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A Message from Pastor Abatelli

Several years ago, after service one day, a lady came up to me, and asked why I always put Jesus' death and resurrection in all my sermons. This is one of the best compliments I have received even though she meant it as a criticism. I think back to that day and ask myself, was there anything else more important? NO! Isn't Christ what we are about as a church? Isn't it the reason we are here? Isn't that what we want our pastors to preach about?

The more I thought about her and this Gospel we have, I am finding it means different things to different people, for there is some ambiguity in the word Gospel. People do not clearly define it and it often gets lost in cultural clichés. Simply put, the Gospel is nothing more than Jesus, Him crucified and His glorious resurrection.

That is what we are to share boldly with those around us; what pastors should preach loudly from the pulpit. This Gospel of Christ gets lost in many things in our lives.

Billy Graham learned this lesson fifty years ago. He was in Dallas, Texas preaching to a crowd of 30,000 to 40,000. He said that when he left the platform where he preached, he felt a bit perplexed and wondered what happened. He could not wrap his head around it. A German man came over to him, put his arm around him and said, "Billy, could I say a word to you?" He said, "Yes." The German spoke in a kind voice, but his words hit Billy Graham's heart like a sledge hammer. "Son, you didn't preach the cross tonight. Your message was good, but you did not preach the cross." Billy Graham went to his room and cried, and said, "Oh, God, so help me, there will never be a sermon that I preach unless the cross is central."

The cross of Christ is important to us as God's children for without it we would not be His children. We would not be forgiven. We would not have eternal life. We would not have His Holy Spirit.

In April 2013 Prof. Dennis Phelps decided to check a hypothesis that the true Gospel of Christ is not preached in churches. So this professor took ten random, well known preachers and listen to several of their messages. Carefully studying the sermons he found his heart was heavy after the end of the study. He discovered that almost half the sermons did not explain or talk about the cross at all. Sadly yet, one third did not even mention Jesus Christ at all.

St. Paul Monthly Messenger

September 2014

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

*The September Messenger is
sponsored in memory of Mike
Ayotte from his family.*

Not mention Christ? Wow! This got me to think about us as a Christian church. Consider the messages we share with our family and friends. Could that message be shared in other religious groups who deny Christ as a Savior and be well received?

Thank God this message of Christ is there for us. His forgiveness is there for us. Christ died and rose for us and saves us. Paul writes,

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind
you of the gospel I preached to you, which you
received and on which you have taken your
stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold
firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise,
you have believed in vain. For what I received I
passed on to you as of first importance: that
Christ died for our sins according to the Scrip-
tures, that he was buried, that he was raised on
the third day according to the Scriptures.,
1st Corinthians 15:1-4*

That grace is ours. That is our message of hope and joy. We are forgiven for He died for us. He rose for us so that we can boldly share Christ Jesus, Him crucified and His glorious resurrection.

With His spirit we will share the true Gospel of Christ. As Paul says,

*And so it was with me, brothers and sisters.
When I came to you, I did not come with elo-
quence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you
the testimony about God. For I resolved to know
nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ
and him crucified.
1 Corinthians 2:1-2*

And again Paul writes,

*We preach Christ crucified!
1 Corinthians 1:23*

Can we imagine Peter or Paul not preaching Christ? How about me as your pastor? No, and God willing it will never happen. What about you? With the Spirit are you going to share the Gospel or another gospel?

Spiritual News

Adult Bible Studies **9:45AM Sunday Morning**

Bible Study – Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library.

Adult Instruction Classes

Do you have questions about the Bible, the world, suffering, right and wrong, forgiveness, the purpose for your life? **Get answers and discover** what a relationship with Christ is about during our Adult Instruction Class "The Real Truth."

In this class, we will look at the myths about Christ and His teachings, and then explore the truth about them. We will provide you with a study booklet and "Luther's Small Catechism." If you do not own a Bible, we will also make sure you get one of your own.

Begins: Sunday, Sept. 7th

Time: 9:45AM

Place: St. Paul Library

Interested? Please call our office at 989-871-4581 ext. 3, so we can prepare materials at no cost to you.

Daily Lectionary Bible Study

Have you observed how BAD news wears you down and takes away the love for living? "We are what we eat" can also apply to what we consume through our eyes and ears. There is a way to have GOOD news in your daily life. Join others who are reading God's Word every day and also meeting to discuss what God does to bring joy to our lives. The reading schedule is available in the Messenger and the Sunday bulletin. Beginning Sept. 3rd, we meet every Wednesday at 9AM in the Council Room for discussion and great fellowship. Try something positive and healthy for your mind and soul.

Men's Bible Study

Meets the second Tuesday of the month beginning Tues., Sept. 9th at 7:30PM in the Library.

Every boy has dreams of being the hero, of beating the bad guys, of doing daring feats and rescuing the damsel in distress. What happens to those dreams when we grow up? Walk into most churches and what do you find? Most Christian men are . . . bored.

This is a challenge for us men to return to our life of passion, freedom, and adventure in Christ. If we are going to be the men God created us to be, we must discover and recover who God is and what God says men are to be and not what society says.

This is a challenge to abandon what society says we should be like and pursue our fierce desire to love, do good, fight evil, and go beyond the limits for Christ, family and the world. Dare to be the man Christ died for! Dare to live the higher calling that Christ rose for. Dare to walk the road least taken.

September Scripture Readings

September 7th

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:1-20

September 14th

Numbers 21:4-9

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 12:20-33

September 21st

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Ephesians 4:7-16

Matthew 9:9-13

September 28th

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-18

Matthew 21:23-32

New Stephen Ministry Classes

Stephen Ministers Care! When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Your congregation needs more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? **A Training Class** will be starting at 7PM on Mon., Sept. 22nd at St. Paul. A sign up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex. For more information contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280, Laurel Woodward 871-4969 or 989-550-6868 or Pastor Bruner 871-4581.



**The
Lutheran Hour**

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

September 7th

"Humble as a Child" - Matthew 18:1-10

September 14th

"Letting Go-Being Reconciled" - Matthew 18:21-35

September 21st

"On Being Generous" - Matthew 20:1-16

September 28th

"Being Humble" - Philippians 2:3-8

Calendar of Events

AA Meetings

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

Building Meeting

On Wed., Sept. 3rd, there will be a **meeting** in the church at 7PM to discuss our building mortgage and possible future building projects. All congregational members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.


Sunday School

Sunday School will begin Sun., Sept. 7th from 9:45-10:45AM. Plan to join us as we explore God's word and His plan for our lives. Invite your friends. Teachers and helpers are needed on a part time basis. Please consider helping for 3 months. The Bible and activities are planned and available for you. Any confirmed member is welcome to help. Call Lori Osborn with questions or to volunteer 989-205-9873.

Storyhour

Storyhour will begin Tues., Sept. 9th from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. We will meet every Tuesday throughout the school year. We will learn how God guides us and loves us every day as we explore Bible stories and participate in activities, songs, crafts, and a snack. This is a free program for all preschool children. No pre-registration is required. Please tell everyone you know and invite the children to share in the fun. If you have questions, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 or come in and join the fun any Tuesday morning.

Quilting

 Quilting Workshops will begin Tues., Sept. 9th from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience is needed! If you can trace a square or cut on the line, you can quilt!! If you can tie a knot or sew a straight line, you can quilt!! Please consider coming in and joining the fun. Each week we will make quilts for the World Relief donations and quilts for people in need both locally and throughout Michigan. God will direct us to the needs we can help fill. We also make beautiful quilts to be sold at the Dorcas Bazaar in November. This helps to fund our quilt projects. We receive many generous donations and many hours are given by the faithful sewing ladies. Thank you all, and continue the good work. We can use material, thread, sheets, blankets, jeans, and volunteers. Please bring to the church office or the Parish Hall on Tuesdays. If questions, please call the church office or Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Fri., Sept. 12th

Scrapbooking

Sat., Sept. 13th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall
Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Great Food! Great Fun! Make New Friends!...and Prizes too! Bring your own scrapbook supplies, a dish to pass and beverages if you want other than coffee or H2O. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spsmill.org.
SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!

Bazaar Craft Workshop

Sat., Sept. 13th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall

The Dorcas Bazaar will be here soon. We need more willing hands to join the fun. Do you have a favorite craft you could share with us? Please share your creative projects or just come in for an hour or two and work on your hobby while we spend time together. Bring your own supplies and sit with friends. The kid's day of the bazaar will be Thurs., Nov 6th. We make many items just for them. The children look forward to this each year. Watch the Messenger and bulletin for details of how you can help get ready for this big, exciting project.



Essential Oils 101

Thurs., Sept. 18th at 6:30PM in the Library
Join us and find out how to use essential oils to live a life of wellness, purpose, and abundance. If questions, or for more info, call Jan McKee at 989-475-2091 or go to www.youngliving.org/mckeesoils.

September Meetings

Council/Building Budget Meeting

Wed., Sept. 3rd at 7PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Sept. 8th & 22nd at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., Sept. 9th at 6PM

Dorcas

Tues., Sept. 16th at 6PM

Trustees

Sun., Sept. 21st at 6PM

Elders

Wed., Sept. 24th at 7:30PM



September Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Bryan Bassett	9/1	Derrick Keinath	9/8	Alden Rodammer	9/20	Nancy Coleman	9/29
Carrie Mallard	9/1	Aja Robinson	9/8	Ronna Bearss	9/21	Sam Licavoli II	9/29
Jeremy McTaggart	9/1	Austin Steepe	9/8	Joan Benish	9/21	Bret Meier	9/29
Breanna Michael	9/1	Kaleb Meier	9/9	Arianna Casto	9/21	Nicholas Reyna	9/29
Diane Blue	9/2	McKenna Peche	9/9	Darwin Hecht	9/21	Andrea Cassidy	9/30
Tyler French	9/2	Darrell Smith	9/9	William Hoard	9/21	Amanda Hecht	9/30
Cassandra Pappenfuss	9/2	Jeffrey Draper	9/10	Kenneth Platt	9/21	Christina Hiles	9/30
Marvin Schreiber	9/2	Logan Figgins	9/10	Vonice Reed	9/21	Jacob Holtsberry	9/30
Katie Wiacek	9/2	Marcus Jensen Sr.	9/10	Raymond Reinert	9/21	Krystal Hudie	9/30
Gordon Laplow	9/3	Alyssa Keinath	9/10	Dale Blue	9/22	Martha Jensen	9/30
Addison Pashby	9/3	Michael McTaggart	9/10	Lori Brueggemann	9/22	Arno Keinath	9/30
Shirley Snyder	9/3	Anthony Perez	9/10	Corey Daenzer	9/22	Sharon Keinath	9/30
Benjamin Weber	9/3	Clyde Sergent	9/10	Veronica Horning	9/22	Jared Petzold	9/30
Emily DeOrnellas	9/4	Cal Smith	9/10	William Bretzloff	9/23	Jade Rodammer	9/30
Cody Higgins	9/4	Richard Wiacek	9/10	Brook Husted	9/23	Cynthia Titsworth	9/30
Rhonda McGraw	9/4	Samantha Aguirre	9/11	Autumn Okorowski	9/23		
Ethan Murphy	9/4	Nancy Fritz	9/11	Ezra Ostrander	9/23		
Janette Reinert	9/4	Lana Glady	9/11	Thomas Devereaux	9/24		
Crystal Wates	9/4	Kathy Kirby	9/11	Danyel Dormire	9/24		
Samantha Ayotte	9/5	Ronny Pavlicek	9/11	Emma Hoard	9/24		
Mitchell Curtis	9/5	Kristina Hibbard	9/12	Raymon Hoard	9/24		
Kristin Erdman	9/5	Katelyn Kaschner	9/12	Kenneth McKee	9/24		
Stacie Farnsworth	9/5	Barbara Kauer	9/12	Heather Petzold	9/24		
Pamela Hanlin	9/5	Eric Farnsworth	9/13	Sarah Schwab	9/24		
Larry Henderson	9/5	Amy Hanlin	9/13	Justin Allen	9/25		
Luanne Jaruzel	9/5	Hannah Keinath	9/13	Hailey ILL	9/25		
Jennifer Mays	9/5	Gabriella Laplow	9/13	Hannah ILL	9/25		
Gregory Mohr	9/5	Luann Licavoli	9/13	Brandy Bodeis	9/26		
Marvin Rodemsky	9/5	Jason Wirsing	9/13	Daniel Daenzer	9/26		
Jeffrey Yorke	9/5	Nicole Engelhart	9/14	Diane MacKay	9/26		
Clemens ILL	9/6	Dianne Petzold	9/14	Norman Montle	9/26		
Rebecca Meier	9/6	Pierce Force	9/15	Bradley O'Hearn	9/26		
John Nitz	9/6	Sterling Force	9/15	Stephan Paquette	9/26		
Elaira Pashby	9/6	Alan Petzold	9/15	Shye Ruppel	9/26		
David Weber	9/6	Janeen Witmer	9/15	Craig Blue	9/27		
Kaitlyn Woolwine	9/6	Jessica Harpst	9/16	Michael Blue	9/27		
Todd Ames	9/7	Cheyenne Isetts	9/16	Rose Draper	9/27		
Caleb Beyette	9/7	Joshua Minnock	9/16	Heather Frahm	9/27		
Katie Burleson	9/7	Deborah Porter	9/16	Jaelynn Gross	9/27		
Andrea Decker	9/7	Donnise Reinert	9/16	Reese Inman	9/27		
Bruce Edler	9/7	Susan ILL	9/17	Gail Lugg	9/27		
Eric Hutchinson	9/7	Tracee Jones	9/17	Denise Sherman	9/27		
Beth ILL	9/7	Judith Pletcher	9/17	Duane Weber	9/27		
Mason Lyons	9/7	Nila Schmandt	9/17	Kenneth Auernhammer	9/28		
Mariah Steepe	9/7	Bobby White	9/17	James Flach	9/28		
Nelson Watchpocket	9/7	Clyde Pletcher	9/18	Susan Flach	9/28		
Alissa Anderson	9/8	Tedd Burton	9/19	Tammi Laplow	9/28		
Garrett Brady	9/8	Ramona List	9/19	Kendall Leach	9/28		
Marci Draper	9/8	Steven Daniel	9/20	Ryan Ramsey	9/28		
Cody Goodhue	9/8	Denise Hoard	9/20	Monica Russell	9/28		
Madison Jones	9/8	Steven Kern	9/20	Shane Brandle	9/29		

Best Wishes



God's Richest Blessings on Your Birthday!

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ANNOUNCING:

An October Sermon Series

Sermons for all four weeks in October will deal with a specific topic -
****THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN MODERN SOCIETY****

The Pastors will lead us through four messages to help address topics and issues that our modern, sinful world places in front of us.

It has become so difficult for a parent to monitor and balance the messages from TV, music, internet, and magazines.

Is there anything that can be done to stay balanced as we face all the world offers?

How is a child supposed to react when their parents seem to be the only people in the world discouraging certain behaviors?

Messages will focus on men, women, children and the brotherhood within the Christian family.

God's Word will provide answers to assist in maintaining the Christian faith for generations to come.

Please join us Saturdays at 7:30PM or Sundays at 8:30 or 11AM.



Memorials / Special Thanks / Misc.

September 2014

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF Pastor Bruner for performing the baptism of Leo O'Hearn General Fund	\$25.00
IN THANKSGIVING for the Christian Care Committee Send Out Cards	\$100.00
IN HONOR OF the 40 th Wedding Anniversary of Jan & Shirley Snyder Council Room Carpeting	\$1,000.00
IN HONOR OF the 40 th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Laurel Woodward General Fund	\$40.00
IN HONOR OF the 35 th Wedding Anniversary of David & Janet Reinert General Fund	\$35.00
IN MEMORY OF Margaret Simon General Fund	\$20.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$10.00
IN HONOR OF Erna Reinert's 90 th Birthday General Fund	\$80.00
IN MEMORY OF Paris Rogers General Fund	\$100.00
For All God's Blessings General Fund	\$100.00

Special Thanks!

Thank you to Dick & Judy Kolaja for painting the trim and door on the garage, the flag poles, and soccer nets. You are appreciated.
-The Board of Trustees

The eighth grade class would like to **thank** all of you who supported the Hot Dog Booth during the Millington Festival. We would also like to thank those who donated supplies and their time, especially the families of Dwight Keinath, Terri Jo Keinath, Peter Klauer, Roger Leach, Sam Licavoli, Mary Jane Shreve, Ted Wager, Bill Weber and the St. Paul PTL.

A **huge Thank You** to Christy Ostrander for organizing and making sure the hot dog booth ran smoothly during the festival. The 8th graders and parents appreciate all the hard work and time you put into it from beginning to end. Thanks again, for an awesome job done!!

Retirement/Going Away Gift

If you would like to contribute a monetary **Retirement/Going Away** gift for Elaine Bickel, Linda Henderson, David Kaiser, Erika Kaiser, and Dianne Weber, please place your **cash only gift** in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sun., Sept. 14th. Please remember this gift is not tax deductible. Thank you!

Annual Report

The 2013 Annual Report can be found online at www.stpaul-millington.org. If you would like a hard copy, please call the church office.

Fall Bible Sale

Now is the time to start thinking about gifts for Christmas, birthdays, Confirmation, etc. The **Fall Bible Sale** from Concordia Publishing House is here. Discounts can be found on The Lutheran Study Bible, the New Lutheran Bible Companion, The Story Bible, and much more. A sign up sheet can be found on the glass case in the narthex, or call the church office to order by **Mon., Sept. 15th**. We will let you know the total amount due with shipping when we place the order.

Phone Number Changes

Reminder: If your phone number changes, please remember to let the church or school office know so we can update our records and the School Reach phone system. If you no longer wish to receive the church calls, please call the office so we can take you off the list. We are charged for this service per family and appreciate being notified when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation!

Musical Opportunities

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6PM

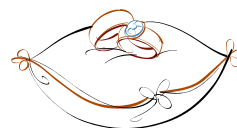
Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

*Congratulations on your
upcoming wedding!*



*Lisa Daenzer & Mark Merriam
September 13th*

Lutherans For Life / Misc.

How Pregnancy Can Change Your Outlook on Life

Thank you to Pauline Wolak for submitting this testimony: Oct.19, 2012 - Mother Teresa once said, "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." Every time I consider my stance on abortion, I think of these words. They state so perfectly the way I feel about the sanctity of life. My faith as a Catholic has much to do with it. So, too, does my oldest child. Becoming a parent changes your life. Becoming the parent of a child with special needs changes the way you view life.

Prior to having my first child, I was solidly "pro-choice." Live and let live, I said! To each their own! I can vividly recall arguing with my future mother-in-law and her best friend about it: "I'd never get one but I shouldn't be able to tell another woman what to do with her body!" Fifteen years later I wonder how those two kept their cool with a very naive 20-year-old me. To their credit, they never once called me stupid to my face.

It didn't occur to me at the time how flawed my reasoning was: not just flawed, but completely asinine. I had the talking points down well before the "war on women." The National Organization of Women had nothing on me—until I became pregnant, that is.

At my first appointment, the doctor found the baby's heartbeat. I was overwhelmed because my pregnancy was unplanned and I wasn't ready. We weren't even married! The doctor was unimpressed: "Are you having this child?" he demanded. His reply to my shocked "yes" brought everything into focus: "Then you are a mother right now. You are a mother. Act like it."

It wasn't a question, it was a statement. The heartbeat and the doctor that didn't mince words told me the truth: I was a mother. My body was merely the vessel for a completely separate being. She truly needed me to survive, but she wasn't simply "tissue." She wasn't a choice to be made; the choice was made several months beforehand. The initial diagnosis came soon after I gave birth. Ten perfect fingers, ten perfect toes, and 47 chromosomes. Down syndrome: twelve letters that changed everything I thought I knew.

Every year roughly 1 in 700 children are born with Down syndrome. While it's termed as "common" in most medical literature, that likely won't be the case for long; advances in prenatal screening assure that. Where Down syndrome is detected prenatally, 95% of pregnancies end in abortion. This is clearly the "poverty" Mother Teresa referred to. How tragic that we've put our version of "perfect" ahead of God's. Abortion has become a political football. Call it what you want: reproductive rights, the war on women, pro-choice. Those terms are just a really nice way of saying we have the right to kill something that burdens us.

The intervening years have been a whirlwind of doctors, specialists, therapy, IEPs, fights with school districts, and countless reminders not to hug everyone we see. It's also been completely mundane: bedtime stories, vacations, field trips, swim lessons, and riding bikes. As I look at my 14-year-old girl, I realize what an utterly typical and yet completely amazing kid she is. My kid. Not a choice, not a right. A gift: one I thank God for every single day. (More stories at www.rtl.org)

Abortion is forever – get the facts first

CEF July Mortgage Payment	\$14,135.00
Building Fund Contributions-July	\$10,906.50
Building Fund Account to make up difference	\$3,228.50
This leaves a balance in the Building Fund Account of: \$6,171.73	

Health Kits

We want to fill the Health Kits before the end of September. We still need emery boards, 4 washcloths, 15 bars of soap, 8 toothbrushes, 19 toothpaste, 10 combs, 11 deodorants, and 18 shampoos. Please don't bring anymore sample size products as we have enough of those for two years. Thank you!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thurs., Sept. 18th from 1-6:45PM at the Millington Community Center. Donating blood is safe, simple and makes a difference to patients and their families.

Ministry Perks

2nd quarter earnings were \$18.93. Thank you to all who remembered to use your Ministry Perks card when making purchases at the Family Christian Bookstore! **What is the Ministry Perks Program?** Family Christian stores track all purchases made by perk card bearers at any of the Family Christian Stores. A rebate certificate equal to 5% of the total spent is sent to our church to use any products at FCS. Perk cards are available in the church office.



**Welcome Back,
St. Paul Students!**

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Holy Cross Day 2 Chronicles 33:1-25 Colossians 1:24-2:7 Ps. 38	1 1 Kings 18:1-19 Ephesians 1:1-23 Ps. 47, 8	2 1 Kings 18:20-40 Ephesians 2:1-22 Ps. 138, 135	3 9:00 am Bible Study 1 Kings 19:1-21 Ephesians 3:1-21 Ps. 119:57-64, 108	4 2 Kings 2:1-18 Ephesians 4:1-24 Ps. 90:13-17, 107	5 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7 Ephesians 4:25-5:14 Ps. 56	6 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37 Ephesians 5:15-33 Ps. 127, 128
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21 Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 1 Timothy 4:1-16 Ps. 55:12-19, 119:89-96	22 Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 1 Timothy 5:1-16 Ps. 133, 119:97-104	23 Nehemiah 9:1-21 1 Timothy 5:17 -- 6:2 Ps. 51:5-13, 12	24 9:00 am Bible Study Nehemiah 9:22-38 1 Timothy 6:3-21 Ps. 123, 99	25 Malachi 1:1-14 Matthew 3:1-17 Ps. 51:5-13, 12	26 Malachi 2:1 -- 3:5 Matthew 4:1-11 Ps. 16, 32	27 Malachi 3:6 -- 4:6 Matthew 4:12-25 Ps. 91
28 16 th S. a. Pentecost Deuteronomy 1:1-18 Matthew 5:1-20 Ps. 145	29 Deuteronomy 1:19-36 Matthew 5:21-48 Ps. 19:7-14, 34	30 Deuteronomy 1:37 -- 2:15 Matthew 6:1-15 Ps. 119:161-168, 63	2 Chronicles Ch. 29-32 [ILSB p. 704] Reign of Hezekiah, (715-686 BC) ... From the ashes of faithlessness and defeat... arises one who leads God's people to renewed fidelity and glory... The Chronicler's account of Hezekiah's reign tells a more complete story of the restoration of true worship than Kings does. Hezekiah (1) cleanses the temple and rededicates it to the Lord's service (2) restores the observance of the annual festival days by keeping the Passover and (3) reinstates the other services in			

Nehemiah (c 445-432 BC) [ILSB p. 739] **Challenges for Readers** – *Nehemiah's Zeal*. ... The harsh conditions amid the rubble of Jerusalem demanded harsh discipline. Nehemiah pushed the Judeans to complete the walls of Jerusalem under danger of attack. When the people of the land continued to intermarry with foreigners—worshippers of other gods—Nehemiah's violent outburst against lawbreakers does not set the best example for us. But his discipline, humility, prayer, and commitment to God's Word are examples of excellent leadership. **Blessings for Readers**—Nehemiah, a faithful layman, gives all God's people a remarkable example of courage and leadership. As you study the Book of Nehemiah, consider how the Lord not only preserved His people during the exile but also replanted them in the Holy Land against incredible odds through servants like Nehemiah. He did these things out of love for them and for you—to keep His promise to send a Savior for all people.

Malachi (c 430 BC) [ILSB p. 1544] **Challenges for Readers** – *Rhetorical Questions*. The prophet asks 22 rhetorical questions in just 55 verses. He uses these questions to argue against the Judeans and to accuse them as people who certainly know better than to pursue the sins that were distracting them from true worship. **Blessings for Readers**— As you read Malachi, consider and answer his questions honestly in view of the Lord's commands and promises and in view of your life. The fire of His teaching will sear the dross of your indifference and bring forth tears of sincere repentance. Treasure most of all His precious Word about the appearance of Jesus, our Savior (3:1-4), the messenger of a better covenant.

September Schedule

Acolytes

6	7:30PM		Seth Mittler & Jason
7	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
7	11AM		Bradyn Henderson & Jim
13	7:30PM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
14	8:30AM		Timmy David
14	11AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
20	7:30PM		Zac Yorke & Jeff
21	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
21	11AM		Pierce & Sterling Force
27	7:30PM		Corey Daenzer & Tim
28	8:30AM		Evan Hoard & Ethan
28	11AM		Timmy David

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
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Third Saturday	7:30PM	Laura Sherman
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
	11:00AM	Jason & Heather Jones
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
	11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt

Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)

Ushers

8:30AM

Captain	Dwight Keinath Michael Albert Ken Auernhammer Corey Harry Mitchel III Colin Meacham Daniel Meacham	Jeremy Petzold Luke Platt Dennis Rodammer Eugene Weiss Bud Zeck Mike Ziegler
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11:00AM

Captain	Richard Harpst	Hans Schmandt
Assistant	Jay Rodammer Mike Hoard Heath Keinath John Petzold Michael Rader	Michael Sherman Rick Sherman Randy Wolverton Bryan Wilson Jr.

7:30PM

Captain	Larry Beagle Don Bierlein Jim Jaruzel	Ed Keinath Brian White
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Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte
Ron & Ruth Mieske
Ed & Marcia Keinath

Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Diane Leach
8:30AM - Mary White
11AM - Bonnie Wittum



Youth News

412 Youth Jr. High & High School Ministry September 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 6-8PM

Youth Night

TOPIC: God’s Not Dead – Against the Grain

We as Christians are called to be set apart and that sometimes means that we find ourselves standing alone. God gives us the courage to stand alone and go against the grain when it’s required.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 6-8PM

Youth Night

TOPIC: God’s Not Dead – Be It, Say It, Do It

God takes public acknowledgement seriously; silence is not an option. We should not be afraid to be vocal about our relationship with God.

















SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST 6-8PM

Youth Night

TOPIC: God’s Not Dead - Friendship

Our closest friendship should have a base in Christ. Friendships that aren’t based in Christ could cause us to stumble and accountability is key to both.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <i>1st Day of School</i> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 7:30PM AA	3 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:15 Social Concerns 6:53PM Church Choir 7PM Council/Building Budget Meeting	4  6:15PM Praise Team	5 7PM-12AM Jr. High Lock-In	6  7:30PM Worship
7  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Teacher Rededication</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Adult Instruction Class Sunday School  11AM Worship 6-8PM All Youth	8 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells Public School Confirmation	9 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM AA Heroes	10 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Church Choir	11  6:15PM Praise Team	12 <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 4PM Rehearsal	13 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking/Crafts 2PM Wedding Lisa Daenzer/Mark Merriam  7:30PM Worship+C
14  8:30AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Adult Instruction Class Sunday School  11AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 6-8PM All Youth	15 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation	16 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Dorcas 7:30PM AA	17 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team 6:53PM Church Choir	18  6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Essential Oils 101	19	20  7:30PM Worship
21  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Free Spirit</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Adult Instruction Class Sunday School  11AM Worship Contemporary 6PM Trustees 6-8PM All Youth	22 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells Public School Confirmation	23 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 7:30PM AA	24 9AM Bible Study 6PM Worship Team PTL Meeting 6:53PM Church Choir 7:30PM Elders	25  6:15PM Praise Team	26	27  7:30PM Worship+C
Eighth Graders at Washington D.C – Safe Travels!						
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September



Welcome back to our school year!

We are looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growing and strengthening friendships...especially with our best friend, JESUS as well as finding ways to sing God's truths in this world where He has placed us. Our theme verse for the year, Psalm 96:1, reminds us to "Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth." during the school year and for the rest of our lives wherever we may be.

We have the privilege to welcome some new students as well as two new teachers and principal and their families to the St. Paul Lutheran School family.

Kindergarten Carly Ehrmantraut, Grace Ehrmantraut, Madilyn Draper, Tala Kowitz, Derrick List, Isaac Long, and Malachi Wager

Third Grade Ian Crump

Sixth Grade Kenneth Cunningham

Seventh Grade Hailey Crump and Darrien Roberts

Eighth Grade Tristen Roberts

Mrs. Christy Ostrander will be teaching seventh grade. She is a recent graduate of Baker College. She is married to Scott Ostrander and they have been blessed with three children, Ezra, Olivia and Levi.

Mrs. Karen Bruner will be our Reading Specialist. She graduated from Western Michigan University and received her Master's degree from Vandercook College of Music. She is married to Rev. James Bruner and they have been blessed with two daughters, Lydia and Alexis.

We also welcome Mr. Brian Titworth as principal of St. Paul Lutheran. He is a former student at St. Paul Lutheran School. He is a graduate from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, as well as receiving Master's degrees from Marygrove College and the University of Michigan. He also served in the mission field as a teacher in Sopron, Hungary and Michigan Army National Guard. He has been married for 10 years to Jennifer and they have been blessed with two children, Bradyn and Ellie. We welcome all of you to the St. Paul Lutheran family!

There are many events planned for the month; here are the dates to mark:



Sept. 2	First Day of School
Sept. 5	Wear your school theme shirt
Sept. 7	Teacher Rededication & Installation
Sept. 17	Constitution Day
Sept. 22-26	8 th Grade Washington D.C Trip
Sept. 24	P.T.L. Meeting 6 p.m.

Mark your October calendars for the:

4th Annual Millington Fall Festival : Oct. 3-4 from 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Craft booths, silent auction, concessions, family fun zone as well as Friday night fish fry.

See you there!



September Sports



Soccer all games begin at 4:30 p.m.

- Sept. 4 at Christ the King, Sebewaing
- Sept. 9 with St. Michael's, Richville
- Sept. 11 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 15 at St. Paul, Flint
- Sept. 16 at St. Paul, Lapeer
- Sept. 18 with Trinity, Reese
- Sept. 29 at St. Michael's, Richville
- Sept. 30 at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Girl's Volleyball all games are at 4:30 p.m.

- Sept. 4 at Christ the King, Sebewaing
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School Musical Opportunities



Free Spirit

Sept. 21

8:30 a.m.