

# **Monthly Messenger**

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

November 2023

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

#### A Message from Pastor

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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Worship Services Saturday 7PM Sunday 8:30 & 11AM (11AM also live-streamed) Bible Study/Sunday School 10AM +++++ In this Issue: Spiritual News Upcoming Events Lectionary Memorials Area News Birthdays

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

[Jesus said,] <sup>\*\*4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5 ESV)

Abide. This is the theme for the Professional Church Workers Conference many of the teachers and pastors are attending this November. It seems simple to *abide*: not working, not doing, not planning, not preparing, not teaching, not preaching, not organizing, not leading ... just *abiding*. Simple, yet hard. When was the last time you had the opportunity or took the time to *abide* with Jesus—to be nourished, encouraged, forgiven, strengthened, and filled ... by Him?

We have the opportunity to *abide* every weekend during our worship times and Bible studies. Through Word and Sacrament Jesus works faith and gives life. He nourishes and energizes us to live in faith. This time of worship and study brings us together with Jesus and keeps us together, like a vine and branches. And we bear fruit.

In order to bear fruit, however, we need to be connected to Jesus. Without Him, we are like a severed branch that dries up and is eventually thrown into the fire and burned. For apart from Jesus, we can do nothing.

Yet with Jesus, we can do anything. When we *abide* in Jesus and His words *abide* in us, we can ask Him for anything. Plus, everyone who is connected in faith will bear fruit and has the potential to bear still more and better fruit. Beyond our worship and Bible study times, we are encouraged to stay connected with Jesus throughout the week. Take time each day to *abide* in prayer, in devotion, and in the reading of His Word. Stay connected to each other throughout the week as well, *abiding* together, bearing abundant fruit together. Our Christian life is not meant to be lived alone.

During our worship times, Bible studies, and all other ministries we will *abide* ... as we worship together, receive God's gifts together, laugh together, cry together, pray together, etc. We will celebrate and challenge one another, sharing a way of being and doing life and ministry together in Jesus. It's time to *abide in Jesus*!

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal



#### **Meetings**

**Council** Wed., Nov. 1st at 6:30PM in the Library

> **Social Concerns** Tues., Nov. 7th at 5:30PM

**Board of Education** Tues., Nov. 14th at 6PM in the School Office

**Dorcas** Tues., Nov. 21st at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

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

The November Messenger is sponsored in honor of our beautiful family from Wilbert & Sue Ill.

## Worship Times / Scripture

### St. Paul Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM Livestream at 11AM Bible Study/Sunday School Sundays at 10AM

\*Contemporary 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays \*Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 8:30AM 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11AM & Sat. eve of that weekend \*Matins 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Weekend



### Sundays at 10AM

Preschool–Grade 2 Faith Spark: Daycare Room Grades 3-5 Faith Flare: Projects Room Grades 6-12 Faith Ignite/ Flame: Youth Room Adults Faith Blaze: Parish Hall

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

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

#### Scrípture Readings

<u>Nov. 5th</u> Mícah 3:5-12 1 Thess. 4:1-12 Matt. 23:1-12

<u>Nov. 12th</u> Amos 5:18-24 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Matt. 25:1-13

<u>Nov. 19th</u> Zeph. 1:7-16 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Matt. 25:14-30

<u>Nov. 26th</u> Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24 1 Cor. 15:20-28 Matt. 25:31-46



## **Upcoming Special Services**

*Thanksgiving Service: Thurs., Nov. 23rd – 10AM +Communion* 

*Chrístmas Choír Concert:* Sun., Dec. 3rd - 4PM Songs of Praíse Dínner following

Advent Servíces - 6:30PM Dínner at 5PM

Wed., Dec. 6th - Free Spírít Dínner hosted by the St. Paul Sports Teams

> Wed., Dec. 13th - Pre-K Dínner hosted by Socíal Concerns

Wed., Dec. 20th - Joyful Noise Dinner hosted by PTL

Children's Christmas Services Sun., Dec. 17th - 4PM

**Chrístmas Eve Servíces:** Sun., Dec. 24th - 10AM +Communion Candlelight - 9PM

Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion



HIP V Sundays at 11:30AM on TCT Net. (DirecTV 377) Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio 1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

#### **Children's Bulletin Drawing**

If your **child completes and turns in their children's bulletin** in the marked box in the lobby, they are entered into a drawing for a gift to strengthen and encourage their faith. Once a month, one (1) bulletin will be drawn at random for the gift. Please include a name and contact information. Every week is another opportunity to enter. This is a great way to encourage your child to participate in worship.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Quilting**

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

Newcomers are always welcome. No skills necessary we have something to do for everyone. Come and see how God can use your talents to help those in need. Reminder - when there is no school, no quilting.

#### Men's Bible Study

Sat., Nov. 4th at 8AM in the Library. Next month: Dec. 2nd



Sun., Nov. 5th Remember to set your clocks before you go to bed

Saturday evening.

### St. Paul SMORGASBORD NOVEMBER 5, 2023

11 am – 1:30 pm

Featuring......Baked Chicken, Barbequed Steak, Ham, Homemade Meatballs, Sauerkraut/Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Mac - n- cheese, German Potato Salad, Squash, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Relish Tray, Rolls, Assorted Homemade Desserts, Drinks

\$14 - Adults (13 and older) / Take-Outs\$10 - Children (5 yrs - 12 yrs), \$5 - Children under 5

All proceeds to support St. Paul Facility & Property Improvement Fund.

**Help needed:** kitchen and buffet line, ticket sales, making and cutting desserts, serving drinks and cleanup. All ages are welcome! We are looking forward to another successful dinner! Sign-up sheets for help and desserts are in the narthex. Questions-please call/text Diane Bishop 810-288-8614.

#### Young at Heart

Thursday, Nov. 9th at 1PM in the Gathering Room It is our dream to build relationships across the generations. Seniors are more likely to be able to attend, but all ages from young adult on up are welcome. We will enjoy food and getting to know one another better. We will spend time discussing God's Word and other topics. We may even take road trips! Bring a friend and discover how good it is to be young at heart!

#### Calling All Veterans!

You answered the call once – please answer our call for all veterans to join us for a **celebration** on Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the library with coffee & pastries at 9:45AM. This is for all who are presently serving or are a veteran from any service branch. Please call the church or school office at 989-871-4581 by Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> to let us know you are coming and if you will be staying for a complimentary "Thanks" giving lunch.

#### **Shopping Trip!**

**Seats are still available** for the **Bus Trip to Twelve Oaks Mall** in Novi Sat., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$25 per person. The bus will leave St. Paul at 8AM and leave the mall at 5PM to return home. Sign up on the glass case in the narthex. Payment can be brought to the church office or place in an envelope marked "Shopping Trip."

#### **Dorcas Christmas Bazaar**

Sat., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM - Luncheon 11AM-1PM Homemade Candies, Baked Goods, Rag Rugs, Crochet & Knitted Items, Craft Items, Plants, Quilts, Wood Items, Christmas Ornaments Vendors Welcome - \$15.00 – Bring your own table & chair. Contact Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 for vendor info.

#### **Church Board Elections**

Sat., Nov. 11th & Sun., Nov. 12th Before and after services in the Gathering Room. Voting members who have attended a meeting in the last year or are over 65 years old are eligible to vote.

#### **Scrapbooking**

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

#### **Toys and Joys**

Sat., Dec. 2nd 10-2

We are collecting **new or like-new toys**, books, teenager gifts, etc. for **Toys and Joys**. Drop off boxes will be in the narthex and outside the offices until Fri., Dec. 1.

#### **Attention Book Lovers**

Introducing a book club for the women of St. Paul Lutheran. The book club will meet on the 2nd Sunday of every other month from 6:00-7:30pm. Our first meeting will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. No long-term commitment necessary. You are able to participate as much or as little as desired. Contact Hannah Woolwine at (989) 395-5314\_or fill out the sheet on the glass case in the Narthex to sign up.

#### His Little Lambs Childcare

We have immediate openings for 2 1/2 to 4 year old friends in our childcare room. We are open Monday thru Friday 6am-6pm. Please contact us for information about enrollment 989.871.4581 ext. 3.



## St. Paul Lutheran School November 2023

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. " John 15:5

God has richly blessed us in so many ways! He has blessed us with another beautiful landscape of His autumn creation with a gorgeous array 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 CONNECTED to us along that pathway, giving us His mercy every day!

Calling ALL veterans... Come celebrate with us on Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. We would like to thank you for your service with a short program and a complimentary "Thanks" giving lunch. Please contact either office by Nov. 6 if you can attend.

## Important November Dates

- SEPTEMBER
- Nov. 5 St. Paul Smorgasbord Dinner 11a.m.-2 p.m.
- Nov. 8-9 Parent Teacher Conference 3:30-7 & 12-3
- Nov. 9 Kids shop the Dorcas Bazaar & 1/2 day of class (Parent pick up 11:15 a.m.)
- Nov. 10 Spirit Day: Red, white & blue; Veterans Day Celebration 10 a.m.

Nov. 15 St. Paul DOES have class but NO BUSSES

- Nov. 20-27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation
- Nov. 28 Classes Resume



We are thankful for safe seasons for the girls' volleyball & soccer. Thank you for your support throughout the seasons. Now we move into the basketball seasons. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come show your support for the children as they use their God-given talents. Check with the office for any changes.

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

Nov. 3	with Christ the King, Sebewaing	6 p.m.
Nov. 7	with St. Michael's, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	with St. Paul, Flint	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Immanuel, Frankentrost	6 p.m.
Nov. 28	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.







Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

I Corinthians 10:31

## Memorials / Financial / Serve & Volunteer

\$230.00

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Sept. 2023 Income & Expense Summary							
September General Fund Income:	\$71,048.73						
September General Fund Expenses:	\$94,567.38						
September surplus (deficit)	\$(23,518.65)						
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(69,851.23)						
Gen Fund Balance	\$392,319.17						
RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary							
School Designated Accounts balance:	\$177,399.84						
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$256,855.96						
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$79,559.05						
All Memorials balance:	\$18,508.25						
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$532,323.10						
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION							
Contributions to Grantparent Fund- September	\$157.07						
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund							
incl. \$2695 from dessert auction	\$30,338.51						
Net Proceeds from Fish Booth-Summer Festival	\$6,275.38						
Net Proceeds from Hot Dog Booth-Summer Festival	\$1,235.79						
Contributions for Youth Car Wash	\$1,589.00						
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Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Marvin Rodemsky General Fund

#### <u>Trust & Investment Donations</u> The Gift That Keeps On Giving

August 31, 2023
\$9,735.43
\$8,212.80
\$ 210.00

Gifts given to Trust & Investment are invested. Per the church constitution, the principal donation cannot be spent. Profits from the investments are disbursed annually per the Voters' Assembly approval. Any recognized board

of St. Paul can submit requests. Requests are for projects and equipment not in the General Fund budget.

Total amount disbursed from funds earned in 2022 was \$47,113.00.

#### Facility & Property Improvement Fund

We have received \$471,168.95 of gifts and commitments to the **Facility and Property Improvement Fund.** This is a great start for the improvements that need to be accomplished. The Voters' Assembly approved a project that is expected to cost \$650,000. If you missed out on the opportunity to give or commit to this project there is still a need. Thank you!

#### **Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate**

#### Saginaw Rescue Mission

City Rescue Mission of Saginaw is in need of **new bed pillows** for individuals who have recently become a resident of the shelter. A new bed pillow is given at the time of entrance to the Mission, and presently they only have 6. Donations of bed pillows may be brought to the church or school office. If anyone is wanting to do more, there is also a need for **twin size sheets**. The Mission serves 47 families and additional single men and women. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Schoenknecht.

**Screen Techs, Acolytes, Live Stream Techs** We have many ways to serve here at St. Paul-**Screen Techs, Acolytes, Live Stream Techs, and Altar Guild** are just a few. Every one of these jobs only requires a little more than an hour of your time on a rotating basis. If you can only help a few times a year, that would be helpful as well. Training is provided and anyone 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up (<u>this includes high school, college, and</u> <u>adult</u>) is asked to think about it and let us know how you can help. Please call the church office with any questions, or to be trained and added to

#### Women's Shelter Collection

the schedule. Thank you.

Dorcas is collecting items for the **Women's Shelter. Items needed:** 2-gallon Zip-lock bags, hand towels, emery boards, combs, band-aids, deodorant, shampoo, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Midol, sanitary pads. Place items in the box in the wooden cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!

#### **Rescue Mission Lunch Prep**

**Mission Lunch Prep** Fri., Nov. 10th at 1:30PM in the School Kitchen. All are welcome to help prepare the lunches which will then be delivered to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if willing to help.

#### Grantparent Program

**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 needs ongoing funds. If you are able to help continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please contact 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.

## Daily Lectionary / Bible Challenge / Thank You

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



#### Read the Bible with us!

We hope you are having fun and learning a lot by reading the Bible together with your family! Whenever you are done reading a book of the Bible, you can fill out a form and turn it into the office or your child's teacher. October's book was pretty short, and November's is, too. We hope you find that manageable, and that it encourages you to participate. If you're looking to fill your days, however, we are including a bonus book this month! Once you finish Ruth, go ahead and check out **Esther**. Some other ideas would be to read from the Daily Lectionary (found in the Messenger) or from Proverbs. Every family who fills out at least one form during the year will be invited to a gathering at the end of the school year. Any family who reads all 9 focus books will be put in a drawing for a study Bible. We love to see you reading the Word of God!

#### November's Book Ruth

Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
1	Ruth 1:1-5	9	Est 1:1-9	17	Est 6:1-13
2	Ruth 1:6-14	10	Est 1:10-22	18	Est 6:14-7:6
3	Ruth 1:15-22	11	Est 2:1-18	19	Est 7:7-10
4	Ruth 2:1-13	12	Est 2:19-23	20	Est 8:1-17
5	Ruth 2:14-23	13	Est 3:1-15	21	Est 9:1-19
6	Ruth 3:1-18	14	Est 4:1-17	22	Est 9:20-32
7	Ruth 4:1-12	15	Est 5:1-8	23	Est 10:1-3
8	Ruth 4:13-22	16	Est 5:9-14		

#### Special Thanks!!

We wish to say **thanks** for the many people who assisted in caring for the outside appearance of our property over the summer months. Some volunteers cared for landscaping while others mowed and trimmed our lawns. This is a perfect example of following the Biblical guideline regarding using your talents to serve others.

The volunteers involved were; Rick Sherman, Mason Wolfington, Rachel and Dusty Higgins family, Tim and Heather Sergent, Tom Schiefer, Jim Henderson Jr., Wayne Jaruzel, Jim Weber, Dwight Keinath, Sterling Force, Bill Weber, Carol Weber, Aiden Bach, Kenton Gleason, Connie Rodammer, Jeff and Amy Yorke Family, Emmett Bach, Shirley and Jan Snyder, Derek and Christina Bassett Family.

Our landscaping and lawns have never looked better, we wish to thank each of these people for the dedication to this work.

I would like to **thank** Pastor Bruner for all his visits and church prayers while I was recuperating from all my problems with my hip surgeries. Also, **thank you** to my church family for all your well wishes and prayers. God bless you all! -Millie Maurer

## November Birthdays



Bradyn	Henderson	1	Alanna	Kabat	10	Bruce	Edler	20
Kylie	Gaval	1	Briana	Schmandt	10	Gail	Holmes	20
Tammy	Weber	2	Kenneth	Wilson	10	Joyce	Wager	20
George	Corrigan, III	2	Don	Bierlein	11	Leon	Kuberski	20
Jaxon	McGregor	2	Myrna	Clouse	12	Jamie	Fackler	21
Trisha	Ferrier	3	Millie	Maurer	12	Benjamin	Shreve	21
Dawn	Meacham	4	Nathan	Bouck	12	Hailey	Paquette	22
Melissa	Petzold	4	Marshall	Sebert	12	Christian	Selich	22
Connor	Erlenbeck	5	Janice	Gordon	13	Sarah	Stewart	22
Grace	Erlenbeck	5	Maggie	Cobb	13	Tony	Kohler	23
Jillian	Fackler	5	Swayzii	Sebert	13	Danny	Detgen	23
Chuck	Eilers	6	Evan	Hoard	14	Sarah	Jolly	23
Hailey	Ketels	6	Brandon	Rude	14	Annabelle	Hayden	23
Brett	Bassett	6	Randall	Daenzer	14	Amanda	Maschke	23
Austin	Koch	6	Amy	Saeger	14	Laura	Blue	24
Landon	Petzold	7	Austin	Weber	14	Ann	McPherson	24
Abby	Skouson	7	Harland	Goodhue	15	Jacob	Gorsuch	24
Steve	Adamic	7	Rachel	Higgins	15	Emily	Hunt	24
Tasha	Devereaux	7	Kellie	Reinert	15	Lillie	Keinath	24
Randy	Hutchinson	7	Shellie	Cerasoli/ Fraiser	15	Shawn	Bouck	25
Michael	Sherman	7	Michael	Griesing	15	Jill	Webster	25
Faith	Damm	8	Scott	Koch	15	James	МасКау	25
Tricia	Borcherding	8	Aurelia	Kissel	15	Joshua	Lux	25
Sharon	Gross	8	Jim	Kribs	16	Maddison	Matthews	26
Peyton	Schmandt	8	Joseph	Bassett	16	Harry	Keipinger	26
Ashleigh	Carter	8	James, Sr.	Henderson	16	Emma	Zeck	26
Paul	Keipinger	8	Caden	Heike	17	Jill	Erlenbeck	26
Monica	Koeltzow	9	Nathan	Burns	18	Jeremy	Love	27
Zachary	Maas	9	James	Petzold	18	Nicole	Smith	27
Les	Miller	9	Roger	Wendt	18	Cory	Stange	27
Amanda	Bickel	9	Kailee	Fackler	18	Tracy	Anderson	28
Becca	Jacobs	9	Michael	Soteropoulos	18	Brittany	Nelson	28
Lori	Jones	9	Brian	White	18	David	Wiacek	29
Cameron	Vogeli	9	Conner	МасКау	19	Dakota	Stevens	29
Stephanie	Carlyon	10	Easton	Aguirre	19	Keira	Wiacek	30
Richard	Milostan	10	Dylan	Holmes	19	Earl	Casto	30
Ray	Peche	10	David	Hergenreder	19	Brandon	Dormire	30
Robin	Rohn	10	Arlene	Perrault	19			
Lisa	Weiss	10	John	Clouse	20			
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