

Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

October 2021

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

A Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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Worship Services

Saturday 7 P.M. Sunday 8:30 & 11AM (11AM Also live-streamed)

Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Do you know the song by Kool and the Gang called, "Celebration?" Perhaps you can sing the lyrics, "Celebrate good times, come on. Let's celebrate!" Well, celebrations are coming one after another.

First, thank you very much to everyone for recognizing my 30th Anniversary in the Office of the Public Ministry. I was touched by all the love that went into the special reception and program. The verbal expressions, cards, and various gifts were overwhelming. It was a celebration that was made possible by God. It is because of His goodness to all of us that I serve in His name, sharing His love through Word and Sacraments. Thank you for enabling me to do this life changing work.

In October, we celebrate the Reformation of the Church. We are reminded of the Gospel that says our tremendous debt of sin has been cancelled. Jesus Christ is the reason we owe nothing more. What a relief! We are saved by God's overwhelming and abundant grace.

I also want to point out that we will soon be debt free physically. What a joy it will be to celebrate when our \$2.5 million mortgage is eliminated. God has blessed us with a wonderful campus and the ability to pay for it all. Since April 2008, we have made payments of \$10,000-14,135 each month. God provided the ability to give toward the building projects we have pursued. I pray that we will see that God can also continue to provide us with the ability to build the kingdom of heaven through ministry. What I mean is, please do not stop giving. If we continue to give at the current level, we will have at least \$10,000-14,135 each month to support ministry that shares Jesus with people of all ages. It is time to celebrate and also consider the next steps we will take in ministry as a Church.

In November, we celebrate a national day of Thanksgiving. As Christians, we reflect on all the blessings God has given us. In December, we celebrate the gift of God's Son in the flesh. Then the calendar will reveal a new year (2022 A.D.), and we will celebrate our 125th Anniversary of ministry in Millington and the world. That is when we can rejoice that God is using all of us as the servants of God at St. Paul Lutheran Church to share the wonderful message of God's love through Jesus with as many people as possible.

I realize I am showing my age, since "Celebration" was first a hit in 1980. Nevertheless, go ahead and sing with me, "Celebrate good times, come on. Let's celebrate!"

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Jim Bruner 1 John 4:10-11



The October Messenger is sponsored in memory of Marion Walz and all who have gone before her from Lloyd Walz.

Worship News / Bible Studies

Worship Service Times

Saturday at 7PM Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM Bible Study & Sunday School at 9:45AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11AM

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM & Sat. eve of that weekend

To be added to our email list for the latest announcements, please go to www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

Contact Information / Office Hours

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



<u>Lutheran Ministries</u> "Worship for Shut-Ins"

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

Music

Handbell rehearsals are Mondays at 7PM. We are looking for new ringers! Everybody is welcome - no experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

Church Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the Chapel. New members welcome!

Valley Lutheran Door Offering

The ministry of Christian education at Valley Lutheran has been enhanced tremendously. Lives are being changed through daily academic excellence and the teaching of God's Word. Students are developing into young men and women ready to serve God and others with their life. Your prayers and financial support will enable young people to continue to grow in their faith and passion to serve others. You can contribute at any time to Valley Lutheran or participate in the door offering planned for October 30-31 and November 6-7. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study - Join us on Sat., Oct. 2nd at 8AM in the Library.

Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in the Library. Are you chosen? What are you chosen for? Come join us as we walk through the life of Jesus with the program "The Chosen". If interested, contact Patti Martinal. Books for this class are \$15.

The Gathering — Thursdays from 7-8PM in the Parish Hall. You are a child of God. Join us as we continue to study Genesis Chapter 1. This is an in-depth study as we dig deep into the Bible from cover to cover. Also enjoy music, fellowship, and fun!

Couples Bible Study - Have a better Christ-filled marriage! We dare you!! The "Love Dare" is a journey every couple needs to take. Whether your marriage is hanging on by a string or healthy and strong, come, find the keys to intimacy and developing a dynamic marriage. Our first class is September 19th at 6:30pm (location to be determined). We will then meet every 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The first class will be a little longer as we will be watching "Fireproof". Popcorn and drinks provided. The book for this class is \$15. Sign up in the church foyer.

<u>In-Home Small Group Bible Study</u> sign-ups will be coming soon. Plan to become part of a group to study God's Word with your fellow Christians. **If you are interested in being an In-Home Bible Study Leader**, please call Steve Kern at 989-448-1069.

"Faith on Fire"

Parents: St. Paul is committed to the Christian education of both you and your children. We have often heard that there is nothing for our children on Sunday mornings. Well, we are pleased to announce that beginning **October 3rd**, we will have a kickoff of **"Faith on Fire"** between services. The new Enduring Faith curriculum brings the truth of God's Word to you and your children at a level which will be both fun and engaging for the whole family. This flexible curriculum nurtures life-long disciples of Jesus. Age-appropriate biblical activities vary based on the following levels.

Preschool—Grade 2 Faith Spark: Discover Leaflets have interactive coloring and drawing activities.

Grades 3-5 Faith Flare: Bible Guidebooks have colorful images to draw in students.

Grades 6-8 Faith Ignite: Defend Journals have thought-provoking questions to encourage critical-thinking skills.

Grades 9-12 Faith Flame: More in-depth Defend Journals help students defend their faith to those who may challenge them.

Adults Faith Blaze: Will study God's Word in Pastor's Bible Studies.

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care for children too young to attend the early childhood program. Materials include opportunities for parents to extend the lesson into the week with their children. Strengthen the faith of your entire family by attending this program. Looking forward to parents bringing their children to learn God's Word and then attending Pastor's Bible Study.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Upcoming Events Quilting

Tuesdays at 1PM in the Parish Hall. No special skills needed and newcomers are always welcome! See you there!

Zumba

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

Flu Shot Clinic

Tues., Oct. 5th from 11AM-12:30PM in the School Office.

St. Paul PTL Presents... A Murder Mystery

Oct. 16th at Willow Springs Golf Course Arrive at 5:30PM - Dinner at 6PM

Join us for a Build Your Own Burger Bar, Mystery Box Silent Auction (boxes donated by the St. Paul classrooms), and, of course, a Murder Mystery! Costumes encouraged.

Tickets: \$45 per person or \$80 per couple and can be purchased in the church or school office or at Willow Springs. We hope to see you there as we support our school!

"HALL"-o-ween

October 31st from 5-6PM throughout St. Paul Trick or Treat the halls before the town hours begin!

You can help decorate a door, hand out candy, or donate candy – the choice is yours!

To help, please call Tina Petzold at 989-233-5237 or the church office 871-4581 #3.

Candy donations can be brought to one the boxes in the narthex or outside of the offices.

Shopping Bus Trip Nov 13th 7AM- 8PM

Reserve your seat for the Deer Widow's Weekend Shopping Trip to RiverTown Crossings, Grandville, MI on Sat., Nov. 13th. Cost is \$30.00 and the bus will leave St. Paul at 7AM and return around 8PM. Sign up with payment by

at 7AM and return around 8PM. Sign up with payment by Mon., Oct. 25th – sign up on the glass case or call the office. Payment can be brought to the church office or put in the offering in an envelope marked "Shopping Trip."

<u>Meetings</u>

Council

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

Voters' Meeting

Sun., Oct. 10th at 1:30PM in the Church.

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Oct. 11th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Dorcas

Tues., Oct. 19th at 6PM in the Parish Hall - New members are always welcome!

Elders

Wed., Oct. 27th at 6:30PM in the Gathering Room

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites you to the

2021 LWML FALL RALLY



I Corinthians 12:12-27

Please join us for our Franconian Zone Rally St. Paul Parish Hall (the OLD gym) Saturday, October 16, 2021 Registration at 8:00 a.m. Rally commences at 8:30 a.m. Registration Fee is \$8.00

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Elaine Bickel

IN-GATHERING is for Impact Designs

Impact Designs is connected with Saginaw and Bay City rescue missions and helps assimilate individuals back into society after they have been through the rescue mission. Items needed may include but are not limited to pots/pans, pan scrubbers, dishes, silverware, bath or bed linens, chairs, tables, furniture, cleaning supplies, toilet brushes, small kitchen appliances (new or gently used).

**Please bring your Bibles for Bible Study **

Calendar/Door Scheduling

With activities and sporting events happening, please remember – if you need to book an event, practice, or meeting, you need to check with the church office to be sure the date is available. You also need to let us know if you need the doors unlocked at least a couple days in advance. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!

St. Paul Lutheran School



October 2021

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

Welcome to the beautiful season of colored leaves and falling temperatures. God is so amazing in the way He creates beauty all around us, that gives us so much for which to be grateful! We are thankful that our school year has gotten off to a great start! "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17



School Musical Opportunities



Joyful Noise (K-3) Oct. 3 Free Spirit (4-8) Oct. 10 Grades K-8 Oct. 27 11 a.m. service 8:30 a.m. service Choice of Service



October Sports



Remember games start at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

<u>Volleyball</u>

<u>Soccer</u>

Oct. 5 with St. Paul United, B team only

Oct. 14/16 Tournaments, TBA

Oct. 6 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Oct. 5 at St. Paul United, Lapeer (B team only)

This year's events may be subject to change, dependent on COVID-19 restrictions that need to be followed. We are still planning the following events for this month of October; mark your calendars.

2222	Oct. 1	Spartan Spirit Day
SEPTEMBER	Oct. 11	School Pictures
HEERIN	Oct. 16	PTL Mystery Dinner Theater 6 p.m. at Willow Springs
HHA	Oct. 22	$\frac{1}{2}$ day of classes; dismissal at 11:15 a.m. with busses
	Oct. 31	Reformation Day, First grade Bible presentation after the
		8:30 a.m. service, "Hall"o'ween from 5-6 p.m.

Please continue to pray for all of our students, staff, and faculty as we continue through this school year.

Remember you can use our website, <u>www.stpaul-millington.org</u>, to read the weekly school newsletter and find events on the St. Paul Lutheran-Millington Facebook page..

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



Thrivent Information / Scripture / Daily Lectionary

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We all have our share of stress, burdens, busy lives, etc. and our pastors are no different. They have the same problems that we all have. We should take more moments to appreciate and care for one another, and here is your chance to show your pastors they are appreciated. Something as simple as a card, note or a gift card to a favorite restaurant or store can really make someone's day.

Thank you for all you do, Pastor Bruner and Pastor Martinal! We are blessed to have you both here at St. Paul!

Thrivent Action Teams

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

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

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

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

Scripture Readings

<u>Oct. 3rd</u>

Genesís 2:18-25 Hebrews 2:1-13 Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 10th

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 3:12-19 Mark 10:17-22

Oct. 17th

Eccl. 5:10-20 Hebrews 4:1-13 Mark 10:23-31

Oct. 24th

Jeremíah 31:7-9 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Oct. 31st

Revelatíon 14:6-7 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36/Matt. 11:12-19

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Daily Lectionary					<u>1</u> Deut. 2:16-37 Matt. 6:16-34	2 Deut. 3:1-29 Matt. 7:1-12
3 Deut.	4 Deut.	<u>5</u> Deut.	<u>6</u> Deut.	Z Deut.	8 Deut. 7:1-19 Matt. 10:1-23	9 Deut.
4:1-20	4:21-40	5:1-21	5:22-6:9	6:10-25		8:1-20
Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.		Matt.
7:13-29	8:1-17	8:18-34	9:1-17	9:18-38		10:24-42
10 Deut.	11 Deut.	12 Deut.	13 Deut.	14 Deut.	15 Deut.	16 Deut. 14:1-2,
9:1-22	9:23-10:22	11:1-25	11:26-12:12	12:13-32	13:1-18	22-23; 28-15:15
Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.
11:1-19	11:20-30	12:1-21	12:22-37	12:38-50	13:1-23	13:24-43
17 Deut.	18 Deut.	19 Deut.	20 Deut.	21 Deut.	22 Deut.	23 Deut.
15:19-16:22	17:1-20	18:1-22	19:1-20	20:1-20	21:1-23	24:10-25:10
Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.	Matt.
13:44-58	14:1-21	14:22-36	15:1-20	15:21-39	16:1-12	16:13-28
<u>24</u> Deut. 25:17-26:19 Matt. 17:1-13	25 Deut. 27:1-26 Matt. 17:14-27	26 Deut. 28:1-22 Matt. 18:1-20	27 Deut. 29:1-29 Matt. 18:21-35	28 Deut. 30:1-20 Matt. 19:1-15	29 Deut. 31:1-29 Matt. 19:16-30	30 Deut. 31:30-32:27 Matt. 20:1-16 31 Deut. 32:28-52 Matt. 20:17-34

Financial Summary / Memorials / Serve / Misc.

CEF Building Fund Summary	
Mortgage Balance as of 8/31/2021:	\$57,218.59
Debt free date if nothing changes: November 2021	
Balance as of 8/31/21 in contingency fund:	\$20,895.67
August offerings to now mortgage cent to CEE in Sent	\$12,417.48
August offerings to pay mortgage sent to CEF in Sept.	· · ·
CEF Loan interest rebate sent to principal in Sept.	\$3,016.21
August 2021 Mortgage Payment:P-\$9,426.54;I-\$573.46	\$10,000.00
August 2021 Income & Expense Summary	
August General Fund Income:	\$107,502.21
August General Fund Expenses:	\$84,067.14
August surplus (deficit)	\$ 23,435.07
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(21,827.64)
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$143,344.77
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Contributions to Grantparent Fund August	\$692.55
Millington festival fish booth est. net profit	\$8,773.26
Millington festival hot dog booth est. net profit	\$2,050.98
Walk in freezer cost \$10,976.45; contributions	
\$10,445.00; needed as of 8/31/21	\$531.45

In Memory of Marilyn McKee General Fund	\$20.00		
In Memory of Alan Petzold General Fund	\$50.00		
In Memory of Lonna Bruner School Fund	\$50.00		
Anonymous Donation Building Fund General Fund	\$100.00 \$20.00		
In Memory of Vic Schwab Jr. General Fund	\$45.00		
In Honor of Pastor James Bruner's 30th Anniversary in the Ministry			

Memorials & Special Gifts

Many, Many Thanks!

\$25.00

School Fund

Thank you to Ron & Kim Burns for donating the line trimmer and extra battery.

The **summer festival fish booth committee** is pleased to announce a profit from the booth of \$8773.26. This money will be used for next year's 125th anniversary celebrations. We wish to thank everyone who helped with this project. We also would like to thank the following area businesses who made contributions to the booth; they are I & J Wolverton's Nursery, Central Shop Rite in Vassar and Hamilton's Propane. We would also like to thank Thrivent for their participation and financial support of this project.

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

Church Sexton trainees needed. We are looking for a couple to help with weekend services, weddings and funerals. Our Sextons work on a rotating basis. Contact the church office if interested or if questions.

We are in need of **Screen Techs, Acolytes, and Live Stream Techs.** Every one of these jobs only requires a little more than an hour of your time on a rotating basis. Training is provided and anyone 6th grade and up (this includes high school, college, and adult) 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 the schedule. Thank you.

We are also looking for more help on our **Altar Guild**. There are many behind the scene jobs the Altar Guild is in charge of, so if you can help in any way, please call the church office. Needing the most help right now is set up for 8:30AM communion and linens & vestments.

Coffee Hour will be back between services beginning October 3rd. We are looking for volunteers (boards, families, friends, etc.) to sign up for a date or two to host. This includes bringing the snacks, making the coffee, and cleaning up. Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room.

Volunteers are needed at the school! We have many different ways for you to serve. Call the school office if you can help in any way.

"Hall"-O-Ween will be back this year! We are now accepting bags of candy or monetary donations to purchase goodies to pass out to the children. Donations can be brought to one of the offices or placed in the drop box in the narthex.

If you wish to contribute to the **anniversary fund**, please put your donation in an envelope marked "125th Anniversary" and place in the box in the narthex or bring to the church office.

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Oct. 8th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Support St. Paul and Help Keep the Earth Clean!

Please keep bringing in your ink cartridges and turn them to cash!

Drop Off in the box on the wooden cabinet

outside of the Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex. Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted. Please only bring in small ink cartridges. Thank you!



October Birthdays



Scott	Anderson	1	Cheyenne	Burns	10	Amanda	Bishop	19
Mason	Lugg	2	Lanette	Meeks	11	Michelle	Bouck	20
Mindy	Raymond	2	Kirsten	Platt	11	Kevin	Petzold	20
Cheryl	Roeske	2	Drew	Germain	11	Larry	Reinert	20
Connor	Hoard	2	Spenser	Wells	11	Greyer	Deavey	20
Kara	Blue	3	Katey	Ackerman	11	Kemmer	Jones	21
Madeline	Rosebush	3	Tim	Brown	12	Larry, II	Burrows	21
Samantha	Adelberg	4	Sharon	Daenzer	12	Kara	Osborn	21
Nancy	Beagle	4	Bob	Keinath	12	Brenda	Reinbold	21
Terri	Dormire	4	Ronald	Nims	12	Chris	Wolverton	22
Cade	Coleman	5	Maylynne	Wager	12	Tina	Fyke-Jolly	22
John	Keipinger	5	Brady	Huber	12	Sadie	Lenk	22
Joseph	Mallard	5	Joseph	Licavoli	12	Max	Swink	23
Kourtney	Piar	5	Joseph	Paquette	12	Mike	Rader	23
Sue	Eilers	6	Teena	Burton	13	Mike	Okorowski	24
Tom	Kukulski	6	Frederick	Rodammer	13	Katie	Hunt	24
Howard	Maurer	6	Timothy	Sergent	14	Roger	Fackler	25
Darlene	Petzold	6	Alandra	Chapman	14	Brenda	Hoskey	25
Natalie	Pobocik	6	Daniel	Frasier	14	Luella	Meinecke	25
Jacob	Fackler	6	Daniel	Curtis	15	Amanda	Boerneke	25
Claudia	Brown	6	Joshua	Curtis	15	Autumn	Dalton	25
Hunter	Ayotte	7	Betty	DeOrnellas	15	Troy J.	Dues	25
Carol	Balley	7	Debie	Keinath	15	Lawrence	Jaruzel	25
Melvin	Ayotte, I	8	Lonnie	Muehlenbeck, III	15	Sheila	Williams	26
Madelyn	Gray	8	Issac	Slough	15	Skylar	Wiacek	26
Tricia	Staple	8	Neil	Schiefer	15	Luke	Denome	26
Heidi	Derscha	8	Chester	Frank	16	Madison	McGraw	26
Kimberly	Mays	8	Landon	Cunningham	16	Patrick	Law	27
Cheryl	Meinecke	8	Kati	Keinath	16	Althalos	Jesberg	28
Alexandria	Minnock	8	Trisha	Slough	16	Reese	Holmes	28
Amy	Snover	8	Leona	Myers	17	Jacqueline	Allen	29
Vincent	Woelzlein	8	Nikki	Sherman	17	Jan	Kribs	29
Emily	Tolbert	8	Robert	Sebert	17	Heather	Peche	29
William	Bishop	9	Brian	Cartner	17	Nicholas	Harsen	29
Michelle	David	9	Pamela	Glynn	17	Joel	Karcher	29
Eugene	Weiss	9	Luke	Platt	17	Cynthia	Morey	29
Zachary	Yorke	9	lan	Gentry	18	Connie	Rodammer	30
Timothy	Anderson	9	Kerry	Koch	18	Connie	Bonstell	30
Caden	Blue	9	Sheral	Pashby	18	Robert	Johnston	30
Cassidy	Torrey	9	Debbie	Hiles	19	Vanessa	Selich	30
Betty	Jackson	10	Asher	Petzold	19	Karl	Schiefer	30
Zeke	Carlyon	10	Brandon	Draper	19	Alexandria	McGregor	31
Cindy	Weber	10	Lillian	Rueckert	19	Christine	Brady	31
Lori	Osborn	10	Dale	Todd, Sr	19	Kelli	Crittenden	31



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When we help one another, everybody wins.