



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### September 2023

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

#### A Message from Pastor

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##### **Worship Services**

Saturday 7PM

Sunday 8:30 & 11AM

(11AM also live-streamed)

##### **Bible Study/Sunday School**

10AM

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <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 15:1-5 ESV)*

**Children connect.** They connect in play with building blocks, puzzles, and games. They connect socially with classmates, family, and friends. They connect through technology in the classroom and in many other contexts. Connections familiar to children and adults will be featured this school year as our theme is "Connected", based on John 15:1-5.

The most important connection for any child (of any age) is with Christ. The Good News of Christ connecting Himself to us in our Baptism and through His Word is the focus of many of our chapels and events this year.

**Lutheran schools connect.** Lutheran schools connect children to a variety of curricular subjects and experiences. Lutheran schools connect with families, emphasizing that Lutheran education is always a partnership with the home. Lutheran schools connect with the local Lutheran congregation, emphasizing that the Lutheran school is an integral part of the mission

and ministry of the congregation. Lutheran schools connect children to Lutheran worship through chapel, where children will hear the Gospel in the liturgy of the church. Lutheran schools connect with the communities in which they are located. Lutheran schools connect students and staff to the Great Commission, making disciples of all people.

In all things, Lutheran schools connect to Christ. This connection to Christ is the emphasis of all our chapel services. But the connection to Christ goes well beyond the weekly chapel time. We emphasize putting Christ into every aspect of the school day and school year. The connection to Christ goes with each child from chapel time and the classroom into the home and neighborhood.

**Christians connect.** Christians connect with our God during our worship services. Christians connect with Christ in the receiving of the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Christians connect with each other, not only during our worship services, but in all the ministries, fellowship gatherings, and community engagements we are involved in.

In all things, Christians connect to Christ. This connection to Christ is the point of everything we do here at St. Paul. From our school, to our congregation, to our boards and committees, to each and every one of us in our daily lives, our connection to Christ is our priority. And we are called by Christ to share His Word to others so they too can be connected to Him.

Connect with us and Christ during the 2023-2024 school year, and in the years to come as we continue to ***Equip. Build. Grow. Together.***

In Christ,  
Pastor Tim Martinal

*The September Messenger is sponsored in memory  
of Alan Petzold on his birthday, which would have been Sept. 15th.  
Very loved and missed - from Bev Rodabaugh.*

# Worship Times / Scripture / Upcoming Events

## 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

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

## Contact Information

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office outside of office hours call 871-4581 #1 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

## Men's Bible Study

Sat., Sept. 2nd at 8AM in the Library.

Next month: Oct. 7th

## Public School Confirmation Classes

Classes will be on Tuesdays from 7-8PM beginning Sept. 12th.

## College Students

The University Lutheran Chapel in Ann Arbor, together with the Michigan District and other campus ministries in Michigan are working on a project called **Campus Connect** to help connect college students to a spiritual home while they're away at school. If you have a student attending any college in Michigan, please call the church office if they would like to find a nearby church. We can then forward their information to Michigan District and a pastor in the area will reach out to invite them to church or a campus ministry event.

## Lutheran Ministries "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



Sundays at 10AM  
beginning Sept. 10th

**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.

## Scripture Readings

### Sept. 3rd

Jer. 15:15-21

Rom. 12:9-21

Matt. 16:21-28

### Sept. 17th

Gen. 50:15-21

Rom. 14:1-12

Matt. 18:21-35

### Sept. 10th

Ezek. 33:7-9

Rom. 13:1-10

Matt. 18:1-20

### Sept. 24th

Is. 55:6-9

Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30

Matt. 20:1-16

## 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

### Welcome Back Quilters!

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

We will begin again Tuesday, Sept. 5th. 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.

### Teacher Rededication

Sun., Sept. 10th during the 8:30AM service

### Scrapbooking

Sat., Sept. 16th from 9AM-7PM in the Projects Room.

\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.

Call the school office to RSVP.

### Potluck and Dessert Auction

Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> following the 11AM service. Bring a dish to pass - auction will start around 1PM. Come and bid on some great desserts! Cash and check only. Proceeds will go toward the Facility and Property Improvement Fund.

**Desserts are needed** for the auction. If you have a delicious dessert you would like to share, please call the church office. The more desserts we have, the better!

### Meetings

#### **Social Concerns**

Tues., Sept. 5th at 5:30PM

#### **Council**

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

#### **Stephen Ministry**

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

#### **Board of Education**

Tues., Sept. 12th at 6PM in the School Office

#### **Dorcas**

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

#### **Elders**

Wed., Sept. 27th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

### Calendar/Door Scheduling

If you need to book a room or the gym and **need the doors unlocked** for an event, practice, or meeting (or if your event is cancelled,) you need to call the church office at least a **couple days in advance** so the doors can be programmed. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring.



### Musical Opportunities

#### Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the chapel beginning on Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you love to sing, please join us!

#### Handbell Rehearsals

Mondays at 6:30PM in the church beginning Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Everybody is welcome to join. 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.

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, Donate

#### Books for Preschoolers

**Preschool** is asking for donations to go toward the **Scholastic Book Program**. For \$20 per student, each child will receive one book every month for the year. Any amount donated will be appreciated. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Preschool Books" and put in the offering box in the church or brought to the church or school office. Please make checks payable to Scholastic. Thank you for helping the preschoolers learn to read!

#### Tissues

It's time to restock **tissues (square boxes)** for the church pews. If you can donate a box or two, place them in the wooden cabinet in the narthex.

#### Mission Lunches

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

#### Screen Techs, Acolytes, Live Stream Techs

We have many ways to serve here at St. Paul. 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. 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 (this includes high school, college, and adult) is asked to think about it and let us know how you can help. **We ask that every 5-8 grader choose one way to serve.** This can also be used for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade servant hours. Please call the church office with any questions, or to be trained and added to the schedule. Thank you.





# St. Paul Lutheran School September 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.*

**Welcome back to our school year!**

We are looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growing, and strengthening our friendships especially with our best friend, JESUS and learning how to

be

*CONNECTED to CHRIST* in everything we do!

Our theme for the year is *CONNECTED to CHRIST*. This verse reminds all of us that we are *CONNECTED to CHRIST* in our lives and wherever He leads us throughout His world!

***"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***

We have the privilege and are excited to welcome a new teacher & these new students and families to our St. Paul family!

**Preschooler** - Wyatt Weiss, Margaret Higgins, Lilah Edwards, Lance Ptaszenski, Miliya Dubois, Noah Bess, Luella Wheeler, Eleanor Stewart, Scott Sawuel, Emersyn Reinertson, Silas Rathbun, Brooklyn Ewing, Hudson Kilmer, Cohen Zotos

**2nd Grade** - Faith Kennedy

**3rd Grade** - Allie Hess

**4th Grade** - Emilee Hess

**Teacher** - Mrs. Ashlee Keinath (Kindergarten)

We are planning the following events for this month of September; mark your calendars.



Sept. 1-4	No School for the Labor Day holiday
Sept. 8	St. Paul Spirit Day
Sept. 10	8:30 a.m. Teacher Installation/Rededication
<b>(Return of service times: Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.)</b>	
Sept. 15	Constitution Day
Sept. 18-20	6th Grade Outdoor Education
Sept. 22	Outdoor Family Movie Night



## School Musical Opportunities



September 17

Free Spirit Choir

8:30 a.m.



## September Sports



All games begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted

### Soccer

Sept. 5 with St. Peter, Hemlock  
 Sept. 7 at St. Michael, Richville  
 Sept. 11 at Trinity/Trost  
 Sept. 14 with St. Lorenz East, Frankenmuth  
 Sept. 21 at Christ the King, Sebawaing  
 Sept. 26 at Peace, Saginaw  
 Sept. 28 with Bethlehem/Holy Cross, Saginaw

### Girl's Volleyball

Sept. 6 at Trinity/Trost, Frankentrost  
 Sept. 7 with Christ the King, Sebawaing  
 Sept. 12 at St. Paul, Flint (4:45)  
 Sept. 14 with St. Michael, Richville  
 Sept. 21 with Trinity/Trost  
 Sept. 25 at St. Michael, Richville  
 Sept. 28 at St. Lorenz East, Frankenmuth

Remember you can use our website, [www.stpaul-millington.org](http://www.stpaul-millington.org), to read the weekly school newsletter and find events on the St. Paul Lutheran-Millington Facebook page.

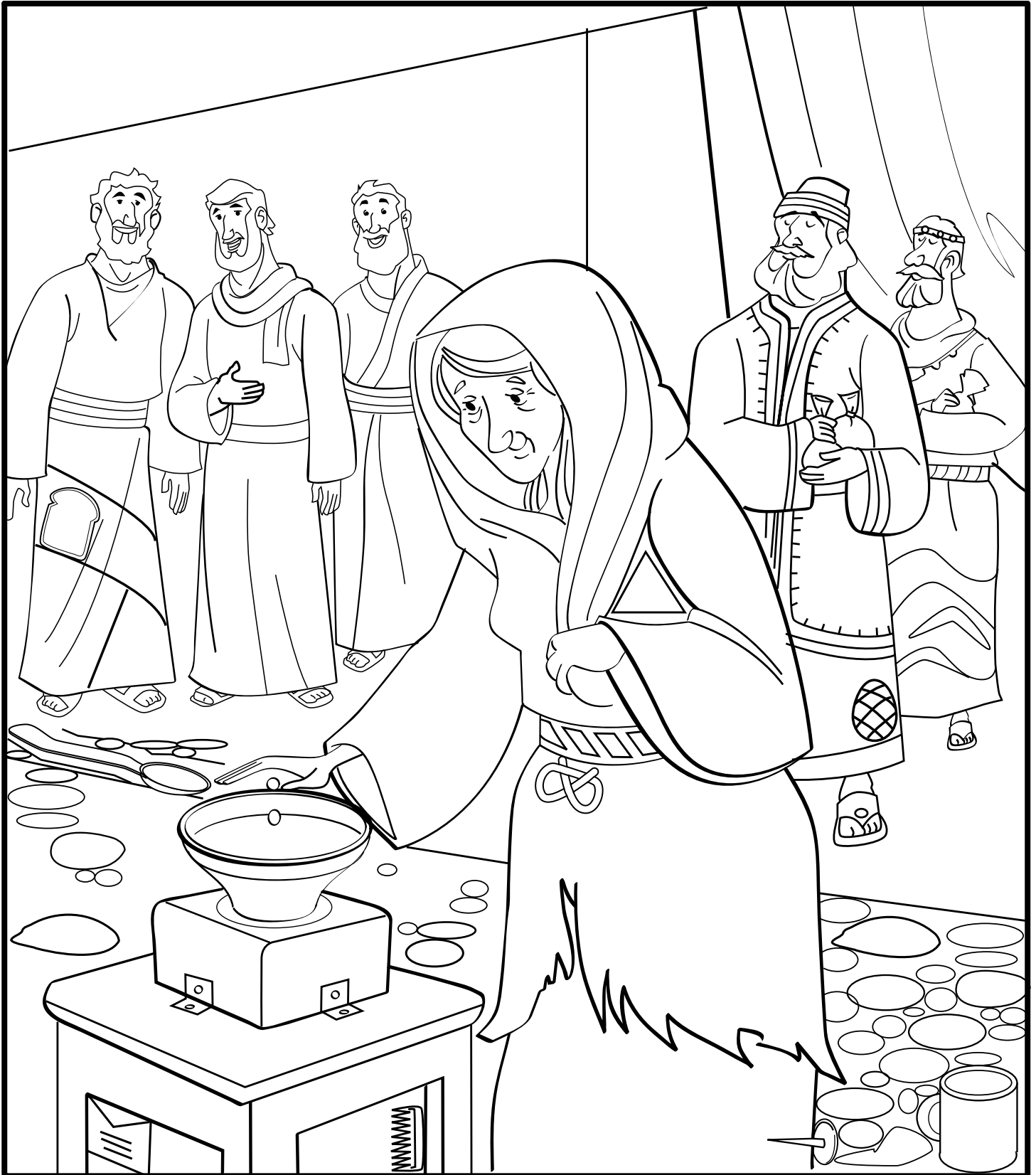


# † CONNECTED to CHRIST †

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

# Hidden Pictures Jesus Taught About Giving

Find each of these items hidden in the picture: comb, envelope, cup, thumbtack, triangle, spoon, boomerang, pretzel, Easter egg, and a slice of bread. When you find all the items you may color the picture.





# Daily Lectionary / Financial Summary / Memorials / Serve

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September Daily Lectionary</b>						
3 1 Kings 19:1-21 Eph. 3:1-21	4 2 Kings 2:1-18 Eph. 4:1-24	5 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-17 Eph. 4:25-5:14	6 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37 Eph. 5:15-33	7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Eph. 6:1-24	8 2 Kings 5:9-27 Phil. 1:1-20	9 2 Kings 6:1-23 Phil. 1:21-2:11
10 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 Phil. 2:12-30	11 2 Chron. 29:1-24 Phil. 3:1-21	12 2 Chron. 31:1-21 Phil. 4:1-23	13 2 Chron. 32:1-22 Col. 1:1-23	14 2 Chron. 33:1-25 Col. 1:24-2:7	15 2 Chron. 34:1-4; 8-11; 14-33 Col. 2:8-23	16 2 Chron. 35:1-7; 16-25 Col. 3:1-25
17 2 Chron. 36:1-23 Col. 4:1-18	18 Neh. 1:1-2:10 1 Tim. 1:1-20	19 Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Tim. 2:1-15	20 Neh. 4:7-23 1 Tim. 3:1-16	21 Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9; 15-16 1 Tim. 4:1-16	22 Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18 1 Tim. 5:1-16	23 Neh. 9:1-21 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2
24 Neh. 9:22-38 1 Tim. 6:3-21	25 Mal. 1:1-14 Matt. 3:1-17	26 Mal. 2:1-3:5 Matt. 4:1-11	27 Mal. 3:6-4:6 Matt. 4:12-25	28 Deut. 1:1-18 Matt. 5:1-20	29 Deut. 1:19-36 Matt. 5:21-48	30 Deut. 1:37-2:15 Matt. 6:1-15

## July 2023 Income & Expense Summary

July General Fund Income:	\$85,287.39
July General Fund Expenses:	\$86,167.57
July surplus (deficit)	\$ (880.18)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(72,824.54)
Gen Fund Balance	\$389,345.86

## RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$122,494.21
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$22,724.15
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$75,639.26
All Memorials balance:	\$19,195.44
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$240,053.06

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund July	\$1,065.00
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund	\$7,312.79

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Duane Eischer  
General Fund \$30.00

In Memory of Dorothy Zehnder  
General Funds \$20.00

thank you!

I would like to **thank** all of you for your prayers throughout the years and while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you for the cards, calls, and visits. I love you all and please continue to pray for me. To God be the glory!!  
Your Brother in Christ, Lonnie

**Many, many thanks** from the Youth to all of you who supported the Car Wash! Thank you for all the vehicles you brought up - we washed 100 cars!! Thanks to the youth and parents who helped that day - what a great job you all did! We also appreciate the pledges and donations given. This will help fund our youth events and gatherings through the year. Thank you so much!

goodbye, august  
hello, september



## September Birthdays - Happy Birthday!!

Grace Ehrmantraut	1	Dick Wiacek	10	Heather Petzold	24
Carly Ehrmantraut	1	Marcus Jensen, Sr.	10	Emma Hoard	24
Bryan Bassett	1	Anthony Perez	10	Kenny McKee	24
Diane Blue	2	Ryker Rosebush	10	Tom Devereaux	24
Tyler French	2	Lana Gladly	11	Danyel Dormire	24
Katie Wiacek	2	Samantha Aguirre	11	Raymon Hoard	24
Jessamyn Keinath	2	Kathy Kirby	11	Emelyn Gleason	24
Shirley Snyder	3	Barbara Kauer	12	Sarah Schwab	24
Benjamin Weber	3	Kristina Hibbard	12	Brian McClelland	24
Trevor Gleason	4	Katelyn Kaschner	12	Justin Allen	25
Janette Reinert	4	Luann Licavoli	13	Beth Ehrmantraut	25
Emily DeOrnellas	4	Mellicha Gleason	13	Carson Morse	25
Bridget Marks	4	Amy Malchodi	13	Madeline Bach	25
Rhonda McGraw	4	Jason Wirsing	13	Hailey ILL	25
Crystal Wates	4	Hannah Woolwine	13	Hannah ILL	25
Luanne Jaruzel	5	Pierce Force	15	Diane MacKay	26
Samantha Ayotte	5	Sterling Force	15	Bradley O'Hearn	26
Mitchell Curtis	5	Jessica Harpst	16	Zaya Fogerty	26
Pam Hanlin	5	Deborah Porter	16	Stephan Paquette	26
Larry Henderson	5	Audrey Wilson	16	Shye Ruppel	26
Gregory Mohr	5	Lila Sischo	16	Chelsea Sebert	26
Marvin Rodemsky	5	Susan ILL	17	Duane Weber	27
Diane Williams	5	Nila Schmandt	17	Michael Blue	27
Jeffrey Yorke	5	Brandee Stratton	17	Denise Sherman	27
Kaylynn Bostater	5	Alyze Davis	17	Heather Frahm	27
Jennifer Mays	5	Tracee Jones	17	Jaelynn Gross	27
Kaitlyn Woolwine	6	Bev Rodabaugh	18	Reese Inman	27
John Nitz	6	Tedd Burton	19	Ellie Romain	27
Elaira Pashby	6	Makayla France	19	Ken Auernhammer	28
David Weber	6	Denise Hoard	20	Susan Flach	28
Landyn Duncan	6	Steve Kern	20	James Flach	28
Beth ILL	7	Alden Rodammer	20	Monica Russell	28
Caleb Beyette	7	Joan Benish	21	Elizabeth Freeman	28
Bruce Jr Edler	7	Angel Gleason	21	Dwight Radloff	28
Mariah Steepe	7	Kenneth Platt	21	Shane Brandle	29
Nelson Watchpocket	7	Arianna Casto	21	Nancy Coleman	29
Marci Draper	8	Darwin Hecht	21	Amanda Hecht	30
Garrett Brady	8	William Hoard	21	Martha Jensen	30
Madison Jones	8	Dale Blue	22	Sharon Keinath	30
Cody Goodhue	8	Corey Daenzer	22	Christina Hiles	30
Derrick Keinath	8	Veronica Horning	22	Krystal Hudie	30
Dean Skouson	8	Autumn Okorowski	23	Jared Petzold	30
Jeffrey Draper	10	Ezra Ostrander	23	Carl, Jr. Strouth	30
Alyssa Keinath	10	Aiden Law	23	Cynthia Wilson	30



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**Eph. 4:11-16**

