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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

July 2013

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli



A Message from Pastor Abatelli

My wife found this article *Dear Parents with Young Children in Church* and posted it on the internet. I want to share an adapted version with you. It is important for all of us to know about this and share. So please, if you know anyone that would benefit from this, send it to them or if you see someone having these problems reassure them they are welcomed and offer a hand to help.

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Dear Parents with Young Children,

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is *so* important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do is about more than Bible Study or personal contemplation, but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share God giving us His Word and His Sacraments, where we learn about what Christ has done. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

The July Messenger is sponsored in memory of Robert Petzold's 80th birthday from his family.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a younger member slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine determined not to miss a drop of Jesus' blood. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of Amens just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read sound out the words in the hymnal or count his way to hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know, *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what God is giving all of us through His Word and Sacraments as a community of faith. Everyone is welcome and their presence matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church. They don't need to wait until they believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly timed depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family - with all of its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

From a Grateful Member

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Worship is for you and your children to hear about Christ and what He has done. As Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." *Matthew 19:14*

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

✠ **Word – God Speaks to Us** (from the Lutheran spirituality Series) - Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library. Do Lutheran Christians have spirituality? Indeed they do! This adult Bible study series explores the rich depths of a distinctively Lutheran spirituality that begins in Baptism and is founded upon God's Word. The Word of God communicates not merely spiritual energies, an emotional high, a method of reasoning, or a stringent morality, but truly Jesus Christ Himself – God in human flesh. Learn about what God has done and continues to do for us through His Word.

✠ **High School Bible Study** – Led by Laura Gleim in the Youth Room.

New Two-Session Summer Bible Study

Because of a feisty barber named Peter Beskendorf, we not only know exactly how Martin Luther prayed, but we have what is probably the greatest and most practical little pamphlet ever written on how regular folks can pray: "A Simple Way to Pray" (Luther's Works, v. 43, pp. 189-211). While Luther was getting lathered in the barber's chair, Peter asked the Reformer how he went about praying. Luther gave Peter the lowdown in the chair and then sat down and peeled off his little book shortly thereafter. Because there are so many unbiblical things said and written about prayer all about us, every Lutheran should have "A Simple Way to Pray" and read it. Luther's little book on prayer will revolutionize your prayer life.

The genius of Luther's approach is that it anchors prayer in the biblical or biblically based text so that it doesn't float off into self-absorbed drivel, quite disconnected from God's mandates and promises in the Bible. Luther's approach balances the issue of order and freedom, written prayer and ex corde prayer--but in such a way that the biblical text determines the content and inspires the mind to pray freely as the Spirit moves.

David Kaiser would like to lead you through this two-session study on **Martin Luther's A Simple Way to Pray**. I will be leading this starting **Saturday, July 6th** at 6:30PM. This study will work on the premise of Martin Luther's suggestion for prayer.

Musical Opportunities

Worship Team
Wednesdays at 6PM

Praise Team
Thursdays at 6:15PM



July Scripture Readings

July 7th

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Luke 10:1-20

July 14th

Leviticus 18:(1-5) 19:9-18

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 21st

Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)

Colossians 1:21-29

Luke 10:38-42

July 28th

Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

July 7th

"Sowing Righteousness"

By Rev. James L. Elsner

July 14th

"Jesus, Your Good Samaritan"

By Rev. Abel Villos

July 21st

"Making Good Choices"

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker

July 28th

"Ask! Seek! Knock!"

By Rev. Dr. Walter A Maier III

Broadcast Guide

Sundays at 7:30AM WMPC 1230 AM

Sundays at 8:30AM WSAM 1400 AM

Sundays at 10AM KAWZ 89.3 FM

Sundays at 12PM WRDT 560 AM

For a complete listing, go to lhm.org, click on "Our Ministries" and click on "Lutheran Hour."

Calendar of Events

Karate

Tuesdays from 5-8 in the Parish Hall.

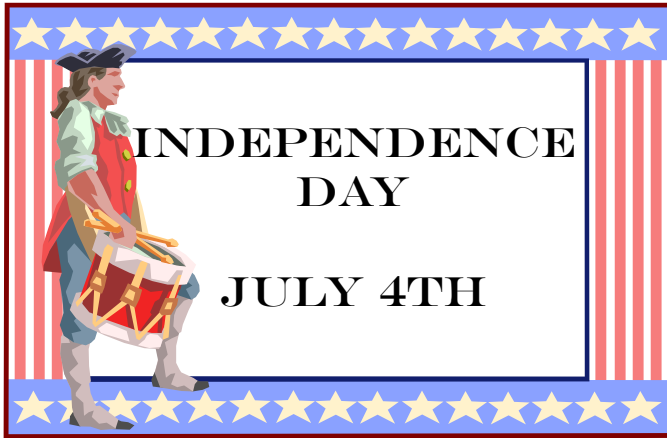
AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30 -8:30PM in the Council Room. For more information contact Gary 989-710-6637.

Brass Practice

Wed., July 3rd at 9AM

We will be practicing for Faithful Freedom Sunday.



3rd Annual Faithful Freedom Sunday



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Come give thanks and praise to Christ for our freedom as we celebrate with patriotic music and honor our soldiers and veterans.

Sat., July 6th at 7:30PM
Sun., July 7th at 8:30AM and 11:00AM

The Activity Center Will Be Closed

July 15-31 to have the floor refinished.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, July 19th

Food For The Poor

Please join us the weekend of July 20 & 21 to hear Rev. Daniel D. Otto speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Otto will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Otto was ordained in 1961 for the Mid-South District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Before joining Food For The Poor, Pastor Otto served as Pastor of churches in New Orleans, LA, Gary, IN, Niagara Falls, NY and Nashville, TN. During these years he also served as a Circuit Counselor and a member of four District Board of Directors, as 1st Vice-President in two Districts and on numerous boards, committees and Task Forces of Synod.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Otto.

Girls Basketball

All girls in 4th-8th who will be playing basketball are invited to **Dribble on the Rail Trail** Wed., July 24th at 6PM. We will meet in the parking lot at the beginning of the trail at 6PM. If questions, call Bill Weber 871-9975.

Meetings

Stephen Ministry Mon., July 8th at 7PM

Council Wed., July 10th at 7:30PM

Trustees Sun., July 21st at 7PM

Elders Wed., July 24th at 7:30PM



Miscellaneous / Memorials

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following St. Paul Alumni on becoming Cheerleaders for the 2013 high school football season: Kelli Crittenden, Kathryn DeOrnellas, Addy Ley, and Amanda Maschke.

Oh...A new baby!

We would love to welcome each and every one of them with a card and a special visit so, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we can celebrate too.

Bible Marking

We mark Bibles during the summer months Fridays at 9AM. Everyone is welcome to meet in the church and help.

The Lutheran Hour

If anyone would like to support "The Lutheran Hour" mission outreach program, please mail your payments to: Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour, PO Box 133, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

Sunday Sermons

Sermons are available on the St. Paul website, www.stpaul-millington.org. The entire 8:30AM service is recorded and CDs are available on the wall across from the Chapel.

St. Paul Website

Remember to check out our St. Paul website www.stpaul-millington.org for church and school information. There are also many links available for additional information and resources.

Ministry Perks

Ministry Perks 1st quarter earnings were \$38.26. Get your free card from the church office. Thank you to all who remembered to use your Ministry Perks card when making purchases at the Family Christian Bookstore!

Christmas in July?

It's never too early to start thinking about Advent Devotions. If you have an idea or story, it can be submitted at any time. Please email to Laura at laura.gleim@stpaul-millington.org.

Altar Flowers Needed

Flowers are needed for the weekends of July 14 and Aug. 4 & 11. Please sign up on the flower chart hanging between the church mailboxes. Thank you.

July 2013 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF Robert and Diane Sebert's wedding anniversary and IN THANKSGIVING FOR our children and grandchildren Building Fund	\$500.00
IN HONOR OF Flora Weber's 75 th birthday General Fund	\$ 75.00
IN MEMORY OF Donna Kay Kirby General Fund	\$ 50.00
IN MEMORY OF Ralph Warby Story Hour	\$ 75.00
IN MEMORY OF Erna Rodammer General Fund	\$ 20.00
IN MEMORY OF Alden Dean Jr. General Fund	\$ 5.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR our St. Paul Bell Ringers Send Out Cards	\$ 20.00
IN HONOR OF Eunice Peche's 80 th birthday General Fund	\$ 20.00

Congratulations on Your Upcoming Wedding



July 13th

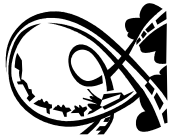
Rachel Keinath & Erik Lawrence

July 20th

Laura Simmons & Zachary Simon

**Speak when you are angry
and you will make the best
speech you will ever regret.**

Cedar Point Form / Misc.



Christian Music Concert & Cedar Point Trip Saturday, September 14th

The bus will leave St. Paul, Millington at 6:30am SHARP
and will return around 4am.

Price includes Admission, Concert and Bus.

Price: \$68.00

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ x \$68.00

TOTAL \$ _____

If you have an LYF Account and would like the money to come out of
there please check the box.

Please return form to church of-
to St. Paul Lutheran Church by
_____ fice with checks made payable
Wed. July 31st.

If you are under 18, a permission slip will need to be signed.
We need 1 chaperone for every 8 students that are
attending this event.

Direct any questions to Laura Gleim, 871-4581.

Ways to Help Our School:

Campbell's UPC Codes & Box Tops - Help us gain valuable school supplies by cutting off the UPC codes from any Campbell Soup product and Box Tops for Education.

Send in your **can tabs** and they go to the American Legion who then donate them to help with medical supplies and services for children.

Meijer & Kroger Programs - Just use your Meijer or Kroger Plus cards (they must be registered for St. Paul to receive credit.) If you haven't signed up yet, please call the school office for more information.

Please keep saving your wrappers throughout the summer. Every little bit helps our school! We earn \$.02 for candy and chip wrappers and \$.01 for Capri Sun pouches.

Scrip

Gift Cards make great gifts for Birthdays, Graduation & Weddings. **SCRIP (gift cards) on hand in the school office.** (ex. I tunes, Claires, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Sears, JCPenney, Amazon, Bath & Body, Menards, Lowes, Home Depot, Dunhams, Cabela's, Gander Mountain, Family Christian Bookstore, Bass Pro Shop, Applebees, Red Lobster, Logans Roadhouse. BD Mongolian BBQ, Burger King, Subway, Taco Bell).

Online Messenger

If you prefer to read the church messenger or school newsletter online, please call the church office to discontinue the mailing to your home. Simply go to www.stpaul-millington.org. Find the School or Church info drop down menu, go to Current Events then go to Newsletter or Messenger.

Red Record of Fellowship

To help with the ease of **record keeping**, if you are a Jr. or Sr., or share a name with someone, please add Jr., Sr., or a middle initial in the attendance records and on your communion card. Thank you!



July Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Sherry ILL	7/1	Erna Reinert	7/9	Patricia Saeger	7/16	Tyler Reyna	7/25
Dwight Keinath	7/1	Bradley Wilson	7/9	Brooke Shaffer	7/16	Coy Thomason	7/25
Mark Wolfer	7/1	Darrell Zeck	7/9	Fatima Compaore	7/17	David Walz	7/25
Robert Ames	7/2	Kenneth Jensen	7/10	Scott Heike	7/17	Reagan Wisenbach	7/25
Suzanne Bleuer	7/2	Aaron Keinath	7/10	Dennis Shaffer	7/17	Eileen Ziegler	7/25
David Edler	7/2	John Keinath	7/10	Amanda Turner	7/17	Fred Erlenbeck	7/26
Wendy Edler	7/2	Kaden List	7/10	Benjamin Daenzer	7/18	Seth Holmes	7/26
Joyce Koch	7/2	Brian Meier	7/10	Erik DuRussel	7/18	Ronald Johnson	7/26
Katherine Rohn	7/2	Margaret Mullin	7/10	Deklan Hager	7/18	Cindy Kralik	7/26
Qwilleran Schmandt	7/2	Nicole Petzold	7/10	Neil Hecht	7/18	Frederick List	7/26
Sandra Weber	7/2	Dennis Rodammer	7/10	Susan Kelly	7/18	Jilee Mallard	7/26
Ashley Wolverton	7/2	Nancy Wilson	7/10	Renae Roth	7/18	Nicholas Maschke	7/26
Jerrie Daniel	7/3	Jacob Figgins	7/11	Brianne Wolfer	7/18	Jeffrey Platt	7/26
Arthur Saeger	7/3	Dale Higgins	7/11	Samantha Wolfer	7/18	Lola Wendt	7/26
Dianne Scarborough	7/3	Muriel Mohr	7/11	Alexis Alberts	7/19	Blake Ferrier	7/27
Erica Cunningham	7/4	Karen Petzold	7/11	Brian Bentley	7/19	Michael Hibbard	7/27
Jayson Mays	7/4	Norman Weiss	7/11	Matthias Grulce	7/19	Dusty Higgins	7/27
Kent Singer	7/4	Caden Wilson	7/11	Bret Holmes	7/19	Isabel Ketels	7/27
Barbara Smith	7/4	Bridgette Bodeis	7/12	Morgan Rader	7/19	Aaron Knoll	7/27
Raymond Coon	7/5	Christopher Guelette	7/12	Nathan Staple	7/19	Donna Osborn	7/27
Madison Hoard	7/5	Shirley Petzold	7/12	Sally Wolfer	7/19	Dean Rohn	7/27
Danielle Ayotte	7/6	Scott Reinig	7/12	Brianna Burns	7/20	Diane Sebert	7/27
Paige Ayotte	7/6	Laura Simmons	7/12	David Carsten	7/20	Lane Shoens	7/27
Marie Fisher	7/6	Jeffery Sutton	7/12	Kevin Clouse	7/20	Jane Albrecht	7/28
Richard Kolaja	7/6	Kristie White	7/12	Velva Cobanovich	7/20	Mikayla Brow	7/28
Leslie Maxson	7/6	Hannah Badgley	7/13	McKenna Decker	7/20	David Daenzer	7/28
David Rush	7/6	Lydia Bruner	7/13	Barbara Rude	7/20	Paula Kukulski	7/28
Aaron Singer	7/6	Brittney Cartner	7/13	Denise Wilcox	7/20	Alicia Leach	7/28
Timothy Singer	7/6	Kathryn Hoard	7/13	Kaylie Coleman	7/21	Chelsea Leach	7/28
Morgan Aulbert	7/7	Elijah Kaiser	7/13	Nathaniel Okorowski	7/21	David Russell	7/28
Justin Binder	7/7	Madalynn Paquette	7/13	Laura Sherman	7/21	Blake Bowman	7/29
Jeffrey Boerneke	7/7	Lenora Schuler	7/13	Jessica Allen	7/22	Rebecca Dalton	7/29
Richard Myers	7/7	Gabrielle Sherman	7/13	Linda Henderson	7/22	Anthony DeOrnellas	7/29
Virginia Osborn	7/7	Barton Coleman	7/14	Larry Keinath	7/22	Michael Kern	7/29
Heather Sergent	7/7	Andrew Jaruzel	7/14	Addison Ley	7/22	Katelinn Koeltzow	7/29
Joseph Shufelt	7/7	Kimberly Peche	7/14	Shirley Petzold	7/22	Larry Petzold	7/29
Wendy Baker	7/8	Patricia Petzold	7/14	Avery Ratza	7/22	Philip Petzold	7/29
Amy France	7/8	Aurianna Rogers	7/14	Arlene Rodemsky	7/22	Glen Reinert	7/29
Mark Paquette	7/8	Keith Woolwine	7/14	Chaise Wilson	7/22	Amy Yorke	7/29
Karen Petzold	7/8	Daryl Benish	7/15	Hunter Wirsing	7/22	Elizabeth Zeck	7/29
Kirk Piar	7/8	Megan Butterfield	7/15	Lindsey Anderson	7/23	Ryan Ames	7/30
Richard Rohde	7/8	Amanda Klauer	7/15	Dayna Snyder	7/23	Bethany Daenzer	7/30
Judith Atkins	7/9	Erin Thompson	7/15	Brianna Weber	7/23	Sierra Goodhue	7/30
Ethan Casto	7/9	Connie Titsworth	7/15	Ryan Woodward	7/23	Alexandra Rueger	7/30
Renee Hecht	7/9	Erik Torrey	7/15	Michele Alberts	7/24	Hans Schmandt	7/30
Angela Howe	7/9	Cassandra Wood	7/15	Stephanie Erickson	7/24	Sherry Sebert	7/30
Jenelle Keinath	7/9	Kelly Ames	7/16	Tamara Simmons	7/24	Bonnie Wittum	7/30
Amy Kennard	7/9	Mindy Harry	7/16	Justin Steepe	7/24	Randy Wolverton	7/30
Ashley O'Dell	7/9	Robin Pease	7/16	Kristie McCurdy	7/25	Russell Hayden Jr.	7/31
Darwin Reinert	7/9	Dwight Rodammer	7/16	Cheyene Pashby	7/25	Shane Reinig	7/31
						Constance Wells	7/31

***God's Richest Blessings
on Your Birthday!***

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Life Lessons...

- ♦ God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
 - ♦ Growing old beats the alternative—dying young.
- ♦ Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- ♦ If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- ♦ Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
 - ♦ The best is yet to come...
- ♦ No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
 - ♦ Life isn't tied with a bow, but it is still a gift.

LEAP

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**A Powerful Plan to help LCMS congregations Advance
Lutheran Education throughout the region.
Led by 21 LCMS congregations.**

How will LEAP help?

By enhancing the following elements:

- 1) Inter-congregation communications,
- 2) School and congregation unity,
- 3) Resource utilization,
- 4) Professional staff and board management,
- 5) Enrollment management,
- 6) Partnership opportunities,
- 7) Early Childhood and Daycare and
- 8) Funding Options.

Implementation Updates: There are **twelve task forces** working on goals in the areas above. Here are some highlights as to what is “Coming Soon” to your congregation:

School and congregation unity: Education Ministry Plan

ENCOURAGE EVERY CONGREGATION TO DEVELOP AN Education Ministry Plan.

This is a compilation of your educational ministry connecting all God’s children, infant thru seniors. It is a living document intended to grow with your congregation and your community.

Professional Staff and Board Management: Board of Education Effectiveness Tool

A “boards of education self-assessment instrument” is soon scheduled to be delivered to the LCMS congregations who are part of LEAP. It is hoped that the instrument will be completed by a large percentage of the members of the boards of education (or equivalent governing groups) of our Great Lakes Bay Region Lutheran congregations. The survey purpose is to assist our boards of education and their members to evaluate and improve operational effectiveness. Based upon data drawn from survey results, both strengths and gaps of our boards, as measured against general “boardsmanship” best practices, are to be identified. Then will follow consideration of presentation topics for proposed annual region-wide board member training events to be offered during the next several years to Christian education governing board members of our Great Lakes Bay Region Lutheran churches.

Early Childhood Development: Position paper created and approved, future goals soon to be shared!

Inter-congregational Communications: NEW PASTOR/PRINCIPAL GROUP kick off August 13!

Purpose: To build relationships, to visit other schools, help understand their role in LEAP. Pastors and principals will be invited to a kickoff event that will set the stage for future meetings for worship, collaboration, relationships with other congregations and to provide feedback to the LEAP implementation team.

Partnership Opportunities: How can Lutheran Churches and Schools work together?

The Collaboration Task Force has been formed made up of representatives from 9 different area congregations. The charter for this task force has been adopted by the Strategic Implementation Team. This Task Force will meet throughout the summer months to review various examples of collaboration including associations of Lutheran Schools from across the United States.

JULY 2013 -- DAILY LECTIONARY LSB pp. 299-304; with Psalm selections from: A Year with the Church Fathers

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the **Time of the Church** – the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

Jesus told His disciples, “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 15:5). We are each grafted into Jesus and made a branch of the Vine by the power of the Spirit in Holy Baptism. We stay connected to Jesus, our Vine, by hearing the preaching of God’s Word and receiving Absolution and the Lord’s Supper. This is how our life in Christ grows: by the power of the Spirit working in our hearts through Word and Sacrament. [from: A Year With the Church Fathers, p. x]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 th S. a. Pent. Judg. 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41 Psalms 2:1-8, 78:56-72	1 Joshua 6:6-27 Acts 10:18-33 Psalms 47:1-7, 75	2 The Visitation Joshua 7:1-26 Acts 10:34-48 Psalms 51:1-9, 60	3 Joshua 8:1-28 Acts 11:1-18 Psalms 84:5-8, 45	4 Joshua 10:1-25 Acts 11:19-30 Psalms 50:1-6, 113	5 Joshua 23:1-16 Acts 12:1-25 Psalms 68:1-6, 149	6 Isaiah Joshua 24:1-31 Acts 13:1-12 Psalms 100; 5:1-8
14 th S. a. Pent. Judg. 14:1-20 Gal. 3:1-22 Psalms 119:1-8; 1	8 Judg. 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52 Psalms 16:5-11 139:12-18	9 Judg. 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18 Psalms 138:1-6 86:8-17	10 Judg. 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5 Psalms 125 7:1-8	11 Judg. 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21 Psalm 5	12 Judg. 7:1-23 Gal. 1:1-24 Psalms 118:10-18, 108	13 Judg. 13:1-25 Gal. 2:1-21 Psalm 71
21 st S. a. Pent. 1 Sam. 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40 Psalm 106	15 Judg. 15:1-16:3 Gal. 3:23-4:11 Psalms 33:13-22; 27	16 Ruth Judg. 16:4-30 Gal. 4:12-31 Psalm 21	17 1 Sam. 1:1-20 Gal. 5:1-26 Psalm 92	18 1 Sam. 1:21-2:17 Gal. 6:1-18 Psalms 20; 131	19 1 Sam. 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41 Psalms 82; 136	20 Elijah 1 Sam. 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22 Psalms 119:57-64, 115:9-18
28 th S. a. Pent. J.S. Bach 1 Sam. 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35 Psalms 59:1-5; 57	22 St. Mary Magdalene 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28 Psalms 137:1-7; 56	23 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:1-22 Psalms 119:113-120, 141	24 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36 Psalm 24	25 St. James the Elder 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16 Psalms 63:1-8; 149	26 1 Sam. 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29 Psalms 69:30-35, 70	27 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11 Psalms 119:17-24, 141
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Faith for the Journey / General Fund Info / Area News

Faith for the Journey Campaign Information

Total Advanced Commitment from Members: **\$1,286,093** – to be given over three years.

Building Fund Giving-

Fiscal Year 08-09	479,607.22
Fiscal Year 09-10	359,077.24
Fiscal Year 10-11	257,792.12
Total	1,096,476.58

The final total new construction costs were \$1,962,850.

We began with about \$500,000 in building fund debt before the Activity Center addition.

Combination of the previous debt and new construction costs were approximately \$2,462,850.

Current Building Fund Information as of December 2012:

Mortgage Principal: \$1,453,656.43

Building Fund Savings: \$26,462.70

Payment \$14,135.00 per month

Just a Few Notes. . .

Please continue to thoughtfully consider the gifts you give to the congregation. We had a few months where through our prayerful gifts, a significant dent was made to our General Fund deficit. This can not be said for the last two months. Currently, our General Fund deficit has again risen to over \$97,000. As well, giving to our missions and building fund have been consistently down. At our June Voters' Assembly meeting, we made a pledge to district to give \$20,000 for missions. We need to examine how each of us can contribute to meeting this pledge.

Our current constitution has a spot that is not currently able to be enforced. It reads that "Sufficient cause for the removal of the Pastor, Family Life Director, Teacher or Officer of the Congregation is persistent adherence to false doctrine, a scandalous life, the willful neglect of duties or protracted incapacity, or for necessary financial reductions in staff." The portion that refers to "for necessary financial reductions in staff" was not reflected in the Voters' Assembly minutes. As a result, it will be brought to the Voters' Assembly meeting at its regularly scheduled August meeting.

Church elections will be coming up in the fall. If anyone is interested, or would like to suggest anyone for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, or Budget Director, or any board, please contact the church office or call Jeff Yorke. That name will be submitted to the nominating committee.

Carryover Deficit as of 4/30/13	(62,735.00)
May General Fund Income	69,797.68
General Fund Expenses	(104,323.22)
+ / - for Month of May	(34,525.54)
Ongoing Deficit to Date	
– includes Line of Credit Balance Due	(97,260.54)
**Line of Credit <i>Principal</i> Balance Due as of 4/30/13	25,819.71
Building Fund	13,504.00
Missions	1,463.12
T.I.M.	904.35
VLHS	258.39
Boiler/Air Conditioner Fund Balance	\$0
Energy Efficiency Fund Balance	\$13,974.67

Area News

American Red Cross Blood Drive Thurs., July 11th from 1-6:45PM at the Millington Community Center.

Autism Support Group Thurs., July 11th from 6:30-8PM at the Millington United Methodist Church. Please call Kara at 989-615-6218 if childcare needed.

CAMP HOPE, A Grief Camp for Children ages 6 – 17 years old sponsored by Lutheran Home Care Hospice of Hope on August 14, 15 and 16. This camp is FREE to children who have experienced the death of someone close to them. For an application to camp please call Jane Olivier at (989) 652-4663 or visit our website at www.agingenriched.org.

Toledo Zoo Bus Trip Sat., Aug. 17th. Bus leaves St. Michael's, Richville parking lot at 7:30AM and returns around 7PM. \$12 per person. Please RSVP by Aug. 5th to Nancy at 989-868-4491 or gschluckbier@speednetllc.com.

Inspirational Corner

Ka-Boom!

Excerpts from Karen Kogler

The Fourth of July and fireworks go hand in hand in the United States. We impatiently wait for darkness to settle in, as we join the crowds at the city park or the riverfront. Soon, our waiting pays off as a small streak of light hisses upwards, and the sky is filled with an explosive ka-boom, colorful sparkles and lovely designs. Fireworks are for celebrations—our country's birthday, for example, or a homerun at the ballpark.

Wouldn't it be fun to celebrate with fireworks in church? What celebrations could we mark with fireworks? Here's a list:

- Every Easter hymn. He is risen indeed!
- Every announcement of the Gospel—God's glorious, free grace!
- Every baptism—a new member in the family!

Let's not stop with Sunday though. As we live out our lives of faith, we could celebrate every time someone:

- notices and stops to help someone who's hurting
- puts aside their own comfort in order to serve
- notices and thanks a humble servant
- reminds someone else of the purpose behind all that we do

In a firework show, the best is saved for last: the concluding climax fills the sky with deafening noise and blazing light. Similarly, we will save our best fireworks, our biggest celebrations for those events that stir heaven itself: a life transformed, a sinner who repents, a wandering soul found by our seeking God (Luke 15:7).

May God bless you and your family, not only during this special holiday, but throughout this month. May you find a reason to celebrate every day the blessings and grace that God has given to you.



Give God glory, honor and praise – every day!

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July Schedule



Acolytes

6	7:30PM		
7	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
7	11AM		Kelsey Gronowski & Ray Peche
13	7:30PM		Mason Lugg
14	8:30AM		Sydney & Dustin Bishop
14	11AM		Garrison & Malachi Hecht
20	7:30PM		Ericka White & Brian
21	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
21	11AM		Seth Mittler & Jason Ketels
27	7:30PM		Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
28	8:30AM		Maylynne Wager & Ted
28	11AM		Lillie Flach

Greeters

First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy III
	11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims
Second Sunday	8:30AM	
	11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
	11:00AM	Anna Tuttle
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
	11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

Ushers

8:30AM

January , April, July, October

Captain	Glenn Brown	Ron Schiefer
Assistant	Vic Reinert	Matt Singer
	John Hergenreder	Bob Wager
	Mike Kern	Bill Weber
	Nate Kern	Duane Weber
	Tim Kern	Ed White
	Brian Meier	

11AM

Captain	Mark Rude	Larry Henderson
Assistant	Tim Brown	Roger Keinath
	Matt Ayotte	Jason Ketels
	Tedd Burton	Arlyn Marks
	Mike Daenzer	Eddie Meeks
	Tim Daenzer	Rod Wilson

7:30PM

Jeffrey Yorke - Captain, Chad Fackler, Marc Keinath

Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte	Ted & Katrina Wager
Ron & Ruth Mieske	Rod & Nancy Wilson
Ed & Marcia Keinath	

Altar Guild

7:30PM -
8:30AM - Angie Zeck
11AM - Betty DeOrnellas
Melissa Keinath

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 5-8PM Karate 7:30PM AA	3 9AM Brass 6PM Worship Team	4 🎵 6:15PM Praise Team	5	6 6:30PM Bible Study 📖 7:30PM Worship
7 Faithful Freedom Sunday 📖 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study 📖 11AM Worship	8 7PM Stephen Ministry	9 5-8PM Karate 6:30-8:30PM Youth 7:30PM AA	10 6PM Worship Team 7:30PM Council	11 🎵 6:15PM Praise Team	12 4PM Rehearsal	13 2:30PM Wedding Keinath/Lawrence 📖 7:30PM Worship +C
14 📖 8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study 📖 11AM Worship +C	15	16 5-8PM Karate 6:30-8:30PM Youth 7:30PM AA	17 6PM Worship Team	18 🎵 6:15PM Praise Team	19 <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 6PM Rehearsal	20 Food for the Poor 3PM Wedding Laura Simmons / Zachery Simon 📖 7:30PM Worship
21 Food for the Poor 📖 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study 📖 11AM Worship Contemporary 7PM Trustees	22	23 5-8PM Karate 6:30-8:30PM Youth 7:30PM AA	24 6PM Worship Team 7:30PM Elders	25 🎵 6:15PM Praise Team	26	27 📖 7:30PM Worship +C
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Youth News

412 Youth Ministry July Events

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1st Timothy 4:12

Junior High & High School Ministry

TUESDAY, July 9th 6:30-8:30pm

Artist: Building 429

Song: We Won’t Be Shaken

There are so many things that the world tells us that we should put our confidence and trust in. The only problem with that is the world WILL let us down. If we put our confidence and trust fully in Christ, He will NEVER let us down.

TUESDAY, July 16th 6:30-8:30pm

Movie: Remember the Titans

Being a true Christian means we endure all things and never...ever...give up. Remember the Titans is not just a story about high school football. It’s a story based on real life events that shows how people must overcome their difficulties and cooperate with one another in order to achieve all that they want. In the end, we see that love can prevail over evil... if we let it.

TUESDAY, July 23rd 6:30-8:30pm

Artist: Capital Kings

Testimony: I Feel So Alive!

If God changes our lives, we may not always be socially welcome, but He will provide the friends we need so that we don’t have to try to break into a crowd that does not want you in the first place. We just need to always remember in the end to be thankful.

TUESDAY, July 30th 6:30-8:30pm

Artist: Jamie Grace

Testimony: Hold Me (featuring tobyMac)

God holds us up EVERY DAY! What gifts or talents do you have that you can use to tell others about God? How will you respond to God’s great love; not only this week, but every day of your life?