice messages
- Cell Phone text: must be a cell phone with a data plan

c) Register!

Instructions: insert phone numbers where you want to be contacted. Example: if you fill out all five blocks below, you could be contacted five times depending on the information.



Note: the phone numbers below must also be the same numbers as indicated on your Shelby **Membership Registration** on the reverse side of this sheet



### Church All-Call (no texting)

Your cell phone voice number:	
Your home landline voice phone number:	

### School All-Call

Your cell text number:	
Your cell phone voice number:	
Your home landline voice phone number:	

Reminder: if you fill out all five blocks, you could be contacted five times depending on the information. If you only want one phone/text, only fill out one block.





# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 17-18 | READINGS 49-54

April 28-May 11

## 49. SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE—1 Kings 6

WEEK 17 | April 28-May 4

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ God made His presence known in the form of a cloud. Talk about how the people must have felt when they saw it.
- ◆ God reveals Himself to us just as powerfully in His Word (The Bible), Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. How does this make you feel to know that God is there for us, all the time?

## 50. GOD PROVIDES FOR ELIJAH—1 Kings 17

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ God provided just enough flour and oil that they could stay alive during the draught. What would it be like to see the oil and flour never running out?
- ◆ We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread". What is meant by "daily bread"? (See Luther's Small Catechism)

*Prayer: Father, we pray "give us this day our daily bread". Thank You for providing everything we need to support us in this body and life. Amen.*

## 51. ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL—1 Kings 18

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ In verse 21, Elijah asks, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions?" What do you think he meant?
- ◆ What are some things that interfere with your relationship with God?

*Prayer: Lord God, clear those things away in life which interfere with our relationship with You. Keep our faith strong in You, so we may boldly tell others how You sent Jesus, Your Son, to save us. Amen.*

## 52. GOD TAKES ELIJAH TO HEAVEN—1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 2

WEEK 18 | May 5-11

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Elijah wanted to give up and quit after being threatened with death. What did God do to reassure Elijah?
- ◆ In Matthew 28:20, Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". How does that bring us assurance when times are tough?

*Prayer: When times are tough, Lord, assure me with Your presence and peace. Give me strength and courage for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

## 53. NAAMAN AND ELISHA—2 Kings 5

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Describe a time you were really, really sick. Why do you think Naaman was, at first, angry with Elisha?
- ◆ Why do you think God chose to heal Naaman quietly and simply, without a lot of hoopla?

*Prayer: Be with me Lord. Help me when I struggle and grow sick to trust in You for everything in life. Remind me that when Jesus returns, He will take away all sickness and disease forever. Amen.*

## 54. JONAH'S STORY—The Book of Jonah

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jonah didn't like Nineveh, and initially wanted God to punish them for their sin. God had other plans. What did He do to change Jonah's mind?
- ◆ How do you forgive someone who seems to be your enemy? Why is it good to forgive even our enemies?

*Prayer: Lord God, You care about everyone in the world. You want all people to be saved. Give us opportunity to let Your love and forgiveness shine to others. Amen.*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 19-20 | READINGS 55-60

May 12-25

## 55. ISAIAH SEES THE LORD—Isaiah 6-7, 9, & 53

WEEK 19 | May 12-18

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Isaiah wrote that Jesus' name would be Immanuel. Google "Immanuel" to find out what it means. How is Jesus Immanuel?
- ◆ Isaiah also wrote, "and with His stripes we are healed". God has forgiven you through His son, Jesus. What does that mean to you?

## 56. KING HEZEKIAH PRAYS—2 Kings 18-19

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ When it seemed like everything was against King Hezekiah, what did he say in his prayer? (2 Kings 19:14-19)
- ◆ How might hardships in life actually teach us to trust in God even more?

*Prayer: Lord God, thank You for listening to the prayer of King Hezekiah. Help me be confident that You will never forget me. Amen.*

## 57. KING JOSIAH—2 Kings 22-23

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ After King Josiah found out that they were breaking the commandments handed down to them by God, what did he do?
- ◆ Why do you think it seems so easy to fall into unbelief and sin?

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me examine every part of my heart, mind, and soul. I confess my sins to You. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, who has won forgiveness for me. Amen.*

## 58. GOD CALLS JEREMIAH—Jeremiah 1, 23, & 31

WEEK 20 | May 19-25

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ God told Jeremiah that before he was born, God knew him. How does it make you feel to know that God knew you, BEFORE you were born?
- ◆ Look at the end of Jeremiah 31:34. That's a promise to you because of Jesus. He not only forgives you, God no longer remembers your sin, because of Jesus. What does this mean to you?

*Prayer: Before I was born, You knew me. Thank You for Your love and constant care for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

## 59. ISRAEL AND JUDAH IN EXILE—2 Kings 17, 24-25

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why do you think Israel and Judah were taken into captivity and exile?
- ◆ Have you ever done something bad and gotten in big trouble because of it? What happened?

*Prayer: Lord, I often fail in keeping Your commandments. I confess my sins to You and call upon Your mercy and forgiveness, won for us on the cross by Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## 60. EZEKIEL: GOD'S PROMISES TO THE EXILES—Ezekiel 8 & 36-37:14

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ After God promised punishment for Israel's evil deeds, what good things did He promise as well?
- ◆ God hates sin, but loves us. He promises He will restore Israel by putting His Spirit within them. How do you think this might apply to your life and relationship with God?

*Prayer: Lord, forgive my sin and change my heart. Bring the power of Your love and forgiveness into me by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 21 | READINGS 61-63

May 26-June 1

## 61. THE FIERY FURNACE—Daniel 3

WEEK 21 | May 26-June 1

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ What was King Nebuchadnezzar's reaction to the three men coming out of the fiery furnace unharmed?
- ♦ Describe some opportunities you might have to stand up for your faith in Christ.

## 62. DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN—Daniel 6

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ Has someone ever tried really hard to get you in trouble?
- ♦ How do you think it's becoming more difficult to stand up for what you believe? What did you learn from Daniel, who stood up for what he believed?

*Prayer: O Lord, teach me to trust that you will always be with me, especially when I face harm or danger. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 63. DANIEL SEES HEAVEN—Daniel 7

Completed

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*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ♦ "Ancient of Days" is referring to God the Father. How is He described?
- ♦ "...one like a son of man" refers to Jesus, the Son of God. He is our Savior and Lord. From this description, what do you think "Savior and Lord" means?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Your mercy never fails. You reign as Lord over the heavens and the earth, and I'm grateful for You. Amen.*

### Needed

**Janitor Sub** – The hours would be about 3-8PM as needed. Call Bill Weber if questions or if interested.

**His Little Lambs** is in need of a **part time lead teacher**. Hours/Days: Less than 20 hours, various days, fill in when regular staff is off. Qualifications: 19 years of age, CDA, Associates or higher degree in Early Childhood or related field. Any questions? Want to fill out an application? Come see us in the Childcare room or call 989-871-4581 ext. 5 and ask for Christina.

### Hospitalizations

In an effort to better serve your spiritual needs, if you are **entering the hospital** and want a visit from the pastor or a prayer in church, please call the church office with your information. When returning home, please call and update us also. We don't always get a phone call from the hospital and we don't use media postings for our information. Thanks for understanding.

### Orphan Grain Train

#### **Michigan is Operational**

The first branch of Orphan Grain Train in Michigan has launched operations. The OGT branch Center located in Sebewaing has spent nine months preparing its warehouse and assembling the multiple components necessary to conduct its Christian humanitarian mission. In loving response to Christ, Orphan Grain Train enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to people in need both internationally to 68 foreign countries and domestically during times of crisis. Sometimes that character is through a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed. Congregations exploring the possibility of forming a volunteer team for Orphan Grain Train—Michigan may contact its branch manager, Pastor Dave Reed (989-600-2264).

# Memorials / Financial Info. / Daily Lectionary

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Richard Cobb General Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Dave Rogers General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Beulah Schiefer General Fund	\$165.00
In Memory of Olivia Rose School Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Marvin Schiefer General Fund	\$125.00
Building Fund	\$830.00
School Fund	\$20.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$655.00
In Memory of Deborah Reinbold General Fund	\$10.00

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 03/31/19: \$572,006.15  
 Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022  
 March 2019 Mortgage Payment: \$14,135.00  
 \* Principal \$13,022.64  
 \* Interest \$ 1,112.36  
 Amount received to pay mortgage: \$ 9,764.50  
 Amount deducted from contingency fund: \$(4,370.50)  
 Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$14,225.97

## March 2019 Income & Expense Summary

March General Fund Income: \$71,469.56  
 March General Fund Expenses: \$(86,774.11)  
 March Deficit: \$(15,304.55)  
 Year to date: Deficit \$(47,115.10)  
 Overall: Surplus \$ 6,348.90

## Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance: \$143,423.73  
 Church Designated Accounts balance\*\*: \$57,597.25  
 All Memorials balance: \$20,867.76  
 General Fund Checking Balance: \$6,348.90  
 \*\*Includes Sacrificial Giving Campaign

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Daily Lectionary May 2019</b>			<b>1</b> Isaiah 30:18-21; 60:1-6 Matt. 2:1-12	<b>2</b> Ex. 25:1-22 Lk. 5:17-39	<b>3</b> Ex. 31:1-18 Lk. 6:1-19	<b>4</b> Ex. 32:1-14 Lk. 6:20-38
<b>5</b> Ex. 32:15-35 Lk. 6:39-49	<b>6</b> Ex. 33:1-23 Lk. 7:1-17	<b>7</b> Ex. 34:1-28 Lk. 7:18-35	<b>8</b> Ex. 34:29-35:21 Lk. 7:36-50	<b>9</b> Ex. 38:21-39:8 Lk. 8:1-21	<b>10</b> Ex. 39:32-40:16 Lk. 8:22-39	<b>11</b> Ex. 40:17-38 Lk. 8:40-56
<b>12</b> Lev. 8:1-13; 30-36 Lk. 9:1-17	<b>13</b> Lev. 9:1-24 Lk. 9:18-36	<b>14</b> Lev. 10:1-20 Lk. 9:37-62	<b>15</b> Lev. 16:1-24 Lk. 10:1-22	<b>16</b> Lev. 17:1-16 Lk. 10:23-42	<b>17</b> Lev. 18:1-7; 18:20-19:8 Lk. 11:1-13	<b>18</b> Lev. 19:9-18; 26-37 Lk. 11:14-36
<b>19</b> Lev. 20:1-16; 22-27 Lk. 11:37-54	<b>20</b> Lev. 21:1-24 Lk. 12:1-12	<b>21</b> Lev. 23:1-22 Lk. 12:13-34	<b>22</b> Lev. 23:23-44 Lk. 12:35-53	<b>23</b> Lev. 24:1-23 Lk. 12:54-13:17	<b>24</b> Lev. 26:1-20 Lk. 13:18-35	<b>25</b> Lev. 26:21-33; 39-44 Lk. 14:1-24
<b>26</b> Num. 3:1-16; 39-48 Lk. 14:25-15:10	<b>27</b> Num. 8:5-26 Lk. 15:11-32	<b>28</b> Num. 9:1-23 Lk. 16:1-18	<b>29</b> Num. 10:11-36 Lk. 16:19-31	<b>30</b> Num. 11:1-23; 31-35 Lk. 17:1-19	<b>31</b> Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16 Lk. 17:20-37	

## Opportunities / Thank You / Mission News

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

For the last four years my sister and I have chaired the **fish booth** during the summer festival, being one of PTL's largest fundraisers. However, our growing families require more of our time. We love this fundraiser and would love to see it continue, but we are no longer able to chair it. We will see it through this year since we have already committed. We ask you to think it over and consider taking it over next year, 2020. If you have an interest, please contact us and we would love to show you the ropes this year. Monica Koeltzow

Our next **Rescue Mission** date is May 11th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw from 10AM-2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. To help prepare sack lunches, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., May 10th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

We are looking for **volunteers to paint** areas in the school and also the church hallways. True Value will be donating paint to help us with this project. Dates and times to be determined- sometime after school is out. Please call the church office if you can help in any way. We will let you know once dates are decided.

Volunteers needed to do **push mowing** and trim work for the church and school grounds. Depending on the number of people we get to help, it's usually about once a month. Contact Bill Weber at school 871-4581 or home 871-9975 by April 30th so he can get a schedule made soon. Thank you!

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. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

### Thank You!

**Thank you** for your generosity throughout Lent. Together we raised \$14,258.44 for the Seminary Debt Relief Fund. This will allow us to pay down the debts of Pastor Jason Peterson, Pastor Peter Ill, and Pastor Tim Martinal by \$4,752.81 each. If you are still planning to make a contribution, please do so by Sunday, May 5th so we can finalize this campaign. Again, thanks for your generosity; it will be a blessing to these pastors.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with this year's Easter Breakfast for the Valley Lutheran Fund. Your generosity is very appreciated. Thank you again, Danielle & Paige Ayotte

**Thank you** to the whole St. Paul congregation for your continued support of my mission trips. I am so excited to go back to France this summer to work at PDV summer camp. This would not be possible without the prayers and support of each you. I am so blessed to have such an amazing church family. You are all gifts from God and I thank Him for you. - Bethany Anne Daenzer

**Thank you** to Pastor Bruner, Pastor Martinal, and our Church Family for visits and prayers in the passing of our father, Marvin Schiefer.

### **Mission Trip to Thailand (Part 4)**

Through Kalia Lo, Pastor Fung Lo's wife, who is the over-seer of the Center where I will be working, told me that I will be teaching English, a Health class and piano lessons. She sent me a "Lily Reader" Level I, that have pages to help the children with reading, writing, and math skills.

In the past month, I've started to prepare by readying bible story pictures to use in the learning process. It's rather fun to touch base with all those Sunday school materials I used to learn about and teach years ago. It also makes me appreciate our teachers, as one forgets just how many hours are spent in planning and preparation as a teacher, until you are involved in the process.

My heart was deeply touched, as I found out that our school children gave their March offerings to my Thailand missionary endeavor. I had no idea they were going to do that! What a wonderful surprise!! I'm hoping to buy some soccer balls and an air pump to put in my suitcase to share with the children in Thailand. I was told that they do not really have toys to play with, and, if any extra monies, that will be used for school supplies. So, thank you children very much! If anyone would like to support me in this mission trip to Thailand in a monetary way, please feel free to drop by your donation to my church mailbox. Any and all are deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Please continue to pray for me and may the Lord bless you always.

Janette Keinath



### **Memorial Day**

Mon., May 27th

Thank you to all who have served  
are continuing to serve.

## A Letter from Michigan District

### ***Teresa Walter***

#### ***2019 Michigan District K-8<sup>th</sup> Teacher of the Year***

We are blessed with many Lutheran schools throughout the Michigan District, and those schools are full of gifted teachers serving their Lord by educating His little ones every day. Each year we lift up outstanding educators who are doing extraordinary things in the classroom. It is our privilege to recognize Teresa Walter as the 2019 Michigan District K-8<sup>th</sup> Teacher of the Year. The following are some comments shared in the nomination process.

*"Teresa is a master teacher, most gifted musician, mentor to all, and most importantly, a tremendous witness of her faith in her Lord Jesus Christ."*

*"She is willing to learn and collaborate – a team player. She is loved by her students and parents, always willing to go the extra mile, always striving for excellence. Teresa selflessly dedicates herself to her students, congregation, music, fellow teachers and her husband. She is a shining example of Christian living and love for her Lord."*

It is evident that Teresa's ministry to the students, staff, and families at St. Paul is one that should be celebrated. We are thankful for her dedication to St. Paul's ministry and her willingness to lead in a variety of ways. It is awesome to see how Teresa has been a blessing to so many. May she continue to have a powerful impact on those she has been called to serve!

Serving Him,

Travis Grulke  
Superintendent of Schools  
Michigan District, LCMS



***Congratulations, Mrs. Walter!***

***We are so blessed to have you  
here at St. Paul!***

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Washington DC Trip		6:30p Church Council 6:53p Choir Practice	6:15p Praise Team		8a Men's Bible Study 7p Worship
<b>Compassion Sunday</b> 8:30a Worship + C- Church Choir 9:45a Bible Study 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship - 8th Grade Confirmation/Church Choir	6p Bible Study of Esther	7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 5:30p Social Concerns 6p Painting 6p PTL Meeting 6p Youth Team 6:30p Stewardship 7:30p AA	6:53p Choir Practice	5p Art, Music, Lit. Fair 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Committee	1:30p City Rescue Prep 5p Rental 7p Couples Bible Study	9a Scrap booking 10a City Rescue Mission 4p Euchre 7p Worship + C
<b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30a Worship -K-8 9:45a Life Presentation by Abby Brown 9:45a Bible Study 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship + C – 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion – K-8 2p Mother/Daughter Banquet	6p Bible Study of Esther 7p Stephen Ministry	7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 9a Bible Study of Esther 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7:30p AA	6p Athletic Banquet	6:15p Praise Team	8a Music Festival at Peace	2p Women's Bible Study 3p All Youth - Wiffle Ball 7p Worship
*8:30a Worship+C: Free Spirit 9:45a Life Presentation by Abby Brown 9:45a Bible Study 9:45a Sunday School *11a Contemporary Worship * = VLHS Glorify HB Choir		7a Jubilee Hand bells 9a Story Hour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Dorcas 7:30p AA	7:30p Elders	6:15p Praise Team	11:30a Preschool Grad	7p Worship + C
8:30a Worship 9:45a Bible Study 11a Contemporary Worship +C	<b>No School Offices Closed</b> 7p Stephen Ministry	9a Story Hour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7:30p AA	6p Academic Banquet	6:15p Praise Team	Ignite Jr Youth Gathering - Frankenmuth	Parish Hall Rental 7p Worship
Ignite Jr Youth Gathering - Frankenmuth						



# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

## May

Acolytes	4/5	11/12	18/19	25/26	
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	
8:30AM	Hoards	Ryan Keinath	Hoards	Ryan Keinath	
11AM	Peyton Schmandt +Crucifer	Rodammers	Tyler Rude	Sawyer Keinath	
Screen Tech					
7PM	Weston Reinig		Kailee Fackler	Mason Lugg	
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers	Carly Trinklein		
11AM	Hunter Ayotte	Paige & Dani Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine	
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergeant	
8:30 AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler	
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine	

### Ushers

8:30AM Service  
 Captain – Phil Gordon  
 Assistant - James Kribs  
 Dave Ackerman  
 Tony Kohler  
 Peter Shollack  
 Andrew Weber  
 Dennis Weiss

### Ushers

11AM Service  
 Captain – Dick Gross  
 Assistant – Arnold  
 Petzold  
 Aidan Bach  
 Kenton Gleason  
 Gary Hecht  
 Tom Keinath  
 Gloria LaPointe  
 Phil Petzold

### Ushers

7:30PM Service  
 Captain – Brian Gladys  
 Mason Lugg  
 Dale Peche

### Church Sextons

Matt & Angie Ayotte  
 Armand & Faye Carmona  
 Ed & Marcia Keinath  
 Ted & Katrina Wager  
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

### Communion Set-Up

7PM - Amy Yorke  
 8:30AM -  
 11AM - Kristin Hoard & Julie Rude

*“Volunteers do not necessarily  
 have the time;  
 they just have the heart.”*

## *MAY BIRTHDAYS*

Amy Schiefer	05/01	Mary Kern	05/10	Trevor Betzing	05/20
Janice Binder	05/01	Sandra Lince	05/10	Amy Bentley	05/22
Jean Jensen	05/01	Sarah Mays	05/10	Angela Thomason	05/22
Bryan Wilson	05/02	Abigail Whittaker	05/11	Angi O'Neil	05/22
Jonathan Petzold	05/02	Betty Bradley	05/11	April Ehrhardt	05/22
Kim Reinig	05/02	Caleb Reinbold	05/11	Gary Knoll	05/22
Robert Blogg	05/02	Cathy Gentry	05/11	Hudson Sheppard	05/22
Cody Woodward	05/03	Cherri Holmes	05/11	Robin Shaffer	05/22
Emma Stewart	05/03	Julie Piar	05/11	Theodore Kabat	05/22
Hudson Myers	05/03	John Walz	05/12	Brenda Frahm	05/23
Lindsay Paquette	05/03	Sue Sayles	05/12	Gale Brown	05/23
Lori Stratton	05/03	Cameron Barnum	05/13	Kelsey Gronowski	05/23
Nancy Wagner	05/03	Christian Alberts	05/13	Dillon Leix	05/24
Rachel ILL	05/03	Crystalyn Erickson	05/13	Eunice Peché	05/24
Holly Jones	05/04	Emaline Whittaker	05/13	James, Jr. Bodeis	05/24
Landon Kern	05/04	Geffory McTaggart	05/13	Seth Mohr	05/24
Michelle Jaruzel	05/04	Harper Aguirre	05/13	Edna McLaren	05/25
Travis Washburn	05/04	Jackie Sabgash	05/13	Jamie Blue	05/25
Emma Burns	05/05	Kieran Ehrhardt	05/13	Jon Keinath	05/25
Haily Kennedy	05/05	Marcia Stohon	05/13	Tammy Kowitz	05/25
Hudsen O'Neil	05/05	Stephen Schmandt	05/13	Tom Howay	05/25
Jeffrey Jones	05/05	Troy Bonadurer	05/13	Daniel Meacham	05/26
Rebecca Mitchell	05/05	Zachary Myers	05/13	Erik Loper	05/26
Adam Johnson	05/06	Colin Meacham	05/14	Gary Johnson	05/26
Betty Bleuer	05/06	Gina Werner	05/14	Lydia Denome	05/26
Destiny Stevens	05/06	Larry, III Greer	05/14	Paul Hibbard	05/26
Jodie Lowrey	05/06	Mark Williams	05/14	Steve Waterman	05/26
June Bierlein	05/06	David Williams, Jr.	05/15	Dani Lyons	05/27
Madison Hahn	05/06	Dawn Reinert	05/15	Matthew Schiefer	05/27
Mya Sutton	05/06	Erik Lince	05/15	Ricky Reinert	05/27
Owen Butterfield	05/06	Laura Keinath	05/15	Carmen Leitz	05/28
Rian Edler	05/06	Terri Reinert	05/15	Flora Weber	05/28
Rosie Horning	05/06	Joshua Allen	05/16	Jorden Goodhue	05/28
Taylor Withers	05/06	Loraine Petzold	05/16	Katherine Weber	05/28
Thomas Glynn	05/06	Nathan Draper	05/16	Mark Ferrier	05/28
Alene Smith	05/07	Angela Zeck	05/17	Marlene Straub	05/28
Barbara Paquette	05/07	Carmin List	05/17	Rachel Lawrence	05/28
Betty Rueger	05/07	Diane Bishop	05/17	Ryan Pavlicek	05/28
Conor Gentry	05/07	Melissa Wagner	05/17	Sharon Garrett	05/28
Meghan DuRussel	05/07	Skylar Ley	05/17	Chad Cobanovich	05/29
Stephanie Long	05/07	Heidi Vande Streek	05/18	Jennifer Koch	05/29
Timothy Weber	05/07	Jean Harsen	05/18	Joanne Lee	05/29
Yvonne Burrows	05/07	Kyle Yatsevich	05/18	Tayler Martinez	05/29
Jackson Shreve	05/08	Lisa Bastian	05/18	Victor Schwab III	05/29
Audrey Brown	05/09	Caleb Schlereth	05/19	Cheryl Leix	05/30
Joshua Myers	05/09	Connie Damm	05/19	James Brueggemann	05/30
Lexi Bruner	05/09	Elliana Vande Streek	05/19	Michael Montney	05/30
Matthew Harrington	05/09	Jay Rodammer	05/19	Ron King	05/30
Santana Alvord	05/09	Larry ILL	05/19	Steve Schultz	05/30
Shane Edler	05/09	David Decker	05/20	Alfred Cunningham	05/31
Stacie Lyons	05/09	Jacob Jensen	05/20	Carolyn Howe	05/31
Adam Gross	05/10	Jordyn Frahm	05/20		
Kristin Hoard	05/10	Kelley Opperman	05/20		





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# Monthly Messenger

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