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A Message from Pastor Abatelli

How to Change Negative Attitudes to Positive Ones

1. Receive God's Word and Sacraments often: The gifts God gave us are a means where God hands out His grace to us. When Jesus had a confrontation with demons, it was anti-God, foul, polluting, and decaying in nature. He found comfort and relief in what was good, right, beautiful, and uplifting - His Father's presence. We get that same relief and comfort in God's presence - worship. There we recall what Christ did, remembering His promises of what He will do and receive what He did in His Words, Supper and Baptism.

2. Understand the power of attitude: Attitudes such as anxiety, envy, anger, bitterness, or pride lead to negative decisions and outcomes. They don't allow us to take the step of faith in Christ and even stunt our growth in Christ. If we're busy focusing on the negative, we lose focus on Christ and about whatever is true, noble, and right.

When Moses sent out twelve spies to recon the Promised Land, Joshua and Caleb came back with a positive report. They saw the blessings in the land. They saw God was with them and God made them strong so they looked to a blessed future with Him. This encouraged them in their walk with God. The other spies came back with negative reports and saw only the problems; how the enemy was too strong and Israel was weak. They were pessimistic about the future, not encouraged to step out in faith and trust God. Their attitude prevailed and that generation never got God's promise.

3. Examine your hearts: Showing others their flaws requires little to no personal sacrifice. Examining our own brokenness requires vulnerability and risk. If we are too busy with everyone else's need to change, we lose our ability to see our need for restoration and growth. Be honest and look inside your heart to identify specific negative attitudes: pride, fear, anger, sad-

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commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."*

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ness, resentment, jealousy, doubt, bitterness, and low self-esteem. Don't have a victim or martyr's attitude, since blaming others won't help, but realize God's promises to give you the forgiveness and strength to grow and move on. Look outward to God. God has made us saints in Christ, empowered by His Spirit to go forward every time an unhealthy, negative thought comes.

4. Take charge of your thoughts: When challenges arise, negative attitudes rise, putting us in crisis mode and we choose to react rather than respond. We can't always control people or situations, but can choose how we will respond. Avoid reacting negatively, and instead, deliberately choose to respond positively. God gave us an ability to renew our minds and to practice thinking about what is true, lovely and honorable. Be patient. It takes time, but with God's Spirit we choose to have hope in Him. When facing challenges in a fallen world, we approach them with a godly attitude that pushes forward in Christ. Whenever it's possible, make the effort to change troubling circumstances or relationships, but when we can't change them, ask God for the peace we need to deal with them.

5. Focus on what is good: Identifying problems is easy. God calls us to focus on what is good, lovely and admirable and that takes intentional work. In every undesirable event, there's always a way to look at the brighter side. I am not saying to live dishonestly, or ignore the bad for a fake smile. But accept the bad things and look to Christ and what He will do. To help count your blessings, post a blank sheet of paper on a wall, or use a journal, then every morning, think of one blessing God gave you that isn't already there and write it down. This will help you see that God has not abandoned you.

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(Message from Pastor Abatelli continued)

6. Choose not to make it "us" vs. "them": Jesus spoke truth to the hypocrites and legalists, yet did not publicly ridicule, mock or belittle those who questioned Him. Many times He invited them to examine their own hearts and turn to Him, but in their destructive attitudes they refused and turned it into Pharisees verses Christ. Invite them on the Christian journey to talk and share ideas; do not make it "us" versus "them."

7. Be proactive not reactive: Prepare for obstacles. It's inevitable in this fallen world that we'll face problems that can make us give in to negativity. Fear and discouragement cloud our thinking, but we do not need to repeat the same mistake others or we have made over and over again on the same issue. We can invest time on policies or procedures to seek and learn how we use this opportunity to shine Christ and learn from it.

8. Make a positive difference in His kingdom. Stop focusing on yourself and be a vessel for His love to flow through into the lives of others. Make the most of every opportunity He gives to inspire others to develop positive attitudes, by loving and serving in both what we say and what we do. Reach out and help at least one person each day without expecting anything in return.

9. Ask questions. When feeling pessimistic in a situation ask a few questions to help change the outlook. For example:

*Why am I feeling this way? What can I do to change the way I feel?

*Is there another meaning from this situation?

*What is this person's story? Why do they do that?

10. Spend time with the right people. At times a poor attitude is a result of being surrounded by others with poor attitudes. It has been said, *Bad company corrupts good character.* Consider befriending new people, especially people who are encouraging, uplifting, and have a healthy attitude toward life.

11. Forgive. Be faithful to God's call to forgive others who have sinned against you. Doing so will release the poison of bitterness; flush out the negative and make room for godly ones. Stress levels will decrease and the peace in Christ will increase.

12. Seek a Professional: There are times when more assistance is needed. Professionals make a living helping people find success in many forms, including successful attitude adjustments and other methods to help.

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Karen Hoover St. Paul School Art Department	\$25.00
IN MEMORY OF Jack Sutton General Fund Building Fund	\$260.00 \$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Richard Rohde General Fund Building Fund St. Paul School To Be Designated by Family To Be Designated by Memorial Comm.	\$1570.00 \$180.00 \$10.00 \$420.00 \$135.00
IN MEMORY OF Edward Schiefer General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Walter Kamas Sr. To Be Designated by Family	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Henry Reinert General Fund	\$10.00
IN MEMORY OF Anna Tuttle Choir Fund	\$30.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR Pastor Bruner's Ministry General Fund	\$120.00

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers for the following areas:

-Set up for communion on Saturday nights for the 7:30PM service. Communion is set up twice in the month you are signed up for.

-Volunteers to clean the front of the church and change the paraments when needed. This is done once a week for the month you are signed up for.

If God is leading you to either opportunity, please call Lisa Rodammer at 871-6631. Thank you.

Attention All Bakers: Goodies/Breakfast Items are needed for the Sunday Coffee Hour held before Bible Study. Many Sundays are available to sign up for. Please call Eileen Ziegler 871-2329 if you can help.

Spiritual News

Bible Studies

9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Join us for **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall** before Bible Study begins.

Bible Study – led by Pastor Bruner in the Library.

Faithful in the Midst of Suffering - led by Pastor Abatelli in the old Choir Warm Up Room. All people face pain and suffering, but how can we remain faithful? Why do we suffer? Is there a purpose for suffering? Is there any help in suffering? What does God give to help us persevere in trials? Come explore, understand and be strengthened to stand strong in suffering.

The Story – led by Elaine Bickel and Paul Schoenknecht in the Projects Room. Here's an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and with your son or daughter if they are in grades 5-8. "The Story" reads like a novel while sweeping you into the unfolding story of God's great love for us. Books have been ordered. Questions, call Elaine Bickel (989)737-7247. Please pray for God's guidance and blessing on this growth opportunity. A parent or student may participate individually; however, attendance of both are encouraged.

Wednesday Bible Study

Daily Lectionary - Led by Pastor Bruner at 9AM in the Council Room.

Heroes Men's Bible Study

Led by Pastor Abatelli Tues., Feb. 10th at 7:30PM in the Library.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study – Sat., Feb. 7th

Led by Ed White the first Saturday of the month at 7:30AM in the school library. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Hope to see you there!

February Scripture Readings

February 1st

Deut. 18:15-20

1 Cor. 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

February 8th

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Cor. 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39

February 15th

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Cor. 3:12-18; 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 22nd

Genesis 22:1-18

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

Stephen Ministry Series

THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION is invited to join the Stephen Ministers on Mon., Feb. 9th for their monthly Continuing Education Session. We will have the final part of the series "**Ministry in a Hospital Setting.**" The Session will last approximately 40 minutes and will take place at St. Paul Lutheran School beginning promptly at 7pm. (NOTE: if either Lakeville or Millington Public Schools are closed, these events will be re-scheduled.)

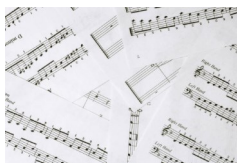
Breakfast Club

All students are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a devotion every Friday at 7AM in the Library at the Millington High School. **St. Paul is hosting on February 20th.** This is an important ministry that we can help provide at the public school. Donations needed to make this ministry possible: eggs, shredded cheese, soft taco shells, ground sausage, chocolate milk, orange juice, or monetary gifts. Please call the church office to donate or help.

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. Sermons are also available to listen to. The 8:30AM service is recorded and CDs are available on the wall across from the Chapel.

Musical Opportunities



Church Band

Mondays at 2:45PM

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

Calendar of Events



Coed Volleyball

Monday nights from 7-9PM
in the Activity Center. Bring gym shoes.

Storyhour

Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. Free for all preschool children. If questions, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 or come in any Tuesday morning.

Quilting



Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience is needed! We can always use material, thread, sheets, blankets, jeans, and volunteers. Please bring to the church office or the Parish Hall on Tuesdays. If questions, please call Lori 989-205-9873.

Painting Classes

Tuesdays at 6PM in the Projects Room. Classes are \$10.00 and will last approximately 2 hours. You are welcome to bring a beverage. If questions, please call the school office.



AA Meetings

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

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., February 8th at 1:30PM
Everyone is welcome.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, February 13th

Scrapbooking

Sat., Feb. 14th 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!**

Craft Workshop

Sat., Feb. 14th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. 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.



Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18th

Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 4 & 7PM
Soup Supper 5-6:30PM

Essential Oils 101

Thurs., Feb. 19th at 6:30PM in the Rehearsal Room. Everyone is invited to find out how to use essential oils to live a life of wellness, purpose, and abundance. Questions? Call Jan at 989-475-2091.

St. Paul Lenten Fish Fry

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
Tables available to sit and enjoy your meal.

Time: 3-7PM

Menu:

3 Piece Cod, Choice of Fries or
Onion Rings, Coleslaw and Roll

Cost: \$9.00



Please use the Center St. Activity Center entrance and go to the Parish Hall. Profits go to the Building Fund. Funds supplemented by Thrivent Financial. Many helping hands are needed to make the Fish Fry possible. Please call Lorie Keinath at 989-882-5867 to help.

February Meetings

Stephen Ministry

Mondays at 7PM

Social Concerns

Wed., Feb. 4th at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., Feb. 4th at 7:30PM

Voters' Meeting

Sun., Feb. 8th at 1:30PM

Trustees

Sun., Feb. 8th following Voters' Meeting

Board of Education

Tues., Feb. 10th at 6:30PM

Dorcas Meeting

Tues., Feb. 17th at 6:30PM

Elders

Wed., Feb. 25th at 8PM

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> 4 th S. a. Epiphany Zec 11:4-17 2Tm 4:1-18 Ps 28:1-9	<u>2</u> Zec 12:1 -- 13:9 Titus 1:1 -- 2:6 Ps 75:1-10	<u>3</u> Zec 14:1-21 Titus 2:7 -- 3:15 Ps 47:1-9	<u>4</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18 Ps 127:1-5	<u>5</u> Job 2:1 -- 3:10 John 1:19-34 Ps 31:1-2, 23-24	<u>6</u> Job 3:1-26 John 1:35-51 Ps 77:1-3, 7-12, 15	<u>7</u> Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12 Ps 4:1-8
<u>8</u> 5 th S. a. Epiphany Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25 Ps 69:1, 4, 8-9, 24, 29-30	<u>9</u> Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21 Ps 23:1-5	<u>10</u> Job 6:14-30 John 3:22 -- 4:6 Ps 38	<u>11</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26 Ps 147	<u>12</u> Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45 Ps 71:1-6, 17-18	<u>13</u> Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54 Ps 95:1-7a	<u>14</u> Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18 Ps 119:153-160
<u>15</u> The Transfiguration of Our Lord Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29 Ps 57:1-5, 8-10	<u>16</u> Job 12:1-6, 12-25 John 5:30-47 Ps 91:1-6, 14-16	<u>17</u> Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21 Ps 37: 25-29	<u>18</u> Ash Wednesday Bible Study 9:00 am Gn 1:1-19 Mk 1:1-13 Ps 136:1-9	<u>19</u> Gn 1:20 -- 2:3 Mk 1:14-28 Ps 8:1-6, 9	<u>20</u> Gn 2:4-25 Mk 1:29-45 Ps 9:1-8	<u>21</u> Gn 3:1-24 Mk 2:1-17 Ps 12:1-6
<u>22</u> 1 st S. in Lent Mk 4:1-26 Mk 2:18-28 Ps 79:5-9	<u>23</u> Gn 6:1 -- 7:5 Mk 3:1-19 Ps 2	<u>24</u> Gn 7:11 -- 8:12 Mk 3:20-35 Ps 104:1-9	<u>25</u> Bible Study 9:00 am Gn 8:13 -- 9:17 Mk 4:1-20 Ps 74:10-17	<u>26</u> Gn 11:27 -- 12:20 Mk 4:21-41 Ps 107:23-32	<u>27</u> Gn 13:1-18 Mk 5:1-20 Ps 73:25-28	<u>28</u> Gn 15:1-21 Mk 5:21-43 Ps 32:1-5

February 2015: Daily Lectionary, LSB – pp. 299-304

TLSB Genesis 3:21 note: Luther – “Here Adam and Eve are dressed in garments by the Lord God Himself. Whenever they looked at their garments, these were to serve as a reminder to them to give thought to their wretched fall from supreme happiness into the utmost misfortune and trouble. Thus they were to be constantly afraid of sinning, to repent continually, and to sigh for the forgiveness of sins through the promised Seed. This is also why He clothed them, not in foliage or in cotton but in the skins of slain animals, for a sign that they are mortal and that they are living in certain death” (AE 1:221).

The Christian Faith, Robert Kolb, cph, 1993. *Putting on Christ* (pp. 220-221) ... God sees us through Christ-colored glasses. In the vertical relationship his Word has killed us as sinners—stripped us of our torn and tattered garments of sin—and buried us in Christ’s tomb. His Word of resurrection in Christ has brought us into a new existence before him in the new clothes of Jesus’ innocence and righteousness. We are as holy and as innocent as Christ in the Father’s presence. We are his perfect children, because he has said so. His pledge to us in our Baptisms clears our conscience completely. At the same time we still experience the ravages of sinfulness in our daily lives. In our horizontal relationships we still encounter temptation, and we still succumb. Baptism initiates a lifelong process of dying to the habits of hell and rising to the habits of heaven in the daily struggle against the sin that destroys our humanity.

From: A Year in the New Testament, Scot A. Kinnaman, Ed., cph 2010. – p. 68 Ash Wednesday Meditation – “All... were going out to him” (Mk 1:5). ... But why “out” there? Pondering this, it would be well to remember that the Lord’s mighty acts of salvation have always taken place—out there... Out in the desert, out in the place where no one lives, the Lord delivered His people from Pharaoh, from starvation, from idolatry, and from their own sins by a bronze serpent. Out there, outside their city on a desolate hill is where the Lord accomplished my salvation and the salvation of all mankind.

But why out in the desert? ... Surely this location is a revelation of my sinfulness... John’s first going out into the desert is God’s revelation that it is He who comes to me, to where I am, to what I am, and there would save me. ... then I must go out from the illusions my sinful pride has built for me. ... So He calls me to repent, to turn from the illusions of my own justification, and come out into the reality of my condition in sin, for it is here alone that my God, my Savior, has come to meet me and save me.

So John calls me out, to walk in the light as He is in the light, .. and be cleansed of all my sin by the blood of God’s Son—Jesus Christ. Amen Lord! Lead on.

In the Shattered Bliss of Eden, Stephen P. Starke, LSB: 572:6 – *Come the bliss of Eden’s garden, Gone the age of sacrifice; Ours the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise! Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin — Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.*



February Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Angela Germain	2/1	Braxton Withers	2/9	Jason Duranseau	2/17	Diane Ackerman	2/25
LuRene ILL	2/1	Karleigh Cole	2/10	Derrick List	2/17	James Bickel	2/25
James Jaruzel	2/1	Thomas Devereaux	2/10	Gregory Mulka	2/17	Cody Conrad	2/25
Karen Jaruzel	2/1	Robert Hebner	2/10	Kevin Sutton	2/17	Donald Denome	2/25
Glenn Brown	2/2	Nicholas Mays	2/10	Laurel Woodward	2/17	Cathy Myers	2/26
Patrick Grzebinski	2/2	Graham Sutton	2/10	Tyler Goodhue	2/18	Brady Petzold	2/26
Edward Sergent	2/2	Edwin White	2/10	Ryan Herrick	2/18	Mary Jane Shreve	2/26
Cheri Sutherland	2/2	Sharon Wyman	2/10	Rhonda Kern	2/18	Kiersten Rondo	2/27
Austin Wendland	2/2	Aiden Balcer	2/11	Jason Ketels	2/18	Dawn Ayotte	2/28
Martin Damm Jr.	2/3	Justin France	2/11	Madison Maize	2/18	Austin Burns	2/28
AshLynn Jones	2/3	Kevin Mason	2/11	Patrick Michael	2/18	Melissa DeOrnellas	2/28
Jan Schmidt	2/3	Chase Milostan	2/11	Arthur Mullin	2/18	John Hiles	2/28
Cole Sergent	2/3	Roger Shoens	2/11	Jason Peche	2/18	Alan June	2/28
Bradley Dormire	2/4	Brian Titsworth	2/11	Kathryn Pederson	2/18	Donald Lichnovsky	2/28
Hunter Jones	2/4	Jennifer Wood	2/11	Craig Withers	2/18	Tyler Reinert	2/28
Alec Robinson	2/4	Billy Woolwine III	2/11	Adam Wolverton	2/18	Craig Stiff	2/28
Joshua Burns	2/5	Mathew Balcer	2/12	Rebecca Bodeis	2/19	Carrie Woelzlein	2/28
Ronald Colman	2/5	Emma Cobanovich	2/12	Lynette Denome	2/19	John Borcharding	2/29
Renee Higgins	2/5	Cory Hunt	2/12	Michaela Draper	2/19	Sharon Kauer	2/29
Kaycee Kowitz	2/5	Celeste Ketels	2/12	Sarah Gorsuch	2/19		
Jennifer Rondo	2/5	Jason Lichnovsky	2/12	Dennis Weiss	2/19		
Hayley Usrey	2/5	Andrew Cobb	2/13	Betty Bouchard-Schmidt	2/20		
Meagan Bailey	2/6	Lindsay Corradi	2/13	Rachel Brown	2/20		
Haley Kennard	2/6	Michelle Erdman	2/13	Sandra Haley	2/20		
Troy Lich	2/6	Judy Harpst	2/13	Roger Leach	2/20		
Brianna McPherson	2/6	Wilbert ILL	2/13	Holly Malace	2/20		
Dale Petzold	2/6	Carolyn Laplow	2/13	Adorna Mallard	2/20		
Jonathan Schuler	2/6	Kyle Piar	2/13	Joshua Matthews	2/20		
Mathew Slough	2/6	Danielle Baker	2/14	Jacob Matzke	2/20		
Christine Stevens	2/6	Shila Keinath	2/14	Kenneth Sohn	2/20		
Kiahna Sutton	2/6	Carl Kralik	2/14	Hannah Hall	2/21		
Kimberly Torrey	2/6	Richard Laplow	2/14	Shawn Lich	2/21		
John Brown	2/7	Erik Lawrence	2/14	Micah Petzold	2/21		
Landon Germain	2/7	Joann Schiefer	2/14	Garrett Reinert	2/21		
Corey Harry	2/7	Bonnie Wiacek	2/14	Riley Coleman	2/22		
Jeffrey Hecht	2/7	Sheryl French	2/15	Tamara Henderson	2/22		
Ryan ILL	2/7	Alex Goodhue	2/15	Rachel Jensen	2/22		
Jeremy Keinath	2/7	Eddie Lusk	2/15	Jessica Pashby	2/22		
Linda Kester	2/7	Pamela Maas	2/15	Cris French	2/23		
Erica Selich	2/7	Elmer Snover	2/15	Darlene Higgins	2/23		
Steve Washburn	2/7	Kyle Stange	2/15	Jason Badgley	2/24		
Patrick Galloway	2/8	Kyle Fisher	2/16	Briar Bearss	2/24		
Sarah Hergenreder	2/8	Elinor Kroll	2/16	Bryce Bearss	2/24		
Ruth Mohr	2/8	Brad Leach	2/16	Kaylee Erickson	2/24		
Leo O'Hearn	2/8	Chad Reinert	2/16	Teresa Erickson	2/24		
JoAnne Petzold	2/8	MaKaylee Schultz	2/16	Karen Henderson	2/24		
Jenna Smith	2/8	Tina Timmons	2/16	Cheryl Heuchert	2/24		
Tiffinie Webb	2/8	Lucas Ames	2/17	Macinzie Keinath	2/24		
Roger Bearss II	2/9	Scott Bassett	2/17	Marjorie Keinath	2/24		
Nicole Bringer	2/9	Kyle Brow	2/17	Weston Reinig	2/24		
Andrea Wirsing	2/9	Shane Burrows	2/17	Loretta Weber	2/24		

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*God's Richest Blessings
on Your Birthday!*



February Schedule



Acolytes

1	8:30AM		Corey Daenzer & Timmy David
1	11AM		Kaitlyn Ill & Jeff
7	7:30PM		Christian Kennedy & Eric
8	8:30AM		Kirsten Skouson
8	11AM		Katelyn Kaschner & Gary
14	7:30PM		Zac Maas & Duane
15	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
15	11AM		Jack Shreve & Gary
18	4PM	Ash Wed.	David Daenzer & Mason Lugg
18	7PM	Ash Wed.	
21	7:30PM		Ethan Hoard & Evan
22	8:30AM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
22	11AM		Jenna Smith
25	4PM	Lent	Asher Petzold & Jeremy
25	7PM	Lent	
28	7:30PM		Conner MacKay

Greeters

First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy Ill
	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	Phil Gordon	Larry Petzold
Assistant	Ron Johnson	Peter Shollack
	John Keinath	Chris Smith
	Kerry Koch	Gerry Smith
	James Kribs	Gerry Smith II
	James Petzold	Jason Smith
		Andrew Weber

11:00AM

Captain	Dick Gross	Seth Keinath
Assistant	Arnold Petzold	Tom Keinath
	Russ Hayden	Mike O'Hearn
	Gary Hecht	Phil Petzold
	Steve Holmes	Mathew Slough
	Derrick (Kip) Keinath	

7:30PM

Captain	Brian Glady	Dale Peche
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Church Sextons

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

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Diane Leach
8:30AM - Pam Ill
11AM - Sheila Peche

Financial Report



Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers will be here soon and your St. Paul Youth need your help! Donations are needed for the Soup Suppers. Your donations greatly offset our expenses and increase the total profit to financially support the youth for various events throughout the year. For example: The National & District Youth Gatherings. Without your help, these suppers would not be possible. Thank you in advance for your donations!

_____ Dinner Rolls	_____ Loaves of Bread
_____ Nacho Cheese Doritos	_____ Cheese Slices
_____ Chicken & Beef Broth	_____ Butter
_____ Polish Sausage	_____ 10 lb. Can Chili Beans
_____ 1 Gallon Sauerkraut	_____ Bacon Bits
_____ Desserts	_____ 10 lbs. Hamburger
_____ Croutons	_____ Tomato Juice
_____ Shredded Cheese	_____ Egg Noodles
_____ Monetary donations	_____ Macaroni Noodles
_____ Italian, Ranch & French Dressing	

I would be able to donate these items for the following Wednesdays:

Feb. 18th _____	March 11th _____
Feb. 25th _____	March 18th _____
March 4th _____	March 25th _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please return form to the church or school office by Fri., Feb. 6th.

Thank you very much for your support!

For questions, call the church office 871-4581 ext 3.

Monthly Financial Report for Congregation General Church Account

Carryover Deficit as of 11/30/14		(\$135,260.38)
December General Fund Income	\$109,447.37	
December General Fund Expenses	<u>(\$101,203.08)</u>	
+ / - for Month of December	\$ 8,244.29	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		<u>(\$127,016.09)</u>
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2014/2015 through 12/31/14		(\$53,333.27)
December Monthly Givings:		
Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)	\$23,776.82	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$ 1,936.33	
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$ 1,201.03	
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$ 343.15	

CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

Building Mortgage Principal Balance as of **12/31/14**: \$1,204,636.36

Givings for the month of: **January 2015**

Monthly Mortgage payment to CEF:	\$14,135.00
Less Building Givings Month to Date:	<u>\$ 9,351.20</u>
Balance Needed for Monthly Payment:	\$ 4,783.80

Monthly Surplus to CEF Building Account: \$ 0.00

CEF Building Fund Account Balance as of **01/20/15**: \$29,205.54
(Note: Building Mortgage payment of \$14,135.00 is deducted from the account on the 20th of each month)



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

February 1st

"Silencing the Demons"
Mark 1:21-28

February 8th

"Hope in the Lord"
Isaiah 40:31

February 15th

"Come and See"
2 Corinthians 4:6, Mark 9:2-9

February 22nd

"Light Out of Darkness"
John 20:19-29





Youth News

412 Youth High School Ministry February Events

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

Sunday, February 1st 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Becoming God's Masterpiece

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

God's purpose for our lives is not to just save us, but to have us become like His Son, Jesus, a true masterpiece.

Sunday, February 8th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Appropriateness of Creationism

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:3

God purposefully created the universe. That view may be unpopular, but it's still true, and there are good reasons to believe it.

Sunday, February 15th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Stressed Out Soda Can

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Stress and worry are a normal part of life; the question is...how should we deal with it? Many people internalize the stress and end up suffering consequences. The good news for Christians is that God gives us a strategy to deal with pressure in a healthy and nonconsequential fashion.

Sunday, February 22nd 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: Strangers

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:1

We never know when we will be the next "link in a chain" to help and show someone the love of Christ and what it means to be a Christian, so we must stay focused on faithfully sharing the message of Jesus with those around us.



Youth News

412 Youth Jr. High Ministry February Events

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

Sunday, February 1st 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: Hard Hitting Faith in the NFL

Scripture: James 1:16-27

All Christians are called to humility and service, regardless of our position in life.

Sunday, February 8th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: Take a Seat, Make a Friend

Scripture: Romans 16:1-19

It is always wise to make good friends. You never know how they might change your life.

Sunday, February 15th 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Twitter Version of Following Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus went from hero to zero to the ultimate hero, now it's our turn to be His witnesses and make disciples of all nations.

Sunday, February 22nd 4-6pm

Youth Night

Topic: Helping the Other Team – Love Your Enemy

Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

Helping others, even our enemies, even when it costs us, is what God has commanded us to do.



St. Paul Lutheran School

February 2015



The month of February is the time of year that we take some extra time to show those we care about how much we really love them! Let's take some extra time to show our Lord and Savior how much we **LOVE** Him!

February is Hearts for Jesus month. Look for more information to be coming home very shortly.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for February.

- Feb. 6 Moms & Muffins (Grades 3-5), Wear your school theme shirt
- Feb. 9-27 Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart
- Feb. 12 P.T.L. Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 6-8th grade Bowling Trip, Reading Buddy & 8th Grade basketball
Player/ cheerleader parent Night
- Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday services 4 & 7 p.m.
- Feb. 25 Lenten Services 4 & 7 p.m.
- Feb. 27 VIP Dance 6-9 p.m.

If there is a school delay or cancellation, we will be following Millington public schools. You will get these notifications on any of the major television or radio stations in the area and through the School Reach phone system of St. Paul.



School Musical Opportunities



- Feb. 8 Cantate Choir 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 15 Cherub Choir 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 22 ALL students 1-8 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 25 Junior Handbells 4:00 p.m.

Spartan Sports Our A-teams basketball season for boys and girls finishes this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



January Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball



- Feb.3 at St. Paul Lapeer 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6 at St. Michael's, Richville 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7 Peace Invitational: Groundhog Classic TBA
boys & girls
- Feb. 10 at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13 with Christ the King 6:00 p.m.
- Reading Buddy & 8th Grade Parent Night**
- Feb. 14-15 Valley Lutheran Invitational (boys only) TBA
- Feb. 20/21 Boy's League Tournaments TBA
- Feb. 19/21 Girl's League Tournaments TBA

Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball



- Feb. 7 at St. Michael, Richville boys 10 a.m. girls 11 a.m.
- Feb. 14 with Trinity, Reese 10 a.m. 11 a.m.
- Feb. 28 with Peace, Saginaw 10 a.m. 11 a.m.

Check the school office or St. Paul website for additions or changes to the schedule.



February 2015

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1 † 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School † 11AM Worship 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth</p>	<p>2 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>3 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting Class 7:30PM AA</p>	<p>4 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study  6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council</p>	<p>5  6:15PM Praise Team</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 † 7:30PM Worship +C</p>
<p>8 † 8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School † 11AM Worship +C 1:30PM Voters' Meeting 3PM LEAP Info Meeting at Valley Lutheran 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth</p>	<p>9 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>10 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting Class 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM AA Heroes</p>	<p>11 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study  6:53PM Choir</p>	<p>12  6:15PM Praise Team</p>	<p>13 <i>Messenger Deadline</i></p>	<p>14 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking & Crafts † 7:30PM Worship</p>
<p>15 † 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School † 11AM Worship Contemporary 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth</p>	<p>16 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>17 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting Class 6:30PM Dorcas 7:30PM AA</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study † 4PM Worship 5-6:30PM Soup Supper  6PM Choir † 7PM Worship</p>	<p>19  6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Essential Oils</p>	<p>20 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p>21 † 7:30PM Worship +C</p>
<p>22 † 8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School † 11AM Worship +C Contemporary 4-6PM Jr. Youth 6:30-8:30PM HS Youth</p>	<p>23 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>24 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting Class 7:30PM AA</p>	<p>25 9AM Daily Lectionary Bible Study † 4PM Worship 5-6:30PM Soup Supper  6PM Choir † 7PM Worship 8PM Elders</p>	<p>26  6:15PM Praise Team</p>	<p>27 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p>28 † 7:30PM Worship</p>

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Lent: A Season of Fasting

- ◆ *Fast from judging others*
- ◆ *Fast from harsh words*
 - ◆ *Fast from discontent*
 - ◆ *Fast from anger*
 - ◆ *Fast from pessimism*
 - ◆ *Fast from worry*
 - ◆ *Fast from complaining*
 - ◆ *Fast from bitterness*
 - ◆ *Fast from self-concern*
- ◆ *Fast from facts that depress*
 - ◆ *Fast from suspicion*
- ◆ *Fast from thoughts that weaken*
 - ◆ *Fast from idle gossip*