



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### November 2019

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

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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#### Worship Services

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

#### Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor

#### *The Feast of Weeks*

*You shall count seven weeks. Begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your towns, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there. (Deuteronomy 16:9-11 ESV)*

In Old Testament Israel, farmers put their sickles to the standing grain about April 5 on our calendar; seven weeks after that would be about May 24. This 50-day interval seems to have stretched from the beginning of the barley harvest to the end of the wheat harvest. Seven weeks allowed for a variation in the time needed for grain to ripen from year to year.

The Feast of Weeks is also called the Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16) and the Day of Firstfruits (Numbers 28:26). This important feast in Israel's history was later called Pentecost because Jews observed it on the 50<sup>th</sup> day following the Sabbath that began Passover. Not long after the Feast of Weeks was the offering of the first fruits from the grain harvest, **an act that expressed thanksgiving, trust, and devotion to the LORD.** Israelites could also show their gratitude to the LORD by letting the poor and foreigner in the land take the grain left by the harvesters along the edge of the field (Leviticus 23:22). God commands His people to remember their blessings and to share from their bounty with those in need. When God has given us much, He asks much from us. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much,*

*much more will be asked"* (Luke 12:48 NIV). By sharing what God has given you, you show your trust in His generosity. He also promises through Jesus, that you will receive many times more than you give, in this age and in the age to come (Luke 18:18-30).

This has been a difficult and challenging year for many in the agricultural field. Please know the LORD hears your cries and has not abandoned you. But did you notice that, regardless of the size of the harvest, God expected a freewill offering from the first fruits? No specific amount or percentage was given by God. And yet, we are to "give as the LORD your God blesses you". St. Paul echoes this in 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

So regardless of your vocation or station in life, reflect on how the LORD your God blesses you. Remember a time when you may have been a child, or an employee, or a sojourner in a strange place, or fatherless and/or motherless, or a widow/widower. Remember what it felt like to have no voice, no control, no connection, no hope. Then **rejoice** before the LORD your God for all the blessings He's given you, especially for the forgiveness, life, and salvation we have in Jesus; even in a season of uncertainty and hardship, rejoice! **Offer** the first fruits from your "grain harvest" as an act that expresses thanksgiving, trust, and devotion to the LORD. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to embolden you to be generous to all, but especially to those who suffer need.

God is Lord of the harvest. In His divine timing, He will bless us and provide for all we need to support this body and life. Who better to trust with our earthly riches, however great or little they may be, than to the LORD our God, from whom all blessings come? **Rejoice! Pray! And Give Thanks!** For the LORD our God, the God of the harvest, has done, and continues to do, marvelous things.

Pastor Tim Martinal

The November Messenger is sponsored in Honor of Ken & Kathy III  
on their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

## Spiritual News

### **Worship Times**

**Saturdays at 7PM - Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM**

Join us between services in the Gathering Room for Coffee Hour before Bible Study begins.

**Sunday School** between services.

**Bible Studies** between services- I AM A CHURCH MEMBER (Library) and CONNECTED (Parish Hall).

### **Other Bible Study Opportunities**

**Men's Bible Study** – Sat., Nov. 2nd at 8AM in the Library.

**Couples Night Bible Study!** Led by Pastor Tim and Patti Nov. 10th from 6:30-8:30PM in the Gathering Place. Our next focus will be Ephesians 5. Submission? Headship? Sacrificial Love? How do these concepts fit into our marriages today? Join us to learn more. Please bring a wedding picture to share with the group.

**Women's Bible Study** - Calling all women to join us in a 7-week Priscilla Shirer DVD study, Armor of God. To accommodate busy schedules there will be an evening session at 6 pm on Tuesdays, and a morning session at 10 am on Wednesdays. Please plan on attending and bring a friend or two. Each week we will watch a DVD and then have a brief discussion. We will meet in the Gathering Room. Questions call or text Denise Sherman, 989-577-9854.

**Women of the Bible!** We will meet Nov. 14th from 7-9PM in the Gathering Room. Come and join the study as we look at Noah's wife and his daughter-in-laws. See how these unnamed women can be great examples of faith & patience.

## Upcoming Special Services

### *Thanksgiving Service:*

*Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - 10AM +Communion*

### *Christmas Choir Concert:*

*Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 4PM*

*Songs of Praise Dinner following the concert.*

### *Advent Services*

*Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 & 6:30PM*

### *Children's Christmas Services:*

*Wed., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 6PM*

*Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6PM*

### *Christmas Eve Services:*

*Candlelight - 9PM*

*Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion*



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

Nov. 3rd - "God's Israel" - Rev. 7:9-10  
Nov. 10th - "God Chose You" - 2 Thess. 2:13  
Nov. 17th - "Don't Get Tired!" - 2 Thess. 3:1-13  
Nov. 24th - "What's Your Epitaph?" - Col. 1:18

### **Public School Confirmation**

Thursdays from 7-8PM in the Gathering Room

### Scripture Readings

#### Nov. 3rd

Rev. 7:2-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matt. 5:1-12

#### Nov. 10th

Ex. 3:1-15

2 Thess. 2:1-17

Luke 20:27-40

#### Nov. 17th

Mal. 4:1-6

2 Thess. 3:1-13

Luke 21:5-36

#### Nov. 24th

Mal. 3:13-18

Col. 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

### **Music at St. Paul**

#### **Handbells**

Mondays at 7PM in the Church

New ringers are needed. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

#### **Church Choir**

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the Band Room

#### **Praise Team**

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the Church

#### **Brass**

As needed for special services.

A timpani player is needed. Please call the church office if interested.

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Jubilee Handbells** - Tuesdays at 7AM in the church.

**Storyhour** Tuesday mornings from 9-11AM in the nursery. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and snacks. Call Lori if questions 989-205-9873.

**Quilting** Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit!

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

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

## Scrapbooking

Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour, or the whole day. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or [school.office@spsmill.org](mailto:school.office@spsmill.org).

## Youth Scavenger Hunt

**Impact/Ignite** (Grades 6-12)

**\*\*Date Change\*\*** Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7PM  
At Pastor & Patti Martinal's house.

## March for Life Informational Meeting



If you are interested in going to the **March for Life** January 24, 2020 in Washington DC, please attend an **informational meeting** on Tues., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Youth Room. If questions, please talk to Pastor Tim or Patti.

## DORCAS / LWML

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**

#### **Luncheon**

**11:00AM - 1:30PM**



Face Painting - Saturday

Homemade Candies - Baked Goods

Popcorn Balls & Cookie Walk

Rag rugs, Crochet & Knitted Items, Craft Items, Plants, Quilts

Wood Items, Christmas Ornaments

Items for Children & Fish Pond

\*Reasonable Prices

Proceeds go towards School and Church Projects

Vendors welcome -

contact Lori Osborn 989-205-9873

\* St. Paul Kids Shop on Thurs., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

## Church Elections

The Church Elections are coming soon. Please take a moment to look over the **Ballot and Biographies** on the table in the narthex. Elections will take place the weekend of Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> before and after services in the Gathering Room. Remember - any congregational member that has attended a Voters' Meeting this calendar year and all members 65 or older are eligible to vote.



## Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Chapel  
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We gather 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!



**Thurs., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Area News

**Chicken Dinner** Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30AM-1:30PM at the Millington Community Center. \$10 per person-chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, buttered noodles, vegetable, salad, drinks, & desserts.

**VLHS INFORMATION NIGHT** for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and parents on Tues., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Valley Lutheran High School. Get a guided tour of Valley, meet students, teachers, and hear about all the great things you can be part of at VLHS. No RSVP needed just come out for a fun, relaxed evening. Questions?? Email Sondra Yantz, Admissions Counselor, at [syantz@vlhs.com](mailto:syantz@vlhs.com) or contact the school 989-790-1676.

**Bazaar and Cookie Walk** hosted by Valley Lutheran Parent Organization on Sat., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM. 55 vendors plus hundreds of cookies to choose from for your Christmas needs or to enjoy now! Luncheon from 11AM-1PM in the cafeteria. Admission is free! We look forward to seeing you.



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## November 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 richly blessed us with another beautiful landscape of His autumn creation with gorgeous arrays of color all around us. During this month, we prepare for many special family events. Let's set aside some time to really thank Him for what we have been blessed with and remember that He is ALWAYS with us along that pathway, giving us His mercy every day!

Our school's offering and mission focus this year is to find ways to put "Feet to our Faith" following what we are told in Matthew 25:35-40; helping as many people in as many ways as possible. So, for the month of November, our Chapel offerings for the first week of November will be going to the "Grant"parent Tuition Program as this helps children come to learn about Jesus at St. Paul Lutheran School. For the rest of November, we will be working on **Project: Stranger**. For this Project, we will be doing special projects within the classrooms that will help others going through the foster system and/or dealing with family separations/difficulties of some kind. Our offerings will go toward the cost of materials needed to make this possible. You are ALL ALWAYS welcome to join us for our Wednesday Chapel services at 8:00 a.m.

## Important November Dates



Nov. 1	Grandparents Day with Chapel; end of quarter
Nov. 3	Daylight Savings Time
Nov. 7	Students shop Bazaar
Nov. 11	Veterans Day celebration
Nov. 14 & 15	Farm Bus Presentation
Nov. 20	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 25 & 26	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 26	Half day of classes dismissal at 11:15 a.m. NO BUS
Nov. 27-Dec. 1	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation



## November Sports



We are thankful for a safe season for the girl's volleyball & soccer teams. Thank you to the players, coaches, parents and fans for your help and support throughout the seasons. Now we move into the basketball seasons. The girls start the play followed by the boy's game. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.

### Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball

Nov. 8	with Christ the King, Sebewaing	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	with St. Paul, Flint ( <b>boys ONLY</b> )	4:45 p.m.
Nov. 19	with St. Michael's, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Trinity, Reese (Trinity-Trost)	4:30 p.m.



## School Musical Opportunities



Nov. 3	Junior Bells at 8:30 a.m./ Free Spirit at 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 17	Cantate at 8:30 a.m./ Preschool Choir at 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 24	Cherub Choir at 11:00 a.m.

# Happy Thanksgiving

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

# Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills, Director of Finance

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, September 15, 2019 to show the congregation our financial situation three years ago, today, and where we are heading. The intent was to demonstrate we are not only heading into a deficit situation, but we continue to spend more than we earn.

The congregation was asked to come up with any and all suggestions that the Boards could address: either increase income, decrease expense, or a combination. Here are the suggestions:

- 1) Refer to congressional survey from district
- 2) How do we get rid of church/school divide? School budget, in totality, as part of general budget? Tuition, fees, designated funds.
- 3) Revisit the constitutional change of Trust and Investment
- 4) Take T & I investment funds to pay off mortgage; building fund monies go into general fund
- 5) Talk to family of school drama fund to see if it can be transferred
- 6) Revisit public school teachers vs head count
- 7) Do financial review of church books per by laws
- 8) Have school pay specific percentage of utilities
- 9) Continue to refine member roster to reflect actual membership
- 10) Attack lack of income by educating congregation
- 11) Capital Campaign
- 12) Combine grades with less than 15 kids and release applicable employees
- 13) Handle registration to motivate parents to register in June
- 14) Increase line of credit
- 15) Revisit health care plans
- 16) Employees pay part / all of their benefits
- 17) Evaluate student/teacher ratio in upper grades and adjust staff accordingly
- 18) Evaluate need for two school secretaries
- 19) Evaluate need for two custodians
- 20) Evaluate tuition rates
- 21) Look into "Everyone His Witness" from Synod – grow the congregation

Each of these tasks have been handed out to the applicable boards to address and their responses will be available at the Voter's assembly in December as well as the December Messenger. The actual value of the suggestions will be evaluated and incorporated into the CY2020 budget, which you will see at the Voter's Assembly in December for approval.

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Kay Keinath	
General Fund	\$145.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
School Fund	\$420.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$415.00
In Honor of Marvin Rodemsky's 100th Birthday	
General Fund	\$75.00
In Honor of Teresa Walter	
School Fund	\$25.00
In Memory of Albert Pavlich	
General Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Wayne Higgin's 66th Birthday	
General Fund	\$66.00
In Memory of Harvey Schiefer	
General Fund	\$45.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$15.00
In Memory of Bernice Hinz	
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 09/30/19: \$493,359.86  
 Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022  
 Sep 2019 Mortgage Payment: \$14,135.00  
 \* Principal \$13,169.65 \* Interest \$965.35  
 Amount received to pay mortgage: \$10,714.50  
 Amount deducted from contingency fund: \$(3,420.50)  
 Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$ 4,461.98

## Sep 2019 Income & Expense Summary

Sep General Fund Income: \$ 81,389.80  
 Sep General Fund Expenses: \$(83,202.30)  
 Sep Deficit \$ (1,812.50)  
 Year to date: Deficit \$(23,652.77)  
 Overall: Surplus \$29,811.23  
 General Fund Checking Balance: \$29,811.23

## RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary\*\*

School Designated Accounts balance: \$112,466.65  
 Church Designated Accounts balance: \$ 52,704.29  
 All Memorials balance: \$ 21,100.32  
 \*\* This money is NOT available to spend on utilities, wages, benefits, taxes, supplies, etc. - it is RESTRICTED

## Messenger Sponsors

A sponsor is needed for the **December Messenger** and also for 2020. The cost is \$75.00. Call the church office to sign up.

## Altar Flowers

The **2020 Flower Chart** is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for flowers, please add your name, phone number, and if center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and for calling the church office for your bulletin article. Thank you!

*Count Your Blessings,  
Not Your Problems.*



# Meetings / Opportunities / Thanks

## October Meetings

### **Social Concerns**

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

### **Youth Team**

Tues., Nov. 5th at 6PM in the Youth Room

### **Stewardship**

Tues., Nov. 5th at 6:30PM in the Library

### **March for Life Info Meeting**

Tues., Nov. 5th at 7PM in the Youth Room

### **Council**

Wed., Nov. 6th at 6:30PM in the Library

### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., Nov. 11th & 25th at 7PM

### **Board of Education**

Tues., Nov. 12th at 6PM

### **Prayer Committee**

Thurs., Nov. 14th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

### **Dorcas**

Tues., Nov. 19th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

### **Planning Committee**

Wed., Nov. 20th at 6:30PM in the Library

### **Elders**

Wed., Nov. 27th at 7:30PM in the Library

## Special Thanks

I want to **thank** the entire congregation and the pastors for all the prayers, well wishes, and cards. Thank you to the Dorcas ladies for the get well card. All the support through my heart surgery is very much appreciated. I thank God for St. Paul.

—Ed White

**Thank you** to the Gene Weiss family for donating the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade "Growing in Faith" Bibles in memory of Norman & Edna Weiss.

**Many thanks** to the Dorcas ladies for purchasing new robes for the pastors. You are appreciated!

## Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

**Help is needed** for our next **Rescue Mission** date on **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 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., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

If any group or individual wants to serve a **dinner** before the Advent services, please call the church office. The menu choice is yours and this can be used as a fundraiser. The dates are Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and dinners would begin at 5PM with worship at 6:30PM.

We are starting the next collection for **Health Kits**: 20 shampoos, 11 wash cloths, 14 combs, 13 toothpastes, 10 deodorants. Please place items in the wooden cabinet in the narthex.

**Needed: School Volunteers** – Assistance in our preschool and day school is always needed and much appreciated. Some of the areas where help and support are needed: \* Extra pair of eyes during recess \* Read to the students \* Assist during center time \* Assist with science labs and creative writing projects \* Help individuals and small groups \* Review math facts \* Some projects could be done at home. If you have a few hours a week or month, please contact the school office 871-4581. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

**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.

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



**Keep bringing in your recyclables** – we sent in a couple boxes last month and **earned about \$50**. Let's keep turning our unwanted stuff to cash!

### **What to Recycle:**

Inkjet Cartridges \* Cell Phones  
GPS Units \* iPods/MP3 Players  
Digital/Video Cameras \* iPads/Tablets  
eBook Readers \* Calculators  
Video Game Consoles/Handhelds  
Video Games & Accessories



### **Drop Off:**

In the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office.

### **Or print a free shipping label:**

Go to: [planetgreenrecycle.com/stpaul](http://planetgreenrecycle.com/stpaul)

# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Time – fall back <b>8:30a</b> Worship + C - Jubilee <b>945a</b> Bible Study/Sunday Sch <b>11a</b> Worship – Free Spirit <b>5-7PM</b> Youth Scavenger Hunt	<b>4</b> 7p Handbells	<b>5</b> 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 5:30p Social Concerns 6p Painting 6p Women's Bible Study 6p Youth Team 6:30p Stewardship 7p Open Gym 7p March for Life Meeting 7:30p AA	<b>6</b> Bazaar Set Up 10a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Council 6:53p Church Choir	<b>7</b> Bazaar – Children Shop 3p Girl Scouts 6:15p Praise Team 7p Public School Confirmation	<b>8</b> Bazaar Set Up 1:30p City Rescue Preparation	<b>9</b> Church Elections 10a Bazaar 10a City Rescue Mission 7p Worship + C
<b>10</b> Church Elections <b>8:30a</b> Worship – Men's Choir <b>945a</b> Bible Study/Sunday Sch <b>11a</b> Worship + C – Men's Choir <b>12p</b> Parish Hall Rental <b>6:30p</b> Couples Bible Study	<b>11</b> 8a Vet Day Celebration 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry 	<b>12</b> 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Board of Education 6p Women's Bible Study 7p Open Gym 7:30p AA	<b>13</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 6:53p Church Choir	<b>14</b> 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Committee 7p Public School Confirmation 7p Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7p Worship
<b>17</b> <b>8:30a</b> Worship + C – Cantate Choir <b>945a</b> Bible Study/Sunday Sch <b>11a</b> Worship (Contemporary) – Pre-School Choir	<b>18</b> 7p Handbells	<b>19</b> 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Dorcas 6p Women's Bible Study 7p Open Gym 7:30p AA	<b>20</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Planning Committee 6:53p Church Choir	<b>21</b> 3p Girl Scouts 6:15p Praise Team 7p Public School Confirmation	<b>22</b> 7a Breakfast Club hosted by St Paul @ MHS	<b>23</b> 7p Worship + C
<b>24</b> <b>8:30a</b> Worship <b>945a</b> Bible Study <b>11a</b> Worship + C (Contemporary) – Cherub Choir	<b>25</b> 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry	<b>26</b> ½ Day School 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7p Open Gym 7:30p AA	<b>27</b> No School 6:53p Church Choir 7:30p Elders	<b>28</b> No School/Offices Clsd 10a Thanksgiving Worship + C 	<b>29</b> No School/Offices Closed	<b>30</b> Parish Hall Rental 7p Worship

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

November				
Acolytes	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein
8:30AM	Hoards	Ryan Keinath	Hoards	Ryan Keinath
11AM	Sawyer Keinath	Luke Petzold	Peyton Schmandt	Tyler Rude
Screen Tech				
7PM	Weston Reinig		Mason Lugg	Kailee Fackler
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers		
11AM	Hunter Ayotte	Carly Trinklein	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent
8:30AM	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

### **7PM Service**

Captain – Brian Gladly  
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 - Kim Reinig  
8:30AM -  
11AM - Cheryl Roeske & Norrie Ayotte



*One of the greatest gifts you  
can give is your time.*



# Convention Report

## **Report of the 67<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (Continued)**

### **Prepared for the Frankenmuth Circuit of The Michigan District**

**By Pastoral Delegate Dan Burhop and Lay Delegate Steven Kern**

### **"Joy:Fully Lutheran: Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks"**

#### **Floor Committee #5 – Theology and Church Relations**

- Res. 5-07 To clarify the relationship with a number of our partner churches and the Lutheran World Federation. The President will report on his findings at the 2022 Convention. Adopted unanimously.
- Res. 5-09A This resolution affirms the biblical confession of a six-day creation and to help congregations address issues related to the intersections of faith and science. Debate ensued over the use of the word "natural" in six "natural" days. In the end, amendments to change the word failed, and the original resolution passed. Adopted 72% in favor.
- Res. 5-11 This addresses the question about unity in doctrine and uniformity and variety in practice. The CTCR is to study this and prepare a bible study on the issue designed for congregational use, discussion, and guidance. Adopted by voice vote.

#### **Floor Committee #6 – Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries**

- Res. 6-01 All constituents of the LCMS are to encourage, financially support and directly participate in a multi-year church worker recruitment initiative. Adopted 90.9% in favor.
- Res. 6-02 That Synod, District Presidents, and seminaries strongly encourage men to do residential pastoral ministry as the best route to the ministry. Adopted 71.1% in favor.
- Res. 6-03A The Pastoral Formation Committee is to work on the curriculum and standards of the SMP program in light of the curriculum and standards of the residential seminaries, including instruction in biblical languages, and work out the timing for SMP vicarage and ordination which the joint board of regents will prepare for consideration in the 2022 Convention. The COP and the PFC will draft guidelines regarding mentoring and supervision of SMPs. The LCMS will encourage districts to provide funding for SMP students as needed. Adopted. 70.4% in favor.
- Res. 6-04 The Synod and district presidents support, encourage, and expect all LCMS pastors to be engaged in continuing education throughout their pastoral ministry. Adopted by voice vote.

#### **Floor Committee #7 – University Education**

- Res. 7-02 Our Lutheran schools will make students aware from a young age of the opportunity for higher education at CUS institutions. Congregations will make names, addresses, and emails of high school students (with permission) available to CUS for recruitment. Adopted 94.6% in favor.
- Res. 7-05A To recognize and give thanks for the work at Concordia Selma for its 97 years. Vigorous debate ensued after a Regent from Concordia Selma commented from the stage that those involved at the university were "hurt" and "blindsided" by what happened. Accusations were made from the floor. Dr. Wentz, president of the Concordia University System was given the podium and outlined all the steps that were taken over several decades to make Concordia Selma viable. The CUS sent professors, Concordia university presidents, financial analysts, and others to Selma to help and to figure out how to turn things around. Later President Harrison approached the microphone from the floor to address the assembly. He stressed the efforts made on behalf of Concordia College Alabama "to find a way forward." There were efforts put in by the Board of Directors, Concordia University System and the presidents of its colleges and universities, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and the Council of Presidents, as well as by the regents and campus leadership. Harrison noted the pain, especially for those directly connected, of losing Selma; the historical challenges of and hardships in Black Ministry; his "feeling horrible" at the loss of the campus on his watch; and his prayer that we can go forward. He noted sadness that the "worst construction" is being put on "what was the effort of decades to make the thing go." Amendments were made to remove some of the Whereas statements. The amendment failed, but the Floor Committee was charged to come back Thursday with a revised resolution. The revised resolution eliminated any references to reasons for the closing of Selma. The revised Resolution was Adopted by a voice vote as the last order of the day.

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## Convention Report Continued

### Floor Committee #8 – Finance

Res. 8-02 Encouraging a Synodwide 1.1.1 Funding Model for Defined Mission Outcomes. In this, each member of synod gives one extra dollar, per week, for one year to Mission work.

### Floor Committee #9 – Structure and Administration

Res. 9-05 Amending the Constitution to clear up advisory or-dained participation in the district convention, to allow multi-congregation parishes to send additional advisory lay delegates to convention, to clarify individual membership with convention representation and attendance, to remove or correct excessive duplication of language and to allow CUW/CUWAA to build upon the lay ministry program. Adopted 91.1% in favor. This will require ratification by the congregations of Synod.

Res. 9-16 This would allow the District President access to the status of congregations registration for voting for Synodical President for the sole purpose of encouraging their registration for greater congregational participation. Adopted 56.6% in favor.

Res. 9-17 The CCM in conjunction with the COP, including a number of commissioned ministers chosen by the COP, prepare a report regarding the historic and current voting privileges in Synod. This report will be available 18 months prior to the 2022 Convention. This is about whether or not to grant voting privileges to commissioned advisory delegates (teachers, DCEs, directors of Christian outreach, directors of family life ministry, directors of parish music, deaconesses, parish assistants and certified lay ministers. Adopted 72.7% in favor.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November Daily Lectionary</b>					<b>1</b> Deut. 34:1-12 Matt. 21:1-22	<b>2</b> Jer. 1:1-19 Matt. 21:23-46
<b>3</b> Jer. 3:6-4:2 Matt. 22:1-22	<b>4</b> Jer. 5:1-19 Matt. 22:23-46	<b>5</b> Jer. 7:1-29 Matt. 23:1-12	<b>6</b> Jer. 8:18-9:12 Matt. 23:13-39	<b>7</b> Jer. 11:1-23 Matt. 24:1-28	<b>8</b> Jer. 20:1-18 Matt. 24:29-51	<b>9</b> Jer. 22:1-23 Matt. 25:1-13
<b>10</b> Jer. 23:1-20 Matt. 25:14-30	<b>11</b> Jer. 23:21-40 Matt. 25:31-46	<b>12</b> Jer. 25:1-18 Matt. 26:1-19	<b>13</b> Jer. 26:1-19 Matt. 26:20-35	<b>14</b> Jer. 29:1-19 Matt. 26:36-56	<b>15</b> Jer. 30:1-24 Matt. 26:57-75	<b>16</b> Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34 Matt. 27:1-10
<b>17</b> Jer. 33:1-22 Matt. 27:11-32	<b>18</b> Jer. 37:1-21 Matt. 27:33-56	<b>19</b> Jer. 38:1-28 Matt. 27:57-66	<b>20</b> Dan. 1:1-21 Matt. 28:1-20	<b>21</b> Dan. 2:1-23 Rev. 18:1-24	<b>22</b> Dan. 2:24-49 Rev. 19:1-21	<b>23</b> Dan. 3:1-30 Rev. 20:1-15
<b>24</b> Dan. 4:1-37 Rev. 21:1-8	<b>25</b> Dan. 5:1-30 Rev. 21:9-27	<b>26</b> Dan. 6:1-28 Rev. 22:1-21	<b>27</b> Is. 1:1-28 1 Pt. 1:1-12	<b>28</b> Is. 2:1-22 1 Pt. 1:13-25	<b>29</b> Is. 5:1-25 1 Pt. 2:1-12	<b>30</b> Is. 6:1-7:9 1 Pt. 2:13-25

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly Minutes

June 9, 2019

Opening Hymn #905, devotion by Pastor Martinal on John 14:23-26.

Meeting called to order by President Ed Sergent at 1:32 PM.

Moved and supported to accept the Voters' Minutes of April 14, 2019. Motion carried.

No new voting members.

Old Business:

- 2nd reading and Vote for By-Law Para V.N. (Christian Care) Moved to accept. Supported. Motion carried
- 2nd reading and Vote for By-Law Para V.M. (Stephen Ministers) Moved to accept. Supported. Motion carried

New Business:

Board Reports

*Principal/Board of Ed - Written Report. Motion to accept report. Supported. Motion carried*

*Board of Elders -*

-Transfers In/Out

Michelle (Erdman) VanHollebeke to Trinity Lutheran Church, Traverse City, MI

Adrian & Carrie Ratza & family to Holy Cross, Oxford, MI

Motioned. Supported. Motion carried

Working on inactive members. On paper we have 2400 members. 600 of these members have not been active since 2010. In accordance with our constitution we could remove them from membership. We are not doing that. We will take them off the active member roster and place them on a printed hard copy. We have committee going through the 600 names to see if we can put them back into active membership. This does NOT affect their membership at St Paul. We still need to work on the 1000 members that we know are not active.

Survey for Advent and Lenten services. We will be having two services. One at 1:30 and one at 6:30

*Board of Evangelism - No Report*

*Board of Fellowship - No Report*

*Board of Finance - Diane Mills Written report*

- May Income: \$ 94,601.78; Expense: \$ 93,225.00
- PS Registration in May Income
- May Surplus: \$ 1,376.78
- Year to Date Deficit: (\$ 41,877.66)
- Surplus to Date: \$ 11,586.34 (also church general fund checking balance)
- School Designated Accounts balance: \$ 138,081.96
- Church Designated Accounts balance: \$ 65,132.39 (includes Sacrificial Giving campaign)
- Sacrificial checks to be written in June to lending institutions
- Memorials balance: \$ 22,114.44
- Mortgage Balance 05/31/19: \$ 545,889.30
- School Accounts Receivable as of 05/31/19: \$ 29,722.00
- All "new money" - SY 19/20
- HLL A/R as of 05/31/19: \$ 4,746.52
- HLL A/R 14-21 days in arrears: \$ 250.55
- HLL A/R 21-28 days in arrears: \$ 197.00
- HLL A/R > 28 days in arrears: \$ 309.70
- Collections A/R (in house) of 05/31/19: \$ 14,549.00
- Collections A/R (CSM) as of 05/31/19: \$ 11,787.29
- Collections A/R (IC Systems) as of 05/31/19: \$ 68,062.92
- Grand total A/R: \$129,763.40

*Board of Social Concerns - No report*

*Board of Stewardship - Diane Mills on Behalf of David Ackerman*

- Sacrificial campaign has ended with a total contribution of \$15,326.01
- A total of \$5,108.67 for each recipient was sent to the lending institutions of Pastors Tim Martinal, Jason Peterson and Peter ILL.
- Don Haines scholarship winners for 2019
- Bethany Daenzer collegiate level - \$750
- Danielle Ayotte high school level - \$500
- Annual pledge to Michigan District due. For FY 18/19 we pledged \$14,000. As of May 31, 2019 we have contributed \$16,108.98 with the month of June still to go. Stewardship recommends leaving at \$14,000. Motion to make it \$15,000.00. Supported. Motion carried.

*Board of Trustees - Working on replacement lights. Activity center floor will be redone this summer.*

*Salary & Personnel - No Report*

*Trust & Investment - No Report*

*Associate / Administrative Pastors - Combined Report*

I. Visitation

1. Hospital and follow-up contacts:

Mary	Sutton	5/22 b Php
Vic	Schwab	5/21 m vipp
Gary	Johnson	5/21 m vipp
Joan	Benish	5/27 b Php prior 5/30 b Php
Gary	Johnson	5/30 b ph n/a 6/2 b php
Ilah	Fall	6/1 b ph n/a 2x 6/3 b ph n/a 2x
Karen	Henderson	6/5 b vipp
Gary	Johnson	6/5 b vipp

2. Shutin

- a. This quarter visitation to current 29 Shut-ins:  
5 have been unavailable/unreachable 1 at least 2x  
16 at least 1x  
8 were able to attend worship at SPL

II. Pastoral ministry

1. Meet weekly to coordinate ministry.
2. Attended Pastor Conference May 7-8 in Frankenmuth. Very good sessions.
3. Right to Life briefing for pastors - B
4. Participation in end of school functions:
  - a. Kindergarten Graduation – M
  - b. 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – B
  - c. 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – B
  - d. Athletic Banquet – M
  - e. Baccalaureate – B
  - f. LEAP Bd. Of Participants and Committee - B

III. Teaching

1. "I am a Church Member." Working on a follow-up to this Bible Study. A member wants to help identify ways to engage members into ministry opportunities.
2. We will offer another AIC session in the Fall, since there was no interest from the prospects in a Summer session.
3. Finished teaching for the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion/Confirmation class
4. Adult Bible class will continue through the Summer at 9 a.m.

IV. Administration

1. Upcoming schedule:
  - a. Post school faculty meetings
  - b. Planning retreat for the pastors

We recite our mission statement each week. What does this look like?

**Vision: Reaching out to more people in Jesus' name. Loving the ones that are here.**

Closed with the common doxology.

Moved and supported to adjourn at 2:20 PM.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Daenzer  
Member at Large

# *November Birthdays*

Kylie Gaval	11/01	Maggie Cobb	11/13	Benjamin Shreve	11/21
Bradyn Henderson	11/01	Janice Gordon	11/13	Jenna Mason	11/22
David Reyna	11/01	Violet Hornfeld	11/13	Christian Selich	11/22
George Corrigan, III	11/02	Diane Mills	11/13	Sarah Stewart	11/22
Tammy Weber	11/02	Randall Daenzer	11/14	Danny Detgen	11/23
Trisha Ferrier	11/03	Evan Hoard	11/14	Annabelle Hayden	11/23
Justin Meier	11/03	Brandon Rude	11/14	Tony Kohler	11/23
Suzanne Husted	11/04	Amy Saeger	11/14	Amanda Maschke	11/23
Dawn Meacham	11/04	Austin Weber	11/14	Laura Blue	11/24
Melissa Petzold	11/04	David Williams, Sr	11/14	Jacob Gorsuch	11/24
Connor Erlenbeck	11/05	Shellie Cerasoli/Fraiser	11/15	Emily Hunt	11/24
Grace Erlenbeck	11/05	Harland Goodhue	11/15	Ann McPherso	11/24
Jillian Fackler	11/05	Michael Griesing	11/15	Shawn Bouck	11/25
Holly Petzold	11/05	Rachel Higgins	11/15	Joshua Lux	11/25
Brett Bassett	11/06	Aurelia Kissel	11/15	Christopher Weakley	11/25
Stefanie Compaore	11/06	Scott Koch	11/15	Jill Webster	11/25
Chuck Eilers	11/06	Kellie Reinert	11/15	Harry Keipinger	11/26
Vicki Kabat	11/06	Ronda Sayyae	11/15	Maddison Matthews	11/26
Austin Koch	11/06	Joseph Bassett	11/16	Emma Zeck	11/26
Robert Opperman	11/06	Ann Beckrow	11/16	Jeremy Love	11/27
Robert Ramsey	11/06	Douglas Davies	11/16	Nicole Smith	11/27
Daniel Wood	11/06	Ilah Fall	11/16	Cory Stange	11/27
Randy Hutchinson	11/07	James, Sr. Henderson	11/16	Tracy Anderson	11/28
Landon Petzold	11/07	Jim Kribs	11/16	Brittany Nelson	11/28
Michael Robert Sherman	11/07	Caden Heike	11/17	Tyler Auernham	11/29
Thomas Sr Shufelt	11/07	Brandon Shufelt	11/17	Dakota Stevens	11/29
Abby Skouson	11/07	Nathan Burns	11/18	David Wiacek	11/29
Tricia Borchering	11/08	Kailee Fackler	11/18	Earl Casto	11/30
Faith Damm	11/08	James Petzold	11/18	Brandon Dormire	11/30
Ashleigh Devereaux	11/08	Roger Wendt	11/18	Peyton Sheppard	11/30
Sharon Gross	11/08	Brian White	11/18	Keira Wiacek	11/30
Paul Keipinger	11/08	Easton Aguirre	11/19		
Peyton Schmandt	11/08	David Hergenreder	11/19		
Amanda Bickel	11/09	Conner MacKay	11/19		
Lori Jones	11/09	John Clouse	11/20		
Monica Koeltzow	11/09	Bruce Edler	11/20		
Zachary Maas	11/09	Gail Holmes	11/20		
Les Miller	11/09	Leon Kuberski	11/20		
Stephanie Carlyon	11/10	Joyce Wager	11/20		
Alanna Kabat	11/10	Michael Yatsevich	11/20		
Randy Keinath	11/10	Stephen Beckman	11/21		
Richard Milostan	11/10	Jamie Fackler	11/21		
Ray Peche	11/10				
Robin Rohn	11/10				
Briana Schmandt	11/10				
Nathan Weber	11/10				
Lisa Weiss	11/10				
Kevin Bastian	11/11				
Don Bierlein	11/11				
Zachery Finatri	11/11				
Myrna Clouse	11/12				
Madeline Hanlin	11/12				
Millie Maurer	11/12				







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## Monthly Messenger

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